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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 26th April 2021.

Present: Cllr. G. Spooner (Chair) Cllr. M. Dawson
Cllr. D. Marshall (Vice-Chair) Cllr R. Newson-Smith
Cllr. S. Langley Cllr A. Murday
Cllr. J. Wardman North Yorkshire County Cllr S. Lumley
Tracey Dawson, Clerk

1.	The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. No apologies were received.
2.	Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held 15th April 2019 were confirmed.
3.	<p>North Yorkshire County Council Report from Councillor Stan Lumley</p> <p>Firstly thank you to my fellow councillors and clerks for all the support over the past year. Great privilege to serve my community at parish, district and county council. I thank parishioners for putting trust in me to represent them and to speak up for our local needs and the counties aspirations and goals.</p> <p>The planned NYCC elections this May has been cancelled due to LGR meaning the disillusionment of both NYCC & HBC next year to form a new single tier council, the geography of the new council is dependent on the final decision by Central Government, with elections to the new council in 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This has been a most difficult year for the Council, and we should be both pleased and proud of the way our staff have stepped up to the challenge of trying to deliver services in unprecedented conditions. Not one has refused to adopt new ways of working.• Over 3k now work from home, this was a huge effort from our IT people to facilitate this.• We have worked well with a range of partners, other local govt people from parishes, districts, national parks, blue light services, NHS, the Army, businesses and especially our great volunteers.• We have organised 25 formal Community Support Organisations, and helped hundreds of smaller more informal groups. All with the same aim of helping those who need it.• Our Public Health teams have been very busy managing outbreaks wherever they occur and leading on helping set up test and trace activity.• Our social services team went to a temporary 7/7 working model, which we are now consulting staff on continuing with as good practice• We have supported the 235 care settings in the County by being in daily contact with them, and have set up Infection Prevention and Control teams, and helped them access PPE and mobile testing <p>We continue to implement our flagship Extra Care Housing – 2 schemes opened this year in Great Ayton and Scarborough, with 3 on course for next year Skipton, Bentham and Filey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our childrens services have been rated as Outstanding by Ofsted, the first council in the country to get this rating• We are transforming our Healthy Child programme to make it work even better, working very closely with Health• 82% of our children attend a good or outstanding school

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have seen a decrease in fixed term and permanent exclusions • We have supported our schools throughout the difficult and challenging times of Covid • We have invested heavily in an area of under achievement on the Coast • We rolled out a scheme of supermarket vouchers for families in need over Christmas and this will be extended for now, supported by govt cash and CC cash. • The music service has changed to online and does over 1000 lessons a week this way <p>We have managed record investment into road repairs this year – sadly there will always be more to do as we manage the largest road network in England.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have spent money on modernising the rail line from York to Harrogate to Leeds, increasing the frequency of trains per hour, so taking more cars off the road • We have continued to pay bus operators even when services haven't been running to make sure they are still there when normal running resumes. • We continue to invest heavily in broadband provision, edging ever nearer to 100% coverage – this year should see us achieve 97%. However, we know the final 3 % will be the most difficult, and we are determined not to leave them behind. We are also supporting increased provision of mobile phone coverage , trying to get from 60% to more than 90% of the county`s geography • We are striving to keep CT as low as possible, 1.99% increase this year, and an ASC levy of 1.5%. This represents an increase of c. £50 pa for an average sized property. We don't like increasing CT at all, after all we are all CT payers ourselves, but we have experienced extra spending this year of £75m on Covid activities alone. The govt have supported us but with all the pressures they are facing, we could not expect 100% reimbursement • NYCC Locality grant scheme offers £10k per year to support good causes at the discretion of the elected member; I have been able to support many local venture and projects. • GH bus shelter renovation • Several VAS • Lofthouse school playground improvements. • Nidd+ voluntary transport scheme and emergency hub. • Pateley Playhouse modification for COVID and disabled access. • Musical instruments Schools. • Nidderdale 'Men's Shed' charity start-up fund to bring buildings given by NYCC up to standard. • Darley community hall, safe off road parking scheme. • Pateley Bowling club, recovery from flood damage and new grass cutter. • Bewerley PC notice board. • Road safety cycle signs for Dacre PC. • Land drainage scheme for the allotment society. • Dales bus charity Nidderdale weekend services
4.	<p>Harrogate Borough Council Report from Councillor Stan Lumley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new civic centre in Harrogate is proving to be an excellent decision and investment, it continues to make savings to the tax payer of circa £1M per annum that is reinvested into council services, and it also significantly reduces our carbon footprint and provides a much more efficient and practical space for employees to work. • Ripon, multi-million pound investment and construction of new swimming pool with renovation and improvements of the leisure centre on target for opening later this year. • Turkish Baths, significant financial investment renovating and opening up mothballed space to increase potential for more treatments and facilities to further increase our customer experience and increase profitable income, to reinvest in to council services. • Convention Centre, multi-million pound investment to modify and adjust the complex to better meet today's operations and needs. The Centre currently generates circa

	<p>£30M per year into the local economy.</p> <p>New hostel constructed in Starbeck to support homeless people, 19 rooms with professional staff available 24/7. The building was constructed by our in-house housing team with significant savings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Housing, high demand, the same in-house team have built 20 new houses in the district available for local families, we have also purchased 20 houses from the open market to further increase our social housing stock. • Covid Crisis, HBC had managed on behalf of Gov the distribution of £70M to over 5000 businesses helping them through the lockdowns. HBC one of the top 10% performers of this essential support. • Council officers and staff have really stepped up to ensure essential services continued through the crisis, switching roles, innovative ideas and volunteering, as well as supporting venerable residents with day to day needs. <p>HBC will cease to exist next May as will NYCC. I am very proud to serve on both councils, and proud of our achievement over many years. The efficient and prudent management of both councils left us in a position to deal with the financial burden that Covid 19 presented, far better than many other councils in the UK.</p> <p>I look forward to single tier local government and I welcome a new unitary council for NY whichever model is chosen by Gov, and once established I very much hope that we will then be able to achieve devolution, with an elected Mayor for NY. This will attract significant money and the ability to prioritise projects important to our communities and spend where and when local people decide it is needed and deserved.</p>
5.	<p>Police report for Bewerley parish annual meeting April 2021</p> <p><u>Crime</u></p> <p>Crimes recorded at addresses within Bewerley Civil Parish, year from 1st April 2020.</p> <p>Burglary, residential: 1 (1)</p> <p>Burglary, business: 1 (2)</p> <p>Theft offences: 1 (4)</p> <p>Criminal damage: 2 (1)</p> <p>Drugs: 0 (0)</p> <p>Auto crime: 1 (1)</p> <p>Sexual offences: 0 (0)</p> <p>Violent offences: 2 (9)</p> <p>Fraud: 2 (5)</p> <p>Other offences: 3 (5)</p> <p>Total: 13 crimes. (28 crimes in equivalent period last year)</p> <p>For comparison, the total number of crimes in the old Nidd Valley council ward, which includes Bewerley are, for 2020-21, 73 crimes and, for the previous year, 115. The Covid-19 restrictions may well have contributed to the lower figures for this year.</p> <p><u>Anti-Social Behaviour</u></p> <p>Twenty incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB) were reported within the parish. These include a wide range of behaviour and locations, including noise (people and vehicles), cutting trees and hedges, dumping rubbish, communications and disputes. The police classify anti-social behaviour (ASB) incidents as 'Environmental', 'Nuisance', or 'Personal'. 'Environmental ASB' covers things like noise, fly tipping, and abandoned vehicles. During the past year alleged breaches of coronavirus regulations were usually classed as ASB-environmental. 'Nuisance ASB' covers nuisance behaviour of any kind which is not targeted at an individual and 'Personal ASB' is where the nuisance is directed at a specific individual. If police investigation reveals that a crime has been committed then the incident is recorded as a crime. Greatest priority is given to individuals who are repeat victims of personal anti-social behaviour.</p> <p><u>Road Traffic Collisions</u></p> <p>Four collisions resulting in injuries were reported. All of these were officially logged as 'minor', with no serious injuries and no prosecutions. Two involved motorcycles, on</p>

Duck Street and Street Lane. The other two were both in the Greenhow Hill area and were single vehicle incidents to which ice and fog were contributory factors.

