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**MINUTES OF BEWERLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 28th
SEPTEMBER 2020 via Zoom**

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

1.	Apologies were received from Cllr Newson-Smith.
2	No Declarations of Interest received.
3	No parishioners were present
4	The Clerk asked the Council to agree a statement is added to the Council noticeboards to the effect that, until the end of the pandemic restrictions Cllr Wardman proposed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 th July 2020 and the Planning Meeting held on 17 th August 2020 be confirmed, seconded by Cllr Langley, carried.
5	<p>Clerk's report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">HBC Technical Officer (Parks and Playgrounds) has been asked to provide advice and guidance on installing basketball equipment at Greenhow Play Area. Once his response has been received, if it is feasible to install the hoop etc, I will proceed with applying approaching Greenhow Enhancement Fund.Three quotes have been received for Post Mounted notice board holding 8 x A4, black frame, weatherproof, anti-graffiti aluminium noticeboard with domed header on the Recreation Ground as follows: Noticeboards online £698 ex VAT Noticeboard Company £740 ex VAT The Parish Noticeboard Company £885 ex VAT <p>RESOLVED: The quotation from Noticeboard Company is to be accepted and Clerk is to proceed to process the purchase and to apply for a Locality Grant from NYCC via Cllr Lumley.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cllr Spooner and I undertook an inspection of drains and gullies on Low Wath Road, Bridgehouse Gate and up past the Auction Mart to Bewerley. All blocked drains were reported to Area 6 and I have been advised by the outgoing Highways Customer Communications Officer that she asked for all these to be logged so... Highway Officers can carry out an inspection and order additional gully cleans where necessary. An additional report was logged on the Parish Portal, following notification of more blocked drains causing flooding opposite Riverside Caravan Park by the Cllr from Pateley Bridge Town CouncilStreet lights on Low Wath Road and potholes on Nought Moor Road and Boar Lane were also reported this monthHBC have paid the Ice Cream Concession for 2020.The Council will note that the plans to close the surgery at Dacre Banks are not now proceeding.I attended training on "Protecting the parks that kept us going when the world stopped" provided via YLCA by Fields in Trust on 13th August which was useful and informative.PBTC clerk and I undertook a review of the Pateley Bridge (High & Low Bishopside) & Bewerley COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN on Friday 25th Sept and I will be updating information, contacts

	<p>etc in the next couple of weeks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RESOLVED: Clerk to express the Council's best wishes to the outgoing Pateley Bridge Town Council Clerk. • <i>Clerk advised she may incur additional hours in the process of updating the Community Resilience Plan. She also reported that the Emergency Committee had agreed to buy walkie talkies, heavy duty torches, head torches, hi-vis gilets and a battle box for Bewerley. Costs to be shared with PBTC. Cllr Lumley advised walkie talkies can be expensive.</i>
6	<p>NYCC & HBC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Lumley gave an update on the Local Government Re-organisation advising that the joint North Yorkshire district councils had written to Central Govt asking for any movement or decision to be deferred for the time being while the region deals with the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. NYCC are pushing ahead with their one council proposal and advising Govt that it should go ahead as soon as possible, and the outcome of those letters is awaited. Little has changed with the proposals which are a) NYCC propose one regional council exclusive of the City of York which would be standalone monetary authority and b) the districts propose the region is split in half down the line of the A1 with an East council and a West council which would include York; these would be overmanaged by an elected mayor. <p>Cllr Murday said he had concluded from attending various meetings etc on the subject that parish councils would end up having to do much more and it may be likely that Bewerley would have to consider amalgamating with Pateley Bridge Town Council or Upper Nidderdale Parish Council, which would make the population of that local council fairly substantial and could encourage a return to the old rural district councils. Cllr Lumley agreed and said that what is proposed is one of the biggest upheavals to local government since the 1970s and it created a chance for local councils to have more authority. He expressed his personal opinion that he wanted Bewerley and Pateley Bridge to join as one larger parish, possibly with neighbouring parishes.</p> <p>Cllr Dawson expressed his concern that the government had asked local authorities to develop options for new unitary authorities at short notice and without any independent review of what approach might deliver the best results. Cllr Lumley expressed the view that asking experienced officers and councillors in the relevant authorities to put forward options for Government to consider and decide upon, would result in a good outcome. He expressed his strong support for moving to a unitary authority and the benefits he thought that would bring to the region. Cllr Dawson reiterated that his concerns were not about the principle of moving to a unitary authority, but whether the current process was likely to result in the best outcome.</p> <p>Cllr Murday asked Cllr Lumley to confirm whether the district councils, and York, had commissioned an independent review from KPMG and, if so, whether this would be published. Cllr Lumley replied that he did not know the fine detail, but he imagined it would be. He was unsure whether York was involved in commissioning the review with the 7 districts. However, the report had been commissioned and had formed the basis for the proposal to split the county in half and asking for a delay in the process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Spooner asked for an update on Kex Gill, Cllr Lumley said it's going to the Planning Dept very shortly hopefully it's just a formality. Funding from Central Govt is available and it is hoped the road will be built in another year. • Cllr Lumley advised that he had raised the issue of the slippage at Red Brae on Greenhow Hill at a recent meeting with Area 6 Highways and had been advised that the problem was much more serious than previously thought. There is no immediate date to begin repairs but Area 6 are making it a priority. • Repairs to the bridge between Pateley Bridge and Bewerley, following the accident which damaged it at the beginning of the year, had been delayed due to issues with insurance, but Cllr Lumley has been assured that repairs will begin in November and be complete by Christmas 2020. • He has had several parishioners living on Peat Lane complain about the state of the road surface and an inspector has attended to review it, so it is hoped that something will be done to help the situation. • Cllr Lumley has seen the email the Parish Clerk sent with photographs and site locations of blocked drains in the Parish, which he said was very useful. He said the contractor currently employed to

