

EMBSAY WITH EASTBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 14th February 2024, 7:30pm at the Village Institute.

PRESENT: Chair: Cllr Judith Benjamin, Cllrs Vince Smith, Ann Briggs, Brian Shuttleworth. Paul Peppiate, David Hill, Andrew Ayrton.

Also, in Attendance: The Parish Clerk C. Cllr Noland

Members of the Public: 2

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Hill offered Cllr Kirkbride's messaged apologies.
2. **DECLARATION OF ANY PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL INTERESTS:** NONE
3. **APPLICATION FOR ANY DISPENSATIONS:** None.
4. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING & MATTERS ARISING**

The last Ordinary Parish Council Meeting was held on the 8th November 2023

The minutes of this meeting had been circulated previously.

Approved and signed.

Cllr Hill asked why it had taken 97 days to receive these minutes?

The Clerk replied that the last Draft Minutes were published on the PC website in November last year. This was the first meeting of 2024 and the meeting documents were circulated to all members 3 full days before this meeting - in accordance with procedures.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr Haspell asked what the current position on the football pitch was - but as this was an item on the Agenda he would wait to hear the report first. He referred to an email sent to himself and the Clerk, at approx. 2pm by Cllr Noland although members of the PC had not had sight of this email.

6. REPORT COUNTY COUNCILLOR NOLAND: reported hat:

1. **Housing consultation 6 by YDNPA-** The Planning Working Group met on Weds Feb 7 to discuss the 'less' controversial proposals with all going through for final consultation. The following meeting(s) will discuss the more disputed sites that include Threshfield/Grassington, Embsay/Eastby etc. with a public consultation on the final list of sites sent out by the end of March 2024 to be voted on by YDNPA in June 2024.

The YDNPA target is 50 dwellings p.a. by 2040 = 850. Less 100 built in 2023, less 370 permissions in place, leaving 380. Adding 50% as YDNP's buffer makes 570 to decide on. The Weds 7th Feb meeting discussed half this number leaving about 300 to come from the remaining, more contentious sites.

Cllr Shuttleworth asked if these meetings were open to the Public?

County Councillor Noland answered these were not official meetings, rather working party discussions that would be brought before the full Committee therefore, it was not open to public attendance. He also stated that it is recognised that Grassington / Embsay sites are difficult sites to assess. Cllr Peppiate asked that he be able to inform the Action Group - which was agreed.

2. **Buses-** C Cllr Noland had previously lobbied NYC for more support for services between Embsay and Skipton and has been politely turned down but with possible HS2 monies and Councils receiving a bit more Bus funding He is waiting for a response from NYC on a feasibility study to run a bus into town earlier than 8.30 am, and one returning later than 4.30 pm.
3. There will be a **change to waste services**. The most likely result will be NYC adopting the Selby model i.e. a three-weekly Blue & Green bin collection. NYC needs to increase its recycling rate and this model has proved successful. Long term (2043 at latest but hopefully sooner) NYC will be offering waste food collections.

4. **‘Traffic calming’ measures at the Shires Lane junction.** C Cllr Noland is conducting a “vigorous discussion” about this with Planning in support of Cllr Vince Smith who raised this. No such measures are promised although the Planning documents are clear that they should. A pedestrian path down the lane and parking being offered instead.
5. **Change to school bus funding.** The Conservative majority led NYC has offered all councillors an enormous range of measures to save money. One is to reduce the £42million school transport bill. Children will now only be offered transport to their nearest school and smaller buses/large taxis used which means that children who paid for spare seats on school transport could lose their place and have to find an alternative. This will affect a number of children in the division of Skipton N and EWE.
6. **Council Tax is unfortunately likely to rise** by the maximum rate possible, 4.99%. Councils all over the UK struggle because of reduced funding from central government, particularly over the cost of adult social care.

No other questions raised.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

7.1 Planning Updates – Circulated

7.2 Recommendations: - (Pending since last meeting).

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| • C/26/51A YDNP 2 PASTURE ROAD CONVERSION OF BARN TO DWELLINGM | NO OBJECTION |
| • ZA23/25510/VAR NYC PLOT 29&30 WEST SHIRES LANE GARAGE TO BEDROOM NYC | OBJECTION APPROVED |
| • C/26/790C YDNP 26 BRACKENLEY DRIVE ERECTION OF PORCH | NO OBJECTION |
| • C/26/674B YDNP GROUSE COTTAGE PASTURE ROAD FLUE & GLAZED DOORS SOUTH ELEVATION | NO OBJECTION |
| • C/26/817 YDNP 8 DALES AVE 2 STOREY REAR/SIDE EXTENSