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MINUTES OF BEWERLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 15th Feb 21.

Present: Cllr. G. Spooner (Chair) Cllr. D. Marshall (Vice-Chair)
Cllr. S. Langley Cllr. A. Murday
Cllr. R. Newson-Smith Cllr. M Dawson
Cllr. J. Wardman NYCC Cllr S. Lumley
T Dawson (Clerk)

1.	Roll call was taken at the start of the meeting.
2.	No apologies were received.
3	Cllr Dawson declared an interest in item 9 (b).
4	No parishioners were present
5	Cllr Wardman proposed the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 th January 2021 be confirmed, seconded Cllr Dawson, carried .
6	<p><u>Clerk's report to Bewerley Parish Council meeting 15th February 2021.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The caretaker is in the process of installing the new noticeboard at Greenhow; this has been hampered by the weather.• Hanson's Quarry have advised they are prepared to fund the repair of the wall on Greenhow village green. Clerk recommends a letter of thanks be sent.• Blocked drain at the top of Rash Dyke, below Swiss Cottage has again been reported to Highways, following a parishioner's complaint the overflow was frozen and a danger to traffic. Streetlight on Low Wath Road and large pothole on Nought Bank Road also reported.• The broken HBC bench has been photographed and reported to HBC.• Full report of flooding and drainage issues in Bridgehouse Gate, with map pinpointing the various issues, was sent to Highways.• HBC posted on social media on 25th January details of the Government consultation on local government reorganisation with following link: www.get-change-right.com• The Police station in Pateley Bridge is relocating from King Street to within the Old Workhouse. PC 820 Bill Hickson remains our local officer.• Following concerns being raised by parishioners about the CCTV cameras on a property in Bewerley, a letter was sent seeking assurances that the owners are complying with data protection regulations. A response confirming this has now been received. RESOLVED: <i>forward response to Cllr Newson-Smith</i>• Clerk will be attending the following YLCA webinar: Council Vacancies - filling ordinary and casual vacancies Webinar Session – Wednesday, 17 February 2021 2 pm to 3 pm• Email has been sent to the owners of the Toft Gate Lime Kiln land regarding extending the lease.
7	<p>NYCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Lumley spoke of his concerns regarding NYCC's proposed mothballing of Bewerley Park Outdoor Centre and the potential closure of the facility in the future. It is an emotive subject, but he advised that all portfolios are being reviewed. He was unable to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee on 16th Feb but had written to the members stating his opposition to the proposal and

support for keeping the facility open. The issue has already garnered media attention, online petitions have gained a huge number of signatures in the first few days and he has received many comments from parishioners also expressing their opposition. He advised the Council of his determination to fight the closure. Cllr Dawson asked about the NYCC press release, which seems to imply the LA would prefer to move to an outsourced model. The driver appears to be loss of income incurred in the past year, but he said long-term decisions should not be made based on pandemic losses. Cllr Lumley said that a viability report had already been commissioned as it was already known capital investment was required, but this had been delayed due to Coronavirus. Cllr Dawson asked at what point Cllr Lumley felt Bewerley Parish Council should write to NYCC and was advised this should be done as soon as possible. **RESOLVED:** Cllr Dawson to draft a letter from the Parish Council to NYCC expressing the Council's concerns about the loss of such a facility, the shock felt locally, the impact on the local economy and the short notice given.

HBC

- The development of the old Coal Yard in Pateley Bridge is underway and will provide 20 homes; it is hoped that some of the smaller properties will be social housing. Cllr Wardman said he hoped the work to install new utilities at the site would not be affected by old culverts etc.
- A site meeting had been held where the landslip had occurred at Red Brae on Greenhow Hill. The issue is much worse than had originally been thought and weight restrictions are now in place, which may need to be enforced.
- The HBC budget is to be ratified on Wednesday and Council Tax will subsequently rise.
- The Clerk asked for Cllr Lumley's support in achieving some form of progress on the continued problem of large vehicles parking on the grass verges either side of Low Wath Road at the junction with the B6265, following yet more complaints from parishioners. Cllr Lumley felt it was unlikely that Highways would change their position on this problem.
- The Pateley Bridge road signs in Bridgehouse Gate need replacing and as they are in Bewerley Parish, Cllr Lumley offered to fund the cost of replacement through the Locality Fund in 2021-22. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to obtain quotes for replacements.

8 The Council received the following planning applications:

- a) DCPARISH 6.59.254.F.FUL 20/05159/FUL Erection of single storey building for use as holiday accommodation. Gillbeck Barn Bewerley HG3 5JF GRID REF: E 414354 N 463991. *The Parish Council had no objections.*
- b) DCPARISH 6.59.63.B.FUL 21/00393/FUL Erection of single storey extension to rear. High Gate Farm Greenhow Hill HG3 5JQ, GRID REF: E 411642 N 464201. *The Parish Council had no objections.*

The Council noted the following:

- c) 20/04680/FUL Removal of existing section of boundary wall, formation of new vehicle access point and parking area, High Westcliffe Bewerley. Harrogate Borough Council have resolved to GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

9 The Council received updates and reports on Council Business and correspondence:

- a) Caretaker tasks. No new tasks identified.
- b) Clerk salary review. Cllr Spooner advised the Personnel Committee had received advice and discussed the item prior to the Parish Council meeting. Cllr Langley wished it to be minuted that although Zoom meetings are not conducive to appraisal discussions the Council needs to ensure these are done in the future. Cllr Newson-Smith proposed the Clerk's salary is increased by 2 points from NJC salary scale spinal point 7 to 9, which would be an increase of 42 pence per hour to £10.86 per hour and this should be back-dated to 29th July 2020; seconded by Cllr Marshall, **carried.**
- c) A Nidderdale Greenway. Draft Report for circulation to Parish Councils. The Council discussed the draft report, and it was noted that any progress would require planning permission following statutory consultations. **RESOLVED:** Project representatives to be advised Bewerley Parish Council is broadly in favour of the project but it is important that proper public consultation is undertaken.

- d) Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill. The Council debated whether the Bill was relevant to small councils and if there was enough opportunity to effect change. Cllr Murday said that there were implications for planning decisions, and it was agreed that any changes the Council could make to support Climate Change initiatives, should be taken. **RESOLVED:** The Council agreed to back the Bill and to post notifications accordingly.
- e) Bewerley and Greenhow Parish Council Police Report 08022021. Noted.
- f) YLCA Harrogate Branch meeting 8 February 2021. Cllr Dawson reported that the main focus was presentations by Carl Les, Leader of NYCC, and Wallace Sampson, CEO of HBC, on the alternate models which have been put forward for local government reorganisation in North Yorkshire. Cllr Dawson said the NYCC model builds on the existing capability of the County Council and enables a simpler integration with the services provided by the existing District Councils. It leaves York City Council untouched (which is their preferred position). The District Council model is a more balanced solution. The East and West unitary authorities would have similar populations and similar sized economies, and each has a major economic centre - Harrogate and York - at its core. In Cllr Dawson's view the argument made for the District Council model was strong. However, the re-organisation required is potentially more complex and the fact that it is not supported by York would seem to be a major disadvantage. He was sceptical about the costs and benefits put forward by both teams, which looked to be optimistic. The government's views on their preferred model should be known in late Spring.
- g) YLCA Remote Conference - 21 and 22 April 2021. Clerk's attendance at the conference and cost being split with Hartwith cum Winsley Parish Council was approved.
- h) General Power of Competence. Clerk explained that the Council did not meet the criteria for General Power of Competence, but provided the councillors with information on what powers the Council has and the Acts of Parliament which support its actions. Noted.
- i) The views of YLCA Member Councils on the power to hold remote meetings. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to complete the survey on behalf of the Council, the Council being in favour of retaining the power.
- j) Bishopside & Bewerley Memorial Hall. Replacement of existing charity by Pateley Bridge & Bewerley Memorial Hall Charitable Incorporated Organisation was noted.
- k) Nidderdale Community Welcome. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to respond advising Council is broadly in support of the initiative and would be prepared to consider financial support once a family are selected by UNHCR and the Home Office.
- l) Joint Liaison Committee. The Clerk reported the outcome of the JLC meeting held on 2nd Feb.
 - New Terms of Reference for the Joint Liaison Committee were approved.
 - Cemetery Field. Cllr Dawson reported what information had been found regarding the field. The Deeds and conveyance from 1954 had been located. They revealed that the field had been purchased from a local landowner using a compulsory purchase order enacted on the two Councils' behalf by the then District Council and that planning permission had been granted for use as a cemetery. As a CPO was used, there are restrictions on the Councils' ability to dispose of the land and planning permission would be needed for a change of use. PBTC had already resolved that they did not wish to pursue either lease or sale of the field. In view of these legal findings, Cllr Dawson recommended that the Council adopt the same position. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to inform PBTC that the Council does not wish to pursue the enquiry from a local resident.
 - Christmas Lights fund raising appeal. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to advise PBTC of continued financial support in 2021 and the wish for lights to be as environmentally friendly as possible.
 - Electric Vehicle Charging Points. Clerk will contact HBC for an update on the Ultra-Low Emission Vehicle Strategy
- m) Defibrillator and Telephone kiosk. The draft contract for transfer of the kiosk from BT to the Council has been reviewed. There are a number of issues the Council will need to address in terms of maintenance, power supply and future use, but subject to these it was recommended that the Council proceed with purchase of the kiosk. Cllr Spooner to advise on a local electrician for connection of the power supply for the defibrillator. **RESOLVED:** Council to proceed with purchase.
- n) Low Wath Road, verge damage and speeding. See HBC report item 7.
- o) Standing Orders and Code of Conduct. The councillors re-adopted the Code of Conduct and it was

	RESOLVED: NALC Performance Improvement Policy and Procedure and suggested rules for a public session to be adopted.															
10	<p>10.1 Cllr Dawson proposed the Council approve the following accounts for payment, Cllr Newson-Smith seconded, carried.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>10.1.1</td> <td>Whitemere View Ltd inv A1169 <i>previously approved at January meeting</i></td> <td>172.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10.1.2</td> <td>TPSL inv 82696 ESET renewal</td> <td>39.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10.1.3</td> <td>Memorial Hall - BT annual Line Rental</td> <td>96.96</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10.1.4</td> <td>Notice Board Company (UK) Ltd inv 18096</td> <td>583.32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10.1.5</td> <td>J Todd & Son Invoice 841825-0</td> <td>6.84</td> </tr> </table> <p>10.2 The Council noted the following: Clerk's salary (1- 28/2/2021) and Tax and NIC</p> <p>10.3 The Council received a bank reconciliation to 31st January 2021, 10.4 Cllr Langley confirmed she had reconciled the receipts/payments approved at the previous meeting with the bank statement prior to the start of the meeting.</p>	10.1.1	Whitemere View Ltd inv A1169 <i>previously approved at January meeting</i>	172.50	10.1.2	TPSL inv 82696 ESET renewal	39.99	10.1.3	Memorial Hall - BT annual Line Rental	96.96	10.1.4	Notice Board Company (UK) Ltd inv 18096	583.32	10.1.5	J Todd & Son Invoice 841825-0	6.84
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11	<p>11.1 No new correspondence was received.</p> <p>11.2 Information Exchange</p> <p>11.2.1 Cllr Wardman asked whether water had been released from Gouthwaite reservoir during the recent heavy storms and had that contributed to flooding in the recreation ground. Cllrs Spooner and Marshall reassured him that water had not been released and that the improvements made to the reservoir in the 2019 had ensured this was not needed.</p>															
12	There were no new items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting.															
13	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Monday 15th March at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting concluded at 9 pm.</p>															