	<p>clear gullies and drains across the region would be superseded by an in-house company which would hopefully be more effective in future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Marshall asked who was responsible for the high retaining wall bordering Old Brewery Lane; Cllr Lumley was not sure and Cllr Marshall explained that he had received complaints that it was getting overgrown with brambles etc and there were concerns about its structural integrity. RESOLVED: Clerk to write to NYCC about the concerns. Caretaker to be asked to cut back the vegetation. • The Clerk asked Cllr Lumley for his support in getting Area 6 to repair the road surface by Skrikes farm on Nought Bank Road as it is becoming dangerous. Cllr Lumley agreed with the concerns. RESOLVED: Clerk to email Area 6 with photos and copy Cllr Lumley. • Cllr Lumley finished by saying how encouraged he was by local fundraising efforts for the Christmas lights. He then left the meeting to attend another appointment. 						
7	<p>The Council noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Outcome of Consultations on BT Telephone Kiosks Notification under section 49 of the Communications Act 2003 b) Decision Notice for Planning Application Ref No 20/02160/FUL at Rolling Mill House Granted subject to planning conditions. 						
8	<p>The Council received updates and reports on Council Business and correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Caretaker tasks. The lock on Toft Gate Lime Kilns has been repaired and the wire fencing. The AONB has cleared the path along Cow Pasture Lane where the old road was. b) North Yorkshire Police - Beverley and Greenhow Parish Council Report 14092020. The Council noted the report. c) Parishioner enquiry - Obstruction by parking in Beverley. The Council discussed the enquiry, and it was RESOLVED: Clerk to ask the parishioner to collect photographic evidence to support the claim. d) 2020- 2021 National Salary Award. The Council noted the increase the Clerk's salary in line with the Award. RESOLVED: Payroll Provider to be advised of salary increase. e) How To Deal With A Grievance – The Process, Policy And Procedure YLCA Training available 8 October 2020 At 2.00pm – 3.00pm. The Council noted the training. f) RAF Menwith Hill Serenity Park Dedication - 24th September 2020, 10am. Cllr Spooner reported that he had attended the Dedication ceremony along with representatives from other parishes. g) Parish noticeboards. As previously discussed. h) Concerns regarding safety of wall along Old Brewery Lane. As previously discussed. 						
9	<p>9.1 Cllr Murday proposed, and Cllr Langley seconded, the Council approved the following accounts for payment, carried:</p> <table data-bbox="239 1433 1356 1545"> <tr> <td>9.1.1</td> <td>Whitemere View Ltd inv A1155</td> <td>£ 142.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9.1.2</td> <td>Office expenses</td> <td>56.89</td> </tr> </table> <p>9.2 The Council noted the following Clerk's salary (1- 30/9/2020) and Tax and NIC</p> <p>9.3 The Council received a bank reconciliation to 31st August 2020 Cllr Spooner noted the donations from the Honesty box at Toft Gate car park. The Council discussed the continued overnight parking and options for dealing with the human refuse left behind. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact HBC for advice on how to deal with the problem. Investigate earth/composting toilets.</p>	9.1.1	Whitemere View Ltd inv A1155	£ 142.50	9.1.2	Office expenses	56.89
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10	<p>10.1 The Council received the following new correspondence:</p> <p>10.1.1 Email from a parishioner asking for maps of footpaths in Skrikes Wood. The Councillors shared local knowledge, but it was agreed that the Council did not hold up to date maps of the locality and NYCC Northallerton office was the most likely location to obtain copies. RESOLVED: Clerk to research Parish Online for additional information to send to the parishioner.</p>						

	<p>10.1.2 Clerk advised that the Play Area inspection reports for Bewerley and Greenhow had been received that day and would be on the agenda for the October meeting.</p> <p>10.2 The Council exchanged the following new information:</p> <p>10.2.1 Cllr Langley asked if there was any further information on the parishioner's query about planting of trees on Greenhow Hill. Clerk advised that all Councillors had responded positively to the email and she had advised the parishioner of the support.</p> <p>10.2.2 Cllr Wardman said he was pleased with the repair to the footpath on the riverbank which had previously been reported but the foliage was still overhanging the path. Cllr Spooner to check this.</p>
11	<p>Items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting Joint Liaison Committee report.</p>
12	<p>Date of next meeting The next meeting will be held on Monday 19th October at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting concluded at 20.45 pm.</p>