

Kettlewell with Starborton Annual Parish Meeting

7:30pm on 6th March 2024 in Kettlewell Village Hall

Minutes

Present: Councillor Lister (Chair), Councillor Appleton, Councillor Macefield and Councillor Wilkinson and 1 member of the public.

In attendance: Laura Jowett (Clerk), Councillor R Foster (North Yorkshire Council)

1. Welcome and Chair's Report

Councillor Lister welcomed those present to the meeting. He gave a brief report and noted the transition to North Yorkshire Council, which appeared to have gone smoothly, and the success of local events like the Scarecrow Festival. He noted that it had not been a great year for the tourist industry locally and hoped for a better season this year.

Councillor Lister noted frustration with reporting highways issues and the time it was taking for these to be addressed by the Highways Department. This is a significant problem for the Council as there are many highways issues within the parish and responding to reports relating to public safety shouldn't be delayed. It is hoped that the Council can develop a more positive relationship with Highways over the coming year.

The street lighting is now more reliable, possibly due to LED bulbs but Councillor Lister noted that the Council may need to implement a programme to update some of the poles.

Councillor Lister thanked Councillors, Councillor Foster and the Clerk.

2. Apologies

Councillor Close had sent apologies.

3. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 5th April 2023

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 5th May 2023 were approved

4. Open Forum

There were discussions about housing needs, jobs, demographics and the extent of the tourism industry locally and the impact on residents and the parish.

A member of the public asked where the Council was up to with registering parish land and was advised that this will be followed up later this year.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm