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**MINUTES OF BEWERLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

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

1.	Apologies were received from Cllrs Newson-Smith and Wardman
2	No Declarations of Interest received.
3	No parishioners were present
4	Cllr Langley proposed the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th October 2020 should be confirmed, seconded by Cllr Marshall, <b>carried</b> .
5	<p><u>Clerk's report to Bewerley Parish Council meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Clerk wrote to NYCC expressing concerns about the flooding issues around Old Brewery Lane and the instability of the wall. Following response has been received: "I have arranged for a road sweeper to clear the debris along Old Brewery Lane, this should be undertaken this morning. We will investigate up the private lane to see if we can identify a likely cause to the sheer volume of debris carried by the water. It may be that building work undertaken has caused an increase in the debris from loose/left over material however as this is not highway land, we can only request for maintenance to be done by the landowner if the problem persists. I will also enquire about the land drain culverts you have mentioned to see if this is also a factor to remedy. We have previously identified an issue with the gullies in this location and we have works planned to clean/unblock the drainage. If this type of event only happens during stormy weather and heavy down pours, then it may be that the volume of water has been too great for the existing drainage system to cope with, thus causing excessive run off. We will look into this."</li><li>A shed for storing sandbags at the Auction Mart has been ordered and, once it is collected, sandbags will be requested. Keys for the locked shed will be held by Cllrs Marshall and Spooner to enable them to decide which residences are most at threat of flooding in an emergency.</li><li>The caretaker has removed the left behind NYCC sandbags which someone had been using to divert rain water away from the main drain at the corner of Old Brewery Lane and the B6265, as it was feared this may have been contributing to flooding of the businesses on Bridgehouse Gate.</li><li>North Yorkshire Police have advised that there has only been one incident reported since the 12th October 2020 to today's date. It was a highway disruption reported on the 12th October of the temporary lights were stuck on red. <i>The Councillors discussed an incident at the bottom of the High Street which had occurred the previous weekend. They also discussed a road traffic accident which had occurred approx. 6 weeks beforehand at Red Brae on Greenhow Hill.</i></li><li>Response from HBC regarding Toft Gate car park received as follows: "the issues you have are common and Covid/ Staycations and a sense of entitlement from a small</li></ul>

minority have made things worse. We and other neighbouring district councils are battling similar issues in many rural car parks. There is probably little advice I can give you. Ultimately you might need to specify a closing time for the car park and employ an enforcement contractor (We couldn't do it for you) and given the geography and probable travelling time involved I can see this being an expensive option given that contravention numbers will be relatively low.

If you do decide to go with a height restriction gate, bear in mind it might be worth considering getting one you can open and close securely as there might be times you need to get some large vehicle in for your own purposes. I am not convinced by the composting toilet as depending on the clients you might invest the money and people still choose to take the alternative approach. Lastly, if you make the car park attractive for campers/travellers you might actually increase your problems. Hopefully as we get through Covid the situation reverts back to normal and these situations largely disappear again." *The Councillors discussed what action might be taken and agreed to monitor the situation over the winter months.*

- Dales and Bowland Community Interest Company advised that the company had been unable to provide the Dales Bus Service this year due to the pandemic and requested that the donation of £100 be retained for services in 2021. Clerk advised this was acceptable.
- An update has been requested following the Area 6 site visit to Nought Bank Road by Skrikes Farm.
- An update has been requested from North Yorkshire Waste and Minerals Planning Authority on the excavation issues on Greenhow Hill.
- It was decided that Cllrs Spooner, Holt and Lumley would lay wreaths at the war memorial on Wednesday 4th November ahead of the national lockdown, but they were erroneously removed, presumably by Harrogate Borough Council, by 7th November. The Royal British Legion supplied replacements and the new ones were laid on 11th November.
- Donations of £100 were made to the Christmas Lights Appeal and the Royal British Legion.
- Quotation to replace the Greenhow noticeboard has now been received. Attached. Cllr Spooner proposed the quote be accepted, Cllr Murday seconded, **carried. RESOLVED: to proceed with the order.**

**6 NYCC**

Cllr Lumley updated the Council on the progress of the proposals for the unitary authority; both NYCC and the North Yorkshire districts had submitted their proposals and a public consultation will take place in the new year once UK Govt has made a decision. Cllr Lumley stated how proud he was of the work undertaken by Harrogate Borough Council and North Yorkshire County Council in the past. He is hopeful that great savings can be made once the new authority is in place and anticipates that this will contribute to the case for devolution. In the meantime, county council elections are likely to be deferred until 2022/23.

NYCC business continues to be conducted, much of it via online meetings.

**HBC**

Council properties are being utilised for COVID-19 testing stations and he looks forward to the roll out of vaccinations following the news that vaccines are in the process of being approved. Cllr Langley asked him for information regarding the subsidence on Duck Street Lane in Greenhow. Highways Dept had re-surfaced the small lay-by but had not touched the subsided area opposite. Cllr Lumley noted that it had been patched on several occasions but the more extensive repair it needs is still in the pipeline. He was unable to give any further update. He advised he was disappointed at recent lack of action from Highways Dept on such issues as the repair to the bridge, which had been delayed again. The lack of streetlight repairs on the bridge and at the bottom of the High Street is another ongoing concern however it is recognised that the pandemic has had an adverse effect on delivery of services. Cllr Lumley advised he had received a copy of an enforcement notice regarding the newly installed plaque outside of Bewerley Chapel, requiring it be removed.

