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MINUTES OF BEWERLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.
Monday 17th February 2025 at Colbeck House, Church St, Pateley Bridge, HG3 5LB

Present: Cllr. G. Spooner (Chair) Cllr R, Dutton
Cllr. M. Dawson W Hickson (Clerk)

1.	The meeting opened at 7.05 pm Apologies were received from councillors Hancock, Marshall, and Murday.
2	No Declarations of Interest were received.
3	<p>Three Members of the Public were present.</p> <p>1) A resident of Greenhow Hill asked for an update on the situation at Greenhow Hill village green. The chair agreed to bring agenda item 8h, Greenhow Hill village green, forward.</p> <p>Cllr Dawson reported that has found a large bundle of papers containing documents about Greenhow Hill village green. They are not ordered.</p> <p>Councillors discussed grass and rush cutting at the green which has happened very infrequently in recent years. The parish council's reason for cutting grass was, in the past, to allow children to play ball games (which are not allowed in the nearby playground). Clerk to find out if caretaker could do this in future, otherwise a local contractor will have to be found.</p> <p>Councillors felt the priority is to verify the legal position in relation to the council taking any action about grazing on the green.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>i) Clerk to conduct systematic search of the documents to locate details of any previous legal advice received by the council.</p> <p>ii) Clerk to keep the Greenhow Hill resident updated.</p> <p>2) Two members of the bowling club asked to speak about the club's plan for a fence around the bowling green at the Recreation Ground. The chair agreed to bring forward the relevant part of agenda item 8f (s5 of the Joint Liaison Committee minutes).</p> <p>The bowling club reps asked council to review the recommendation made by the JLC to accept the club's plan for a fence but without a two metre wide space between the proposed fence and the pavilion end of the bowling green. Councillors listened to the rationale for the space which is principally to avoid excessive wear at a single point of entry onto the playing surface.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Bowling club to measure and photograph the space available between the benches in front of the pavilion and the edge of the green. They can then present a revised proposal to</p>

	<p>demonstrate there can be both a usable space beside the green and room for other users of the recreation ground to pass comfortably between the benches and the planned fence.</p> <p>A deadline of 4th March was given so that a revised proposal can be presented to both councils at their March meetings.</p>
4	<p>Minutes of meeting held on 20th January 2025.</p> <p>Councillor Dawson proposed the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th October 2024 be accepted as a true record, Councillor Dutton seconded.</p> <p>CARRIED.</p>
5	<p>Clerk's report to Bewerley Parish Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The clerk reported contact from a resident concerned about intermittent postal deliveries on Low Wath Rd. Advice was given based on local knowledge. <i>Councillors agreed this is not an issue the council has any authority or remit to address and noted the report.</i> 2) The chairman's nomination for an invitation to a Royal Garden Party was successful <i>Noted</i> 3) Local parking permits for 2025-26 are to be sold at either the Memorial Hall or Nidd Plus on 28th and 29th March. Councillors traditionally assist with selling the permits. <i>Details taken of councillors' availability</i> 4) The council has been invited to send a representative to the Spring Reception at RAF Menwith Hill, 6pm, Thursday 13th March 2025 RESOLVED: Councillor Dutton to attend 5) Cllr Murday has asked for councillor's views on the obtrusiveness or otherwise of a new footpath sign near the bottom of Nought Bank. <i>Councillors stated they were happy with the new sign</i>
6	<p>North Yorkshire Council</p> <p>1. Councillors received a report NY Councillor Murday</p> <p><u>NYC public lavatory policy consultation</u></p> <p>NYC have drawn up a draft policy document for management of the public lavatories under the auspices of the authority. I have circulated this to the parish and town clerks. An unfortunate rumour circulated around the town that the toilets were about to be permanently closed. There is no proposal or intention for this to happen.</p> <p><u>NYC budget for 2025/26</u></p> <p>The budget setting meeting was held last week. The abolition of the Rural Services Development Grant amounts to a loss of income of £14m. It is being replaced by a deprivation fund, by which North Yorkshire does very poorly. There will be further savings in all sorts of areas of council activity. The locality budget will be cut to £5,000 per councillor each year and council tax will rise by 4.99%.</p> <p><i>Noted</i></p> <p>2. Councillors received a monthly report from NYC Parish Liaison Team</p> <p><i>Noted</i></p>

	<p>The clerk reported that he has not received a response from Highways about the damaged wall at Bewerley village green (reported at meeting on 18/11/2024). Councillor Dawson stated that he has found documents which show the council is responsible for maintenance of the wall.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Clerk to enquire if caretaker can carry out the repairs and, if not, identify suitable contractors to quote for the work.</p>
7	<p>The Council received the following planning applications:</p> <p>a) Planning consultation ZC25/00351/DVCON; section 73 application for variation of Condition 2 of planning permission ZC24/01105/FUL ... to allow alteration to approved access. Location: Rodwell House, Low Wath Road, Pateley Bridge.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The council has no objections</p> <p>The Council noted the following:</p> <p>a) Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order TPO 59/2024 – 3 Castlestead, Bewerley.</p>
8	<p>The Council received updates and reports on Council Business and correspondence:</p> <p>a) Caretaker tasks</p> <p>The caretaker has quoted £110 to carry out a descale and repaint of one of the swing frames at Greenhow Hill</p> <p>The caretaker has given an estimate for replacing worn bushes on a second swing frame at Greenhow Hill. He has advised that this will necessitate having new bushes made locally and enlarging, by 4mm, using a drill, the hole in the shackles housing the bushes. The estimate is £189.38 plus cost of shipping materials. Councillors considered the advice given by the caretaker.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To approve, and instruct the caretaker to proceed with the work.</p> <p>b) Toft Gate footpaths and car park resurfacing proposal.</p> <p>Councillors considered advice received from Nidderdale National Landscape and what the next steps should be for this project.</p> <p>Cllr Dutton stated that funding for a project like this is exactly the sort of thing that the Greenhow Fund will provide.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Clerk to arrange site meeting with AONB volunteer coordinator to discuss resurfacing of paths. Also to liaise with quarry about supply and cost of materials.</p> <p>The chair reported he has been told that his contact at Coldstones Quarry is no longer with the organisation.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Chair to identify new quarry contact.</p> <p>c) Toft Gate footpaths; proposal for new fingerposts</p> <p>Councillors received news from Nidderdale National Landscape that new fingerpost footpath signs have been secured for footpaths between the car park, the lime kiln and Toft Gate barn café. Councillors considered a request from NNL for advice about wording on the new fingerpost at Toft Gate car park and information about hazards on notices at the gates to the lime kiln enclosure.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>Recommended wording for the fingerpost is “Footpaths to Coldstones Cut and Toft Gate Lime Kiln”.</p> <p>Notices at the lime kiln to include warnings about; steep drops, presence of livestock, dogs being kept on lead, uneven surfaces.</p> <p>d) Councillors noted a report from Councillor Murday about the Coldstones Quarry liaison meeting on 6th February.</p>

	<p>e) Councillors considered the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Emergency Committee held on 4th February.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Councillors accepted all recommendations about the structure, membership, and terms of reference of the committee.</p> <p>The next JEC meeting is scheduled for 4th March 2025</p> <p>f) Councillors considered minutes from the Joint Liaison Committee meeting held on 4th February 2025</p> <p>Recommendations about the proposed official name for the recreation ground (Bewerley and Pateley Bridge Recreation Ground)</p> <p>RESOLVED: Accept recommendations</p> <p>Recommendation that the JLC should consider a public consultation about outdoor exercise equipment in the recreation ground.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Accept</p> <p>Recommendation that Pateley Bridge and Bewerley councils should write separately to NYC in response to the review of public conveniences provision and emphasize the importance of both public toilet blocks in Pateley Bridge.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Accept</p> <p>Recommendations that each parish council in Nidderdale should write individual letters to the Local Government Boundary Commission about the anticipated proposal to divide Nidderdale into two separate divisions (after the next round of public consultation starts on 1st April).</p> <p>RESOLVED: Accept</p> <p>Councillors discussed the two dead trees, reported last autumn, which were part of the Queen’s Canopy in the recreation ground. The clerk confirmed that NYC had received and personally acknowledged his report of the damage in October but to date the trees had not been replaced. Councillors considered whether to go ahead and plant new trees anyway.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Wait and see if NYC do anything by the autumn. If they do not, then council to consider buying and planting two new trees.</p> <p>g) Councillors considered draft of a letter to be circulated to residents consulting on a proposal made by some residents to replace the swing on Bewerley village green with a new two-bay structure.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The letter is fine as drafted, but circulation need only to be around Bewerley village rather than the whole parish.</p> <p>Suggested circulation area from Eagle Hall through to Turner Bridge.</p> <p>h) Dealt with earlier in the meeting (see item 3 above)</p> <p>i) Toft Gate lease.</p> <p>The previous lease is in the bundle of documents located by Councillor Dawson. Clerk to review and bring proposals for new lease to council as agreed at the last meeting.</p> <p>j) Public conveniences, discussed at item 8f above</p> <p>k) Councillors noted that Councillor Hancock had withdrawn her nomination to join the Joint Administration Committee of Nidderdale National Landscape. The deadline for nominations was on 10th February.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>9.1 Councillor Dawson proposed the Council approve the following accounts for payment, seconded by Councillor Dutton.</p>

	<p>CARRIED.</p> <p>9.1.1 R Langley invoice A2213 £64</p> <p>9.1.2 Royal British Legion, invoice for wreath £20</p> <p>9.1.3 Cuttlefish Multimedia, invoice for web services £432</p> <p>9.1.4 Clerk's expenses £10</p> <p>9.2 Councillors noted:</p> <p>9.2.1 Clerk's salary (1 – 31st January) inc Tax and NIC</p> <p>9.2.2 Receipt of £41.75 from the honesty box, 16th January 2025</p> <p>9.3 The Council received a bank reconciliation to 31st January 2025</p> <p>9.4 Councillor Dawson confirmed financial transactions since the last meeting reconciled with the bank statement.</p> <p>9.5 Councillors considered the following resolution which meets HSBC bank requirements to amend the banking mandate</p> <p>The Council resolves to amend the mandate for all bank accounts held with HSBC Bank to add Malcolm Dawson, Elizabeth Hancock and Richard Dutton as signatories and to remove all existing signatories who are no longer Bewerley Parish Councillors. All existing accounts are to remain open. The Council accepts that the accounts and relationship with the bank will be governed by and subject to account terms and conditions as amended from time to time. The bank is authorised to act on the instructions of the signatories. There will be at least two signatories to any instruction requiring the authorisation of mandate signatories. All financial transactions will be carried out in accordance with the Council's approved Finance Policy and procedures.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Spooner, seconded by Councillor Dutton</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>10.1 The Council received the following new correspondence:</p> <p>10.1.1 Email from Darley and Menwith Parish Council about a joint response to Boundary Commission consultation. Already dealt with at item 8f</p> <p>10.1.2 Invitation to the chair or other representative to attend a tea party to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Nidderdale Museum.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Councillors nominated the clerk to represent the council at this event.</p> <p>10.2 Information exchange</p> <p>There was no new information to exchange.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting</p> <p>None</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Monday 17th March at 7 p.m. at Colbeck House</p> <p>Councillors discussed the date of the April council meeting and Annual Parish Meeting which are scheduled take place on 21st April; Easter bank holiday Monday.</p> <p>RESOLVED: April meetings to take place on 14th April.</p> <p>The meeting concluded at 9.15 pm</p>