**Great and Little Barugh Parish Council.**

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 1st March, 2022

Present: Sarah Houlston,, Richard Hagger, Sue Gough, Richard Metcalfe

1. To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.

Apology received and accepted, from Councillor Swift.

1. To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council’s Code of Conduct or a member’s Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

None received.

2:1 To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensation.

None received.

1. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 9th December, 2021 as a true and accurate record.

Minutes approved.

3:1 To consider matters arising from the meeting held on 9th December, 2021

**VAS**. There is currently a problem with the equipment as it has become permanently stuck on.

VAS was installed on 20th January, 2022. The invoice has been received and paid for as of 28th February 2022. Councillors Houlston, Swift and Gough met with the man who installed it for a brief explanation on how it works. Councillor Swift understood the process well. We will be interested to see the recorded speeds. The sign will be turned round every 3 months.

**ROW**. Councillor Swift was not present to give any updates but has indicated that he has not had time to look into this any further at this time.

Regarding last August’s concerns about access down the side of York House, Councillor Gough as Clerk has sent an email to Andy Hunter, NYCC, regarding contacting the owner, Sarah Bell of Garden Cottage, as her hedge needs cutting to maintain unimpeded access.

**20s Plenty**. There has been a new briefing dated 4.2.22, stating that 82 parishes out of 731 in the county supports the initiative, which is 11%. The national 20sPlenty campaign supports training sessions on the 20th of each month at 8pm. Link provided.

**Salt and grit**. Purchase of a dumpy bag has been made, as agreed. Councillor Swift will fill the bins as soon as he is able.

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.

Letter received from Janet and Richard Hagger regarding the Planning Application for Forge Cottages.

1. To consider and decide upon the following planning application/s:

Planning application No. 21/00794/73, Mr Wagstaff, Forge Cottages.

After answering questions from the councillors present at the meeting, Councillor Hagger withdrew from the proceedings.

The council discussed several items of concern within this application.

Garage. The ridge height of the garage adjacent to The Old Forge has been reduced by 800mm. to 4.4m. and the eaves to 2.2m. The footprint of this garage has also been reduced to the smallest possible for a double garage, all of which the council welcomed.

Balconies. These are now confirmed via an email, as Juliet balconies, with no protruding platform. Again, welcomed by Council.

Distance from boundary fence. We are informed that there is nothing in planning terms regarding a minimum distance.

Sewage disposal. We are informed that the Planning Department, RDC, have written to Yorkshire Water. A very long discussion ensued about access to the existing sewage plant for maintenance, moving of the soakaway, the capability of the existing sewage plant to cope with the considerable increase that would result from what will be 8 toilets, 4 showers, 2 baths and 12 sinks in the new buildings. It was noted that technology has developed considerably since the existing Klargester plant was installed 16 years ago with a capacity to cope with 12 people. Concern regarding run off from the new proposed soakaway was also raised with worries that it would not cope. It is apparent that since the original application for 2no. 2xbedroom cottages, the application has changed considerably with what appears to the council, not enough consideration taken for the disposal of waste water and sewage. Council agreed that a site visit with all the relevant professionals would be useful.

It was agreed that Clerk, Councillor Gough would write our concerns, reiterating our previously stated concerns, to the Planning Department’s Alan Goforth, working with Chairman Councillor Houlston that evening, and send it to arrive the next day.

Councillor Hagger re-joined the meeting.

1. Agenda items.
	1. Election Papers. These were handed out to councillors who were present. Clerk will deliver papers to Councillor Swift on return from a trip. Deadline for delivery of nomination papers is 4pm, Tuesday 5th April, by appointment, to RDC. The election has been brought forward by one year to align with the proposed changes to other North Yorkshire councils.
	2. Gateway signs, Councillor Swift to contact Glasdon regarding the current quote. Andrew Santon, of NYCC has sent through information about alternative sign suppliers, for us to consider. Councillor Swift will approach them. Colin Douthwaite have confirmed that siting of the signs will be of no issue provided they are on verges and the size is acceptable.
	3. Queen’s Green Canopy. Queen’s Jubilee. Our suggestion about planting a Spinny of trees on the common at Little Barugh is agreed as a good way to mark the Jubilee. Council has contacted Colin Douthewait, RDC, on 18th February 2022, regarding this and there are no permissions needed because the council is the trustee of the common. We need to use our common sense regarding tree choice and impact on the highway.

Queen’s Jubilee. We have no public amenity in which to hold any celebrations. It has been agreed as above, that the planting of a Spinny with accompanying planting of trees where possible, in Great Barugh will be an appropriate way to celebrate. A community picnic to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee with residents bringing their own food, getting together at the site in Little Barugh is considered a lovely way to do this.

Councillor Metcalfe will contact Michael Ward owner of the land adjacent to the verge proposed for planting in Great Barugh regarding how the hedge is cut to ensure any trees planted would not be damaged.

This will be covered by the PC’s public liability insurance.

It was agreed that October is the best time to plant the trees. The chosen areas will need some pre-planting work and maintenance afterwards. Councillors Hagger and Gough have offered to help with this.

It was agreed that a leaflet/letter will be sent out to residents outlining the proposal and asking residents to volunteer to help with planting and maintenance. A date and time during the 4-day weekend in June was proposed as the picnic day and the Friday afternoon, at 2pm was agreed. It was also proposed that we could have a plant stall to raise funds for the BCG Defibrillator fund could be included. The BCG have kindly offered use of their gazebo. Included on the leaflet will be the Queen’s Green Canopy logo and give residents that are not currently on the PC mailing list the opportunity to be included.

* 1. Dog Waste Bins. Locations to be decided and agreed with RDC Streetscene as discussed with Colin Douthwaite on 18th February,2022. Councillor Hagger has agreed to undertake reconnaissance for suitable locations.
	2. Mineral and Joint Waste Plan. NYCC adopted the plan on 16th February 2022. The plan covers the years 2015 – 2030. The following key principles survived:

Definition of fracking – fracturing of rock under hydraulic pressure, regardless of the volume of fracture fluid.

3.5 km zone around national parks and AONBs.

500m distance between homes and well pads.

Limits of density of well pads.

Opponents have 6 weeks to lodge a legal challenge.

Our Parish Council welcome the survival of these principals because it gives added protection to all residents.

1. Parish Correspondence

The new council for North Yorkshire: An update on progress towards a new single council for North Yorkshire. Sent out to all councillors.

Notification of a meeting with Zoe Metcalfe, the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner on 26th May, 2022, 6.30 – 7.45pm. Zoom link included.

Breakthrough communications – facebook. From YLCA admin., with notification of a training opportunity on 25th March; How to engage effectively with younger people in your community. £40 per delegate for the whole day, full details available on the web site.

YLCA remote conference 25th March see above. Various sessions available, which were read out. More info: email admin@yorkhshirelca.gov.uk for a booking form.

Request from John Harris of Walking England to send an article on walking to a local newspaper. It was decided to add this to our own newsletter.

YLCA agenda and minutes of the Ryedale Branch of YLCA held via Zoom on Tuesday 5th October, 2021, 7pm.

Email from Anne Inskip re: volunteering at Castle Howard. Included a letter/poster to residents. Clerk will put on noticeboards.

Meeting closed at approximately 8.45 pm