

MINUTES OF GREAT AND LITTLE BARUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 12TH JANUARY 2016, 7.00PM

THE GOLDEN LION, GREAT BARUGH

Present

Chair	Mrs Sarah Houlston
Vice Chair/Clerk	Mrs Karen Garrett
Councillors	Mr Peter Milner
	Mr Richard Metcalfe
	Mr Duncan Collinson

Apologies None

Village Attendees

John Gillies

Peter French

Steve Pearse

Peter & Jean Taylor

Dorothy Brewer

Ian Boyington

Jerry Swift

1. Minutes of previous meeting
The minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13th October were approved and signed.
2. Matters Arising
 - A) Salt – it was noted that salt needed to be ordered.
 - B) Potholes – Mrs Garrett said that Neil Jefferson, NYCC Highways Engineer had contacted her directly after her last email. He is the man who fills the holes and his telephone number is available to be contacted directly. He had said that a number of holes had been filled and that it was ongoing, although he did reiterate that many passing places were not classed a highway, the Council noted that this was a single road and required passing places. It was recognised we need to keep the pressure on NYCC to maintain the roads and passing places.
 - C) Speeding – to be itemised on Agenda for next meeting. Action – Sarah Houlston

- D) Digital Transparency – we had heard that our application for full funding for the website and hosting had been approved. This would be confirmed at a funding meeting of the YLCA on Thursday 14th January and the monies should be credited to our bank account within 2/3 days. We can then go ahead with website and on obtaining email addresses we should be able to have better communication in the Parish. It was also noted that although this funding had originally been offered by the Government for three years, there had been funding cuts and the funding was now for one year and would end April 2016. Those Councils who had not applied would not get funding. It means for us that the hosting fee of £50 would in future be a precept item.
- E) Pond Area at Little Barugh. Due to the bad weather any further works have been put on hold until it improves. Mr Collinson said he would not be able to oversee a working party due to work and family commitments, he said Lesley Salisbury was keen and willing to look after it with other volunteers and that a letter to residents of Little Barugh had been drawn up and would be going out shortly.
- F) Dog fouling – this issue does seem to have stopped of its own accord, possibly due to bad weather and dog not roaming as much!
- G) Common Rights- this is still ongoing with Mr Milner. There is a system whereby the Common Rights will be registered nationally and Mr Milner is looking into it. He is also going to provide Mr Collinson with a copy of the map. Action – Mr Milner.

3. Public Session

Peter French spoke as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. He reported a 50% increase on membership from last year and if anyone wished to join to contact him. Email reports are sent out regularly. Mrs Taylor pointed out she had signed up but not received anything, her email address was provided for future contact.

- a) The North Yorkshire PCC are conducting an online survey of the wants and needs of Ryedale residents. The survey can be completed at www.pcc.northyorks.gov.uk
- b) Get Safe Online – this is a system offering advice on online security and avoiding being a victim of telephone scams. This is particularly useful for the elderly and vulnerable members of the community. It can be looked at here www.getsafeonline.org
- c) North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue are offering a service to hold talks on protecting vulnerable people that may be at risk of fire. The service is free and self-funded, they will come along and provide literature and assess vulnerable people.

Mrs Houlston suggested Neighbourhood Watch be added to the website and Mr Milner reiterated the difficulties faced by people when dealing with telephone/internet scams.

John Gillies raised the issue of the state of the pavement in Great Barugh, the surface is rough, broken and in need of repair. Jerry Swift had looked into this problem and it should have been done at the same time of the road re-surface. The PC to contact Highways to look into it. Mr Collinson also mentioned that the pavement in Little Barugh from Clock House to Windsor Cottage was also in need of repair. Both these to be raised with Highways.

4. To propose plans for the Queen's Birthday Celebrations

It was noted that £200 had been set aside from the 2015/2016 precept towards the cost of the celebrations. Mr Gillies had very kindly given Mrs Houlston a list of volunteers, willing and able to assist with catering etc. Mr Milner suggested that a suitable venue may be Houlston's farm but Mrs Houlston mentioned there may be H & S issues with it being a working farm. The other suggestion was for the same field belonging to Houlstons at the bottom of Great Barugh to be used. Mrs Houlston would be checking with Mr Houlston. It was deemed a good option due to its proximity to house for supply of water and electricity. The matter of whether Little Barugh green would be a good venue was considered with the idea of a picnic. However, issues with the road and health and safety were raised by Mr Pearse. Mr Collinson also questioned how many residents would actually be interested in the celebrations. Mr Pearse, Mr Milner and Mr Gillies all reiterated how successful the Jubilee was and that many families had turned out to participate.

The date was set at the 12th June in order to coincide with the official birthday celebration on The Mall.

The option of a 'Beacon' was discussed, these are being lit nationwide on the 21st April, the Queen's actual birthday. Mrs Houlston said she had loosely had an offer for someone to construct a beacon if we wanted one. The matter of a Beacon was not concluded.

12th June should be two events, one in afternoon for children and one in the evening with Hog Roast as before for Jubilee. The cost of hire for equipment for Hog Roast to be factored in, alongside food and tables and chairs to be loaned/borrowed from Normanby Church as last time. An overall organiser to supervise would be required, Mrs Houlston asked Mr Milner if he would take the role but he declined. Mr Milner suggested that Liz Hallett/Debbie Sadler would be great candidates. Those to be approached. Mrs Garrett to put details on next newsletter.

5. To discuss appointment of RFO (Responsible Financial Officer)

It was with great sadness that the resignation of Carolyn Swift was acknowledged. The Parish Council would like to thank Carolyn for her hard work over all the years and would like to wish her all the best in her recovery. This leaves the Parish Council with a requirement for a new RFO (new name for Treasurer). It was noted that the RFO could be the Clerk or a Councillor, after asking the Parish Council members if anyone would take on the position, it was proposed that Mrs Houlston take on the role. Mr Milner said he would oversee the external audits.

6. To formulate a response to the Joint Waste and Mineral Plan proposals.

Mrs Garrett gave background on what the Joint Waste and Mineral Plan Consultation involved for the benefit of the Council members and residents attending. She had produced an eleven page synopsis on the processes involved during decision making for planning applications under the JWMP which cover all mineral extraction, hydrocarbons and waste management. The current consultation runs until the 15th January, will be decided in 2017 and will be in place until 2030 so it is deemed critical that the content is correct.

Key areas of the consultation were discussed at length with regards to the processes around Hydrocarbon extraction and it was noted that there some areas of concern relating to the Government's recent changes in the Infrastructure Act, awarding of PEDL licences, changes in Planning regulations regarding Seismic monitoring and test drilling and also the proposed changes to the way the Environment Agency approves Environmental Permits. The concerns being that at the time the JWMP consultation document was drawn up, the aforementioned key areas had not been changed. The Parish Council decided that these key areas had an effect on the Policies within the JWMP, not just with a bearing on Hydrocarbons but other industry as well, and has decided to respond to that effect. The Policies questioned were M16, M17 and M18 and the sub-sections within the document.

7. To set precept for 2016/2017

- a) Funding for Grit. The subject of grit was debated. The cost of grit being £90.00 per tonne, £180.00 per load which is two fills of bins/deliveries to ground. Great Barugh has two bins and usually a pile at the top of Wandales Lane. Little Barugh has four piles. It was mentioned by Mr Metcalfe that if a pile was put on corner near Easterby's field it was put away from gully as it gets wasted by getting washed across the road. As the precept is split into two payments April and September and no grit at the moment it was decided that we should have funds in hand in case of a long, wintry spell. £540.00 to be set aside for grit.
- b) Public liability insurance. It was discussed that insurance was vitally important in the event of a claim at a Parish event and with the pond rejuvenation at Little Barugh. The modern 'compensation society' means that failure to have insurance would leave the Parish Council with the possibility of having to add it to precept in order to satisfy of a claim. The quote for Public Liability Insurance with Zurich was £83. £100 was agreed to set aside for this purpose.
- c) YLCA Membership. This has proved a valuable tool for providing up to date advice on current and future legislation. £45 set aside for this purpose.
- d) Grass cutting – historically something carried out by NYCC but now the bare minimum is carried out. Blind corners are supposed to be kept clear. Residents very kindly use their own machinery to keep areas tidy and Little Barugh has residents who diligently cut the grass. £100 was set aside to put towards the costs of fuel.
- e) Mr Milner queried whether funds were required for any meetings possibly held at Brawby Village Hall. Mrs Garrett said that in the event that the Golden Lion was busy, the village hall would be used but a Great Barugh resident had kindly offered to sponsor any meetings held elsewhere.

It was unanimously agreed to set the precept at £780 for 2016/2017. Mr Swift queried that the precept had trebled, Mrs Houlston reiterated the requirement that the safety of residents was vital with regards to salt and that it was an important item to budget for, we could not anticipate a sudden and prolonged cold spell. Mr Milner stated that historically a resident of Little Barugh had kindly paid privately for the village supply but the Parish Council felt that not acceptable and it should be a precept item.

8. To finalise a response to the Environment Agency Consultancy.

This is in response to the second consultation held by the EA in respect of the two Environmental permits applied for by Third Energy. The Parish Council had responded to the original consultation but the EA had requested further clarification on certain items from

Third Energy. Mrs Garrett said that the EA were in their documentation 'minded' to approve the permits but were seeking any further additional evidence. The recent high levels of rainfall was raised as a matter of concern with the local flooding, high water levels and high water table. Mr Milner stated that one of the main reasons locals were concerned was due to possible water contamination. As the water at the site would drain on to farmland and into the ditch adjacent to the site which then runs into the Costa Beck and on to the Rivers Rye and Derwent, contamination could be a serious consequence. The question over the sound attenuation barrier was raised as resident of both Little Barugh and Great Barugh had expressed concern over that. Mrs Garrett said the most recent engineering solution was that of one layer of shipping containers with a high acoustic tarpaulin fastened to scaffolding behind. The barrier is still horseshoe shaped with the open end towards Little and Great Barugh, providing very little protection against noise. It was decided to respond to the consultation with regards to concerns regarding groundwater contamination from flooding and the noise barrier.

9. Parish Liaison Meeting and Parish Correspondence

Mrs Houlston provided a report from the Parish Liaison Meeting at Ryedale House.

PARISH LIAISON MEETING - 21/10/15 - Ryedale House

CAVCA

Previously called Ryedale Voluntary Action

Talk by Claire Robinson - Funding/ Development Manager

They support the development of Ryedale communities (charities/community groups etc). They can help with lottery bids and small scale funding.

Service helps people who have been nursed back to health. Once they have left hospital fit and healthy they are given long term support in the home and within the community. Doctors surgeries are starting to realise that CAVCA can be helpful with older regular patients.

They had sent out a request for details of any clubs/groups within communities. Mrs Houlston asked Ian Boyington about activities in the Golden Lion that could be added to the list of activities within the community. Quiz night and dominoes (John Gillies also mentioned that Great Habton Village Hall hold events, Mrs Tetley is the contact)

FIRE SERVICE

Fire Service- consultation for proposed re organisation.

The Union are concerned that the RISK PROFILE will increase due to fracking and the new potash mine.

Also the ever increasing housing developments.

The union believe the reorganisation will have a detrimental impact to public safety.

Tactical response units with 2 firefighters will be deployed. They cannot fight the fire until back up arrives. They can only RISK ACCESS.

YOU ARE TWICE AS LIKELY TO DIE IN A ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENT IN NORTH YORKSHIRE THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN YORKSHIRE.

Proposal that Malton is downgraded to tactical response/mixed crew

Danny Westmorland - Fire Service Management

Propose removal of 1 appliance from Malton.

Tactical response vehicle instead.

Whole time staff would reduce from 12 to 6.

Time delays with mixed crew cover. Delay waiting for retained staff.

Although the consultation is over, they are still discussing proposals with Councillors. It was suggested that any concerned residents could express their views to Val Arnold, who is our local Ryedale Councillor.

Parish Correspondence – a letter had been received from NYCC regarding a flooding database commissioned by the Department for Communities and Local Government, anyone within the Parish that had been subject to flooding could be added to the database.

Meeting concluded at 9.10pm