

EMBSAY WITH EASTBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th February 2020, 7:30pm in the Village Institute Main Street, Embsay.

PRESENT: Chair Cllr Benjamin, Vice-Chair Cllr Hill, Cllr's Brian Shuttleworth, Vince Smith, Tom Lovatt, Robert Stead, Andrew Ayrton.

Also, in Attendance: The Parish Clerk and 5 members of the public. Guest Nathan Clayton

Welcome: Chair welcomed everyone for their attendance - opened the meeting.

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Councillor Kirkbride and County Councillor Quinn
- 2. DECLARATION OF ANY PERSONAL/FINANCIAL INTERESTS:** None
- 3. APPLICATION FOR ANY DISPENSATIONS:** None.
- 4. GUEST SPEAKER – NATHAN CLAYTON – YORKSHIRE WATER**

- Mr Clayton gave an update on the issue, previously raised by a resident, that sewerage spillage is still occurring on Brackenley Drive and that further damage has occurred in the form of a partial road collapse due to heavy lorries and adverse weather conditions. This has now resulted in contamination of the Beck.
- Mr Clayton is employed by Yorkshire Water as a Reactive Team Leader in this area. It has been a long process of investigation which started in early May 2019 consisting of excavation of the sewer and sinkhole on Brackenley Drive, including the void beneath the sewer which is adding to the problem.
- As a result of this initial investigation works took place to remove root mass, insert a sleeve in the sewer pipe and as a result this has improved to an 80% flow rate.
- Further investigation will need to take place with emphasis on the dip in the road due to the void. This is for the NYCC Highway Department to deal with.
- This is a complex issue when seeking a possible solution. One option would be to seal the manhole although the risk is that this could result in forcing the overflow elsewhere. Heavy rainfall over the winter makes it difficult to identify any natural spring or runoff water entering the pipeline and further proactive investigations will take place in the summer, which may indicate a further problem or a possible solution.

Cllr Smith asked, for clarification on Mr Clayton's role in this investigation and if all the data was logged with Yorkshire Water Head Office?

Mr Clayton confirmed that this will be an ongoing process and all information and data gathered will be on YW internal systems.

Cllr Hill asked, if the existing drainage infrastructure is sufficient to deal with the numerous new housing developments taking place in Embsay?

Mr Clayton confirmed that the 9" pipelines had enough capacity to deal with larger towns, so these are ample in this area. Many new developments have holding capacity tanks for sewage, surface water, springs, watercourses etc. The tank contents are released at specific intervals to ease the flow.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

Questions to Mr Clayton were then open to the public.

Q1 My house is the lowest of a bank of 6 on Brackenley Drive and over the weekend the sewage pipe backed up and overflowed into my garage. I did report it to Yorkshire Water and they attended. Investigation showed a blockage and once cleared and flushed the level reduced.

Mr Clayton replied that there had been exceptionally heavy rainfall and, also, the probability was that the housing developer when building the 6 houses had put in a link from all 6 converging into one outlet at the lowest level. This means that blockages will end up at this one-point dependant on what people flush down their toilet. (baby wipes) etc.

Q2 Repairs to the sewage pipe on Brackenley Drive have resulted in the road collapsing again.

Mr Clayton replied that the original investigation showed that in fact the pipe had slipped - resulting in the spillage. The reason the pipe slipped was due to the erosion of the ground beneath the pipeline. The workmen packed up the void as best they could, but NYCC Highways Department own the ground. An additional culvert that runs to one particular property is also causing the dip in the road. Reactive investigations are ongoing and will be passed to Highways for the road repairs and to identify ownership.

Cllr Shuttleworth asked Q1 If prior to recent events had there been any similar incidents?

Q1 replied, not since 1981 – the recent problem resulted in the level under the manhole to raising by 2-3 feet.

Mr Clayton responded that it was probably due to the excessive rainfall over the whole district, not just on Embsay.

Cllr Smith asked, who at Yorkshire Water looks at or comments on planning developers' applications, in terms of adequate drainage, run off etc.

Mr Clayton replied, Yorkshire Water Development Department deal with Service Water Control.

Cllr Shuttleworth suggested that the pipeline gradient on Brackenley Drive was not sufficient to allow self-clearing and Yorkshire Water should perhaps look to improving this.

Mr Clayton replied, investigations showed the gradient was borderline, but he would undertake a levelling investigation in the next few weeks.

The Chairman thanked Mr Clayton for his time and his report on this important issue.

Other Questions Raised

Q3 asked the Clerk if his email regarding the flood level marker had been circulated to members and could this question be raised again with Highways. He also asked about his telephone report regarding flooding on Low Lane.

The Clerk confirmed that the email had been received by all members and will be on the March Agenda. The flooding had been reported on the Parish Portal to NYCC, and both issues will be raised with Highways at a meeting on 26th February 2020.

6. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

The last Ordinary Parish Council Meeting was held on the 13th November 2019. The minutes of this meeting had been circulated previously.

Approved and Signed

7. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

7.1 County Councillor Quinn via The Clerk – A training/information session on the role of Area 5 Highways will take place on Wednesday 26th February 2020 at 10am. This will be attended by The Clerk, Cllr Smith and Cllr Hill.

7.2 District Councillor Shuttleworth – Points raised:

- Detailed application for the land being developed on Shires Lane (Locally known as the Dukes field) which was approved on appeal will be brought before the Craven District Planning Committee next Tuesday the 18th February 1:30 at the Council Offices in Skipton. The Parish Council will be making representation. Any member of the public wishing to speak on the application can do so by contacting CDC (Vicky Davis) or just attend, as this is an open meeting. Cllr Shuttleworth commented that the short notice was not acceptable and that he would be raising this at the Planning Committee, as to the reason why.
- The other planning application recently received was the Football Pitch and drainage on Shires Lane as part of the 106 agreement with R N Wooler & Co Ltd

- He had attended a meeting which looked at the Craven District Emergency Plans. He had noted that there was no mention of an Embsay with Eastby plan – and asked if one was in place.
- The Clerk replied that there was a draft plan but that this had not yet been formally approved by the PC for submission to CDC. This will be added to the March agenda for discussion.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

8.1 Planning Updates – Circulated

8.2 The Responses – Clerk Verbal Report – on applications submitted and responded to

2019/21258/TCA	ELM TREE SQUARE	T1 CHERRY THIN OUT- CROWN LIFT	No Objection
C/26/180D	FELSDIE GRANGE EXTENSIONS	PORCH N&S WINDOW/ROOF LIGHTS	Objection
C/26/800	BRACKENLEY AVE	TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION	No Objection
C/26/50W	STONEBECK HOUSE	KIRK LANE ERECTION OF SUNROOM	No Objection
C/26/180D	FELSDIE GRANGE	AMENDMENTS	No Objection
2020/21348/FUL	FOOTBALL PTICH	SHIRES LANE – LEVEL	
2020/21418/TPO	6 KIRK LANE -	TREES	No Objection
2019/20654/REM	SHIRES LANE	MODIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENT	P.COM 18/02/20

9. REPORTS FROM LEAD MEMBERS, COUNCIL WORKING PARTIES AND OUTSIDE BODIES.

9.1 Village Maintenance Report – Cllr Benjamin – points raised:

- **Embsay Beck:** The Environment Agency had inspected the ‘shoal’ under the bridge by the Cavendish and the Mill – following concerns raised by residents. The EA informed Cllr Benjamin that there is no immediate risk of flooding. The EA will write to the riparian owners asking them to remove any debris. The Parish Council is the riparian owner of the beck side by Millholme Bridge. The Clerk has written to the farmer asking for the removal of fencing currently in the beck. Cllr Lovatt will arrange for volunteers to clear any remaining debris and install new fencing.
- **Trees:** Cllr Lovatt has obtained a quote from Ian Piper to remove an Ash Tree. This will require TPO permission. Other trees on Millholme need trimming as they are interfering with telephone wires. TPO applications will be made by Ian Piper if the quote is approved. Other low branch trimming will be done by volunteers.
- **Verges** – particularly Dalacres Drive, Dalacres Crescent and East Lane. Following several complaints from residents on Dalacres including an area under CDC control (this was passed to district Cllr Shuttleworth and raised with CDC, but he has had no response as yet.)
- A complaint from 4 Dalacres was reported to NYCC who say damage to this verge is not within their criteria to repair. Regarding an issue with damaged footpaths – the owner was advised to contact NYCC directly and copy in County Councillor Gill Quinn. Evidence of a tanker driving over the verge was referred by the resident to the police. The Parish Council has written to the Dairy concerned regarding the verge damage. Police Sergeant Evans is intending to convene a meeting with the Dairy, Highways, Yorkshire Water and the Parish Council to seek possible solutions to this ongoing problem. The Police would like the proposed meeting to take place prior to any further discussion with residents.
- The Parish Council has written to residents on Dalacres Drive, Crescent and the corner of East Lane asking for co-operation to protect verges and advising them of the obligations of any contractors.
- NYCC asset management own the verges. The Parish Council is contracted to cut the grass – with a small cash contribution from NYCC. The Parish Council can support residents in complaints to NYCC.
- Eastby Sign has been damaged in the high winds this will be reported to NYCC **Clerk to Action ...**

A resident on Dalacres Crescent raised the point that the Yorkshire Water Tanker driver has, in past asked them to move their car to allow him to pass safely, occasionally at 3am. However, farmer’s tractors with trailers speed down and cut the corner running over the verge. Added to this are the school run parents, many in 4x4’s, parking on the verges.

Chairman assured the resident that all this information will be passed to Police Sargent Evans and raised on the resident’s behalf.

9.2 Volunteers

- Suggestions had been put forward for 'flood wardens' to check out suspect drains etc when prior notice of heavy rain is forecasted. This is more specific than general ask of parishioners to clear leaves.

The Clerk replied this had been discussed previously and had been written into the Emergency Plan.

9.3 Road Safety Report – Cllr Smith – points raised:

- A meeting will take place at the School on the 26th February at 7pm and residents of Pasture Road and West Lane will receive an invitation to attend and give their thoughts on a more formal one way system and the possibility of a 20mph speed limit being put in place.
- An update regarding owners of verge parking on West Lane indicates that the vehicle seems to have been moved, but an uneven mound of wood chippings still remains.

9.4 Speedwatch Report - Cllr Hill – Report circulated since last meeting - points raised:

- *The Community Speedwatch Team volunteers have deployed on five occasions on Skipton Road for one hour between 11.30am and 12.30 since the last PC meeting as follows:-*
 - 04.12.19 303 vehicles - 6 reported (5 @ 36mph, 1 @ 40mph) 14% exceeded 30mph limit.*
 - 16.12.19. 255 vehicles - 6 reported (2 @ 36, 1 @ 37, 2 @ 41, 1 @ 42) 17% exceeded 30mph limit.*
 - 10.01.20. 318 vehicles - 3 reported (2 @ 36, 1 @ 37) 12% exceeded 30mph limit*
 - 20.01.20. 240 vehicles - 5 reported (2 @ 38, 2 @39, 1 @ 40) 7% exceeded 30mph limit.*

9.5 Nature Reserve Report – Cllr Lovatt points raised:

- Beck side of the Nature Reserve: a large contaminated Ash tree needs to be removed. Quotes have been received.
- The farmer has removed the gates from the beck and repairs will be undertaken to keep the sheep and cattle from accessing Millholme, along with reinstating the flood gate from the wall end to the bridge. This will be undertaken by Cllr Lovatt and the Nature Reserve volunteers. Residents have advised that children use this to enter the beck and have built a swing under the bridge.

The Clerk stated that this would be a Health and Safety issue under the Parish Council's duty of care.

Cllr Lovatt informed members that he had looked at the area map which indicates this is Parish Council property.

Clerk suggested repairs take place asap and that signs indicating a safety hazard are displayed.

9.6 Recreation Ground – Cllr Stead reported that The Friends have received a grant of £200 from Bibby's Coach Company towards the picnic bench. Leaves have been removed and thanks to Mr & Mrs Batchelor for continuing to keep the sandpit area clean and tidy. Cllr Benjamin had no updated information on the Sports England bid.

9.7 Communication & IT –Cllr Stead – Nothing to Report.

The Clerk had received a complaint from a local resident after posting a request for information on Emsbay Update. In the past the Parish Council had previously discussed this as a suitable communication tool for providing information to parishioners, such as Road Closures, Notices, and Public Announcements.

The Chairman informed members that the incident in question was regarding a car that had been left in the Car Park over a two-week period, preventing the contractor completing work on trimming

trees due to possible damage to the vehicle. The Clerk posted had request for the owner to move their car, so work could continue. The Clerk was informed the owner was on holiday but would be back soon. The Clerk forwarded this information to the contactor who continued the work once the car had been moved. The complaint came from another resident who felt aggrieved at this posting on social media. The Chair asked members if they were still happy for the Clerk to use Embsay Update in future.

All Agreed.

9.8 Fair Trade- No Report

Village Institute – Cllr Hill – Submitted a written report on the meeting between Village Institute Management Representatives and legal support and the Parish Council Representatives which took place on the 5th February 2020. The main point of discussion was the level of insurance cover and the Valuers’ Personal Indemnity provision. The Parish Council requested sight of documentation and are waiting on the response from the next Village Institute Meeting. At the moment the issues have not been resolved.

9.9 Car Park - Bring Bins Cllr Stead - Points raised

- Trees in the Car Park have now all been trimmed and look tidy.
- Bring bin collection has been excellent over the Christmas period. No overflow of any recycling. However, there is still some evidence of Trade Waste being dumped, so vigilance is required. Previous action seems to have been successful.
- War Memorial Garden – Cllr Smith – Nothing to report.

10. PC ADMINISTRATION.

10.1 Approve Purchase of 3rd Defibrillator for village use situated at the Cavendish Arms subject to permission Approx. Initial cost £2000.00 **Proposed DH Seconded JLB Approved**

10.2 Approve Grant Request for Allotment Association Path Repairs £150 **Proposed AA Seconded BS Approved**

10.3 Approve Tree Cutting Quotes £480 & £100 = £580 **Proposed TL Seconded AA Approved**

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS Clerk detailed invoiced report for January were circulated:

11.1 Monthly Expenditure & Bank Reconciliation – November (£1724.77) December (£521.81) January 2020 (£2504.24) (Circulated) **Approved**

11.2 Monthly Expenditure/Bank Reconciliation – Nov/Dec 2019 & Jan 2020 (Circulated) **Approved**

11.3 Qtr. 3 Report Submitted - Showing a balance of (14537.16) **Approved**

12. REPORT OF THE PARISH CLERK - report circulated - no questions raised

12.1 Complaints – Verges x 4 – Letters circulated to **All** members

12.2 YCLCA New website available to all Councillors Details circulated.

13. POLICIES & PROCEDURES REVIEWS – Approval of Statutory Documents

Disciplinary Policy Updates
Grievance Policy Update

Approved and Signed Chair & Vice Chair
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Diary Dates:- 26th February Area 5

Meeting closed at:- 9.15pm

The next Parish Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 11th March 2020 Starting at 7:30pm

Venue: Village Institute, Main Street, Embsay. Contact Parish Clerk: Gillian Alcock [Tel:07414850766](tel:07414850766) or Email:Alcockg@hotmail.co.uk