**Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Great and Little Barugh Parish Council held at Brawby Village Hall**

**on Monday 9th March 2020**

1. To receive apologies for absence

Janet Hagger, Cllr Garrett

Present – Cllr Metcalfe, Cllr Swift, Cllr Houlston, Sue Gough, Ian Boyington, Gillian Boyington, Judy French, Peter French, Suzanne Everett, Liz Hallett, Jan Chapman, Ann Gillies, John Gillies, Adrian Kidson.

1. Minutes and Matters arising
2. To approve the minutes of the Meeting 06.01.20

Approved

1. To consider any matters arising from the meeting on 06.01.20

New fencing erected above water course opposite Oak Lea, Little Barugh.

Cllr Houlston has been to look at the state of the pavement edge at Mr Dalbys garden gate. Looking further up the village there are similar issues with granite sets being removed for utility works and then not replaced but instead tarmacked. Cllr Houlston to put Mr Dalbys on the portal. Cllr Swift highlighted a pothole at Barugh house which will be put on the portal.

KM village hall hire on their website is £15 for the small meeting room. Waiting for confirmation from Edith Collier.

1. Public Session – to allow residents and members of the public to make representations, ask questions and give evidence in respect of any items of business.

No matters to discuss

1. Update on defibrillator and Ryedale District Council decision to keep phone box.

Cllr Swift is in contact with RDC regarding refusal by the council to allow adoption of the phone box in Great Barugh. Cllr Houlston progressing with NYCC the possibility of installing a defibrillator on a post with a link to a Northern Powergrid post in both villages.

1. Potential for The Golden Lion to become a community asset.

Cllr Swift expressed his concern regarding the health issues of Mr and Mrs Boyington and wished them well in the coming months.

Cllr Swift then gave an overview of the current situation with the Golden Lion pub. The pub is closed and will soon be going on the market.

Mr and Mrs Boyington interjected at this point stating the sums of money that they have invested over the years into their business. Members of the community were accused of not supporting the pub and Mr Boyington became agitated with the chair of the Parish Council for which he later apologised.

The pub has significant community value and is the only community asset for both Great and Little Barugh. If the pub is sold as an ongoing business then that would be the end of the matter. On the other hand, if another use is proposed for the building, i.e residential then the community would like the opportunity to buy the pub.

It was unanimously agreed by the Parish Council to submit the Assets of Community Value(ACV1) Nomination Form to Ryedale District Council.

The application seeks to safeguard the building for the community.

1. Discussion re co-option of a councillor.

Taking advice from the YLCA, it was agreed by the council to put up a notice on the two notice boards in the parish advertising for a councillor. RDC will also be informed.

It was agreed to have a deadline for expressions of interest a month from the date the notices go up. Upon receipt of expressions of interest the clerk will check the eligibility of applicants. A meeting will then be held to discuss candidates and vote. The meeting will not be public as this part of the process is not prejudicial to the public interest.

1. To discuss an issue with hunt and a complaint from Little Barugh.

The parish council has received a letter of complaint from a resident of Little Barugh regarding the hunt. The Common ground has been ridden over by the hunt damaging the grassland. Followers in vehicles parking on the soft verges of the common land have made ruts. Also, there was a compliant about the rudeness of some involved with the hunt.

Cllr Houlston stated that in 1997 the parish council became trustees of the common ground in Little Barugh to ensure its future preservation and protection.

It was agreed that Cllr Houlston will contact Tom Roberts, Hunt Master about these issues.

1. Update on Public Rights Of Way

Cllr Houlston declared an interest in one right of way.

The public are making better use of footpaths. Thanks to all concerned for making good the right of way by Mr Milners house.

The footpath from the top of the village which proceeds diagonally towards Little Barugh is missing a finger post. Cllr Swift to pursue.

Where the footpath comes out of the wood in Great Barugh it was agreed that walking around the edge of the field was a good idea. It was stated by Cllr Swift that a margin of 1 metre was left if the field was ploughed. Cllr Swift did not see the need for an official rerouting of the diagonal path.

Cllr Houlston confirmed that the boundary from Mr Houlstons land to Mr Wards land is the responsibility of Mr Ward. Two posts were suggested to mark the crossing point. Livestock escaping could be an issue if a gate is not erected. Electric fence could then be taken along the field boundary to each post.

Access to the riverbank needs defining and the ROW into Mr Tetleys field stops as its exits Mr Kelletts field. Cllr Swift has spoken to Andy Hunter (NYCC) regarding this and Andy believes the footpath was missed off when an audit of paths was carried out in the 1960’s. The path currently stops at our Parish boundary and it is thought it was not identified at the time of the audit by Brawby Parish. There is also some erosion of the river bank over the years. Cllr Swift to pursue issues through NYCC.

It was brought to the councils attention that there are some rails on the footbridge at Brawby needing replacement which could make the bridge dangerous for children to use. Cllr Swift to photograph and put on to parish portal. Cllr Houlston to speak to Mr Garrett about the bridge.

9. Parrish Correspondence

Non to report.

10. It was agreed to hold our next meeting once the deadline for new councillor notice has expired and admin has been completed.

11. AOB

None