Cllr Dawson asked Cllr Lumley whether NYCC or HBC had plans to install electric vehicle charging points for public use as lack of local charging points may be a deterrent to visitors. Cllr Lumley

	<p>recognised the need for these but said the lead was likely to be commercial rather than local authorities. Council provision and incentives for local businesses will probably be limited. Cllr Dawson said it seemed unlikely that businesses in Pateley Bridge would be able to host charging stations and installation in car parks would be necessary. Cllr Murday agreed and said it would need to be a municipal venture.</p>		
7	<p><b>The Council noted the following:</b></p> <p>a) 20/02012/AMENDS Non-material amendment to allow for; change of cladding material, alterations to size, shape and number of rooflights, change from timber to dark grey metal windows and doors, alterations to driveway alignment and lake design of permission Ref 15/03345/FUL -Erection of 1 dwelling with associated access (Site Area 0.32 ha), formation of lake and installation of package treatment plant, to include tree works. Eagle Lodge Street Lane Bewerley HG3 5HW. <i>Harrogate Borough Council have resolved to APPROVE the application.</i></p> <p>b) 20/03659/DISCON Application to approve details required under Condition 3 (Schedule of Works) in relation to planning approval 19/05257/FUL- Restoration of derelict 2 storey dwelling to form Lunch Hut. Providence Lead Mine West Lane Bewerley. <i>Harrogate Borough Council have resolved to refuse to discharge the condition(s) as described above.</i></p>		
8	<p><b>The Council received updates and reports on Council Business and correspondence:</b></p> <p>a) Caretaker tasks. Cllr Spooner thanked the caretaker for clearing the footpath at the end of the recreation ground. Parishioners had already commented favourably on the social media posts about the work.</p> <p>b) Local government reform - an update and consultation from HBC. The Councillors discussed the invitation to submit a parish council response. <b>RESOLVED:</b> no response to be submitted at this time.</p> <p>c) New Settlement DPD extension to consultation and Supplementary Planning Documents Consultation. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr Dawson to review the new consultations and report back to the Council.</p> <p>d) YLCA guidance on “Apologies for absence and attendance clarification Nov 2020”. <b>Noted.</b></p> <p>e) Millennium Green meeting 3 Nov 2020. Cllr Spooner reported back to the Council and advised that, following the rejected application to the Greenhow Enhancement Fund for funding for repairs to the damaged pond on the Millennium Green, PBTC are now partnering with the AONB on a project and it is hoped that funding can be secured through that route.</p> <p>f) Parking in Bewerley. The Council discussed the parking concerns and evidence provided by a Bewerley parishioner. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to seek advice from NYCC.</p> <p>g) Children's Air Ambulance. <b>RESOLVED:</b> No donation to be made.</p> <p>h) Code of Conduct – further consultation by the Committee for Standards in Public Life (CSPL). <b>RESOLVED:</b> Councillors to let Clerk know their thoughts before response deadline of 4<sup>th</sup> Dec (<i>subsequently extended to 15 January 2021</i>)</p> <p>i) AGM of Nidderdale Plus, Tuesday 17 November. Cllr Spooner was unable to attend the meeting but Cllr Lumley had attended and reported that the organisation is in good financial health following support from NYCC; in the future they would like to have a mini-van to further support the community; Helen Flynn has now been employed as Executive Director, having previously been engaged as a consultant. Volunteers are always sought. NYCC have recognised the service they have provided in the past, but especially during the pandemic.</p> <p>j) Defibrillators. Cllr Murday and Clerk had provided additional information regarding effectiveness of AEDs. Cllr Langley proposed that the Council takes over the cost of consumables for the AED on Bridgehouse Gate and that of the proposed AED installation at Bewerley, seconded Cllr Marshall, <b>carried.</b></p>		
9	<p>9.1 Councillor Murday proposed, and Cllr Spooner seconded the following accounts be approved for payment:</p> <table data-bbox="239 1971 1356 2016"> <tr> <td data-bbox="239 1971 1117 2016">9.1.1 Data protection renewal fee</td> <td data-bbox="1117 1971 1356 2016">£ 40.00</td> </tr> </table>	9.1.1 Data protection renewal fee	£ 40.00
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	<p>9.1.2 Whitemere View Ltd inv A1134 112.50</p> <p>9.1.3 Whitemere View Ltd inv A1141 142.50</p> <p>9.1.4 Whitemere View Ltd inv A1164 217.50</p> <p>9.1.5 Tax and NIC 37.00</p> <p>9.1.6 HBC invs 3584989 &amp; 3584791 132.00</p> <p>9.1.7 Office expenses 56.61</p> <p>9.1.8 York Timber 264.00</p> <p>9.2 The Council noted the Clerk's salary (1- 30/11/2020)</p> <p>9.3 The Council received a bank reconciliation to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020. Cllr Spooner noted that the Clerk's salary was due for review. <b>RESOLVED:</b> to be included on next month's agenda.</p> <p>9.4 Cllr Langley had reconciled the receipts/payments approved at the previous month's meeting with the bank statement prior to the meeting.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Finance Committee meeting to be held week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> December to discuss the 2021/22 precept.</p>
10	<p><b>10.1 The Council received the following new correspondence:</b></p> <p>10.1.1 Clerk advised that a planning enforcement letter had been received in respect of the plaque attached to the wall at Bewerley Chapel.</p> <p>10.1.2 PBTC had been in contact with the Clerk regarding the cost of the proposed 2 plaques thanking the parishioners and businesses of the two parishes for their support during the pandemic. The PBTC Mayor is still in favour of installing 2 plaques. Cllr Langley proposed £200 is offered towards the cost, Cllr Spooner seconded, <b>carried.</b></p> <p><b>10.2 There was no new information to exchange</b></p>
11	<p><b>Items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting</b></p> <p>Recommendations of the Finance Committee meeting.</p> <p>Clerk's salary review.</p> <p>HBC consultations</p>
12	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7 p.m. via Zoom.</p> <p>The meeting concluded at 8.45 pm.</p>