



**Minutes of the Meeting of Kettlewell with Starbottle Parish Council
Wednesday 4 December 2024 at 7.30pm in Kettlewell Village Hall**

Present: Councillor Lister (Chair), Councillor Appleton, Councillor Macefield (Deputy Chair) and Councillor Wilkinson

Laura Jowett (Clerk), Councillor Richard Foster (NYC) and five members of the public

Councillor Appleton and Councillor Lister spoke of the sad news of the passing of Mr Jack Heseltine. Jack was a familiar and faithful guardian of the parish and devoted as much time as anyone could to its well being. He will be dearly missed. The Council offered its condolences to Mr Heseltine's family.

2425/88 To receive apologies and approve the reasons for absence

Apologies had been received from Councillor Close.

2425/89 Disclosures of Interest / Dispensations

- a) To receive any disclosure of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest from members on matters to be considered at the meeting.
- b) To decide upon any dispensation requests from members received by the clerk in respect of this meeting.

None

2425/90 Minutes

Resolved to approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 6th November 2024

2425/91 North Yorkshire Council

- a) To receive a report from North Yorkshire Council

Councillor Foster gave an update on the National Parks planning consultation, the North Yorkshire Council budget consultation and the ongoing Boundary Commission review.

2425/92 Clerks report

The Clerk's report was received and noted

2425/93 Planning

- a) To consider planning applications:

- i. **C/46/243D: Lilac Cottage, Back Lane, Starbotton, Skipton, BD23 5HY: Householder planning permission for provision of buried LPG tank to NE of dwelling and siting of free-standing oak gazebo to garden**

Resolved to submit the following comment: The Parish Council objects to the application on the following grounds:

- Overdevelopment of the site, which is in the conservation area
- The proposed gazebo is not in keeping with the existing listed building, or the wider area
- Concerns about the scale of the building and the proposed materials
- The impact on neighbouring properties.

- ii. **C/46/243E/LB: Lilac Cottage, Back Lane, Starbotton, Skipton, BD23 5HY Listed building consent for provision of buried LPG tank to NE of dwelling and siting of free-standing oak gazebo to garden**

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- iii. **C/46/140G: Application to modify the Section 106 Agreement dated 01 February 2007, attached to planning permission C/46/140D (full planning permission for erection of two semi detached houses for local occupancy, comprising of one 2-bedroom house and one 3- bedroom house) to accord with the 2015 -2030 Local Plan local occupancy criteria Appendix 5 at The Beeches 1 & 2, Middle Lane, Kettlewell, Skipton, BD23 5QX**

Noted

2425/94 Playground

- a) **To receive an update on the playground**

None

- b) **To consider any action required**

None

2425/95 Highways

- a) **To receive an update on the visit from a Highways Officer**

Councillor Foster will continue to chase this up

- b) **To consider Highways issues in the Parish**

Some pot holes which will be reported to Highways

- c) **To consider roadside hedge trimming**

Councillor Lister and County Councillor Foster will make arrangements for early in the new year

- d) **To agree any action required**

None

2425/96 Council Business

a) To receive information regarding the clock and to consider any action required

It was noted that recent issues with the clock appear to have been resolved. Minutes of a meeting held in 1995 had been provided which confirm that the Council agreed to pay for the clock to be serviced but not for any repairs. **Resolved** that Councillor Wilkinson will draft a letter to the church to inform them of this agreement.

b) To consider if the Council wishes to make arrangements for an event re VE day

This will be considered at the meeting in February.

c) To receive information about the use of A boards in the parish, and to consider any action

Resolved to send a letter to local business regarding the unauthorised use of A boards on the highway.

d) To consider writing to the YDNPA regarding a parish representative

Resolved to write to the YDNPA and Defra to request that a parish representative be appointed to the YDNPA in order to ensure representation

2425/97 Correspondence

a) To receive and note a response from the Scarecrow Festival regarding traffic management

Received and noted

b) To receive and consider correspondence from Due North requesting a meeting with a councillor to consider arrangements for races in June 2025

Received and noted. If necessary the organisers may contact Councillor Lister.

c) To receive information from the YDNPA regarding the temporary closure of a footpath

Received and noted. Councillor Foster will enquire if alternative arrangements, eg scaffolding or a bridge, can be made to maintain access.

2425/98 KSPC Budget 2025-2026

a) To receive and note the tax base for 2025-2026

The tax base for 2025-2026 has been confirmed as 235.39, this is an increase from 208.85 in 2024-2025.

b) To agree the level of reserves required

Resolved to maintain a general reserve of £7,000.

c) To consider and approve a budget for 2025-2026

The Council **resolved** to approve the budget with expenditure of £14,755 for 2025-2026. This includes amounts for repairs to street lighting and boundary walls and fences at the playground. Any underspend for these projects will be moved to earmarked reserves at the end of the financial year.

d) To set the precept for 2025-2026

Resolved to set the precept at £9,000 for 2025-2026. This equates to £38.23 per band D property, a reduction of 22.88% on 2024-2025. This reduction is funded by the use of general reserves and the increase to the tax base.

2425/99 Financial Matters

a) To note the bank balances and receive a bank reconciliation to 22/11/2024

The bank reconciliation and balances at 22 November 2024 were received and noted

Community account - £40.91

Business account - £13,505.94

b) Resolved to approve payments:

- i. Aubergine 262 Ltd: Annual Domain hosting: £36.00 (including £6.00 VAT)
- ii. Contribution to Clerk's additional expenses (travel, telephone etc): £50.00

2425/100 Public Participation

A resident asked about responsibility for the stepping stones. Cllr Foster advised that YDNPA maintain the stepping stones, on behalf of North Yorkshire Council. The road closure between Kettlewell and Windbank was also discussed.

2425/101 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 5th February 2025 at 7.30pm