Recent news and issues

North Yorkshire Police have moved Pateley Bridge police station into a new office within the council buildings on King Street. The office is bigger than the old one. The police station is now open and I am working from it. It is open to the public on the basis of "If we're in, we're open". Meetings with an officer can also be arranged by appointment.

Many local residents will have noticed that Turner Bridge was severely damaged in the early hours of 15th April. This was caused by a motorist who was arrested after failing a roadside drugs test. Relevant information has been passed to NYCC Highways department who are taking appropriate action regards repairs.

I am regularly contacted by residents of Greenhow Hill concerned about vehicles speeding through the village. The latest contact was, unsurprisingly, after the surge in motorcyclists after lockdown restrictions were eased recently. A regular question is why doesn't the mobile speed camera target the eastern side of the village? I have asked the traffic bureau if the cameras could be used at this location and await their response. Another consequence of the easing of lockdown and so-called 'stay-cations' is increased presence motorhomes at roadside beauty spots, such as Two Stoops and Coldstones Cut. It is not illegal for motorhomes to park at the side of the highway for overnight stops (provided they don't cause an obstruction). If the land is public land where signage indicates overnight stays are not permitted this is enforced by the local authority. If people camp on private land then this is a trespass but the police have no powers to move them on, although officers may attend to deal with any associated anti-social behaviour.

If you have any questions for me please get in touch.

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6. **Chairman's Annual Report**

It has been a strange year all round as you are all well aware and the council has had to confine its communications to emails and zoom meetings. So what has been happening in the Parish and what have we achieved?

But before we look back at the year, I must personally and on behalf of all our councillors record a special thanks to our clerk for all here work in keeping us well informed. This also applies to Councillor S. Lumley for his representation for NYCC and HBC.

We started our year by welcoming a new councillor to our meetings.

Jonathon Wardman, who's local knowledge will assist the smooth running of our council.

One of our first jobs this year was to close down the recreation grounds and toft gate car park along with the Kilns. Thanks must go to Hansons for their prompt placing of large boulders across the entrance. And for having the stone boundary wall of the village green rebuilt later this year.

We have had two new notice boards fitted, one at Greenhow and at the recreation ground, the latter of which was funded by NYCC locality fund.

One of our biggest problems this year has been the blocking of the road gullies which has caused minor flooding in their locality, and getting NYCC to come and clean them out. After many photos and emails by our clerk we have had some success. The wall bordering Brewery Lane was found to be unsafe after the removal of vegetation, so the steps and road for parking has been cordoned off.

A shed has been purchased and is sited in the auction Mart for the storage of sandbags. Donations have been given to the Dales Bus service as well as to the Christmas lights appeal and the British Legion. The telephone box in Bewerley has been purchased for 1£ to house a defibrator which has been donated by a resident. We have had meetings with PBTC to discuss items of mutual interest such as the

	<p>recreation ground and the cemetery field and to enquire for the provision of electric car charging points. One of points raised was the increasing cost of plants each year around the band stand. This has now been planted with an herbaceous variety. The tree growth around the toilet s has been pruned to make it much lighter.</p> <p>We have only had a small number of planning applications this year all, bar one, have been uncontroversial. The proposed yoga pods on Cow Pasture Lane were passed despite our representation against this development.</p> <p>The current thoughts of our rulers regarding the divide up of North Yorkshire and its control is at the moment being discussed and I must thank councillor Dawson for his hard work defining the issues involved.</p> <p>Finally, I would like to thank all my fellow councillors for their time, input and assistance over the past year</p> <p><i>Cllr G Spooner</i></p>
7.	<p>Councillors' reports</p> <p><u><i>Caretaker Report. Cllr G Spooner</i></u></p> <p>The caretaker cannot be thanked enough for his prompt work over the past year, especially on the removal of litter and dog bags at the Lime kilns. We were particularly pleased to receive a letter from a visitor to the area congratulating the council on the work of our caretaker. His refurbishment of the seat on Bewerley hill and the clearing of the path in the recreation ground by the caravan field has been much admired. The erection of the shed and notice boards along with the grass cutting at Bewerley and Greenhow have been just some of his many jobs.</p> <p><u><i>Report of Councillor Andrew Murday</i></u></p> <p>In addition to attending council meetings, I have undertaken the following:</p> <p>As a member of the quarry liaison subcommittee, I have attended meetings of the Greenhow Fund as representative of the parish council. This fund is provided by Hansons, who operate the Greenhow quarry. It provides funds, in particular for dry stone walls but also other projects of an environmental nature within the boundaries of the parishes of Bewerley, Padside, Dacre and Thuscross and in some circumstances beyond those boundaries.</p> <p>As a member of the personnel subcommittee, I have attended a training session on appraisal for council employees and intended to initiate an appraisal system for our employee(s).</p> <p>I attend the Christmas lights liaison committee with members of the Pateley Bridge Town Council and representatives of the traders.</p> <p><u><i>Report of Councillor Malcolm Dawson, Councillor</i></u></p> <p>During the period since the last Parish Meeting, I have been a member of the Finance Committee, the Joint Liaison Committee and the Emergency Committee, and have represented the Council at YLCA meetings. I have also taken the lead for the Council on matters relating to the Harrogate Local Plan and various policy issues such as the North Yorkshire reorganisation.</p> <p>The agendas of YLCA meetings have been dominated by the Covid-19 pandemic and, before that, planning matters linked to the development of the local plan. I have shared the outcome of discussion on both matters with the Clerk and the Council more widely. On the issue of the Community infrastructure Levy, which was introduced alongside adoption of the Local Plan, I sought specialist advice from the YLCA on some aspects of HBC's proposals and this informed the submission I made on behalf of the Parish Council. I am pleased to say that comments I made on the way the proposals were presented were taken into account in the final policy documents. On behalf of the Council, I also made a submission to the HBC consultation on the Supplementary Planning Policy documents which set out the detail of how some of the key policies in the Local Plan would be interpreted.</p> <p>I attended HBC planning committee on two occasions to present the Parish Council's objections to the proposed development of Yoga Pods near Bewerley Old Hall. Unfortunately, the committee decided to approve the application, going against the</p>

	<p>advice of its Officers and the objections of the Council and local residents. It is to be hoped that the concerns of local residents will prove to be unfounded.</p> <p>On behalf of the Council, I submitted a response to the Government consultation on the proposed North Yorkshire local government reorganisation. The Council's response expressed a preference for the NYCC/City of York model, rather than the East-West model put forward by six of the District Councils. Whichever model is ultimately adopted, the County and parish and town councils face a period of considerable change over the next three years and the impact on Bewerley Parish Council and on local people is difficult to predict with any certainty.</p> <p><u>Memorial Hall Report Cllr D Marshall</u></p> <p>The Memorial Hall closed on 23 March 2020 due to Covid and still remains closed today apart from having been used for the sale of Parking permits in April, Place of worship in January, February and March and recently as a Vaccination Centre in partnership with Pateley Bridge pharmacy. During the closure Bishopside & Bewerley Memorial Hall, a registered charity has now become Pateley Bridge & Bewerley Memorial Hall CIO, Charitable Incorporated Organisation.</p>
8.	<p><u>Councillors' Attendance Record</u></p> <p>There were 10 meetings held in 2020-2021</p> <p>Cllr G Spooner 100%, Cllr D Marshall 100%, Cllr S Langley 90%</p> <p>Cllr M Dawson 100%, Cllr R Newson-Smith 80%, Cllr A Murday 80%, Cllr J Wardman 60%</p>
9.	<p><u>Electors' Question Time</u></p> <p>No electors were present.</p>
10.	<p>Exchange of Information</p> <p>No new information was exchanged.</p>

The meeting concluded at 7 p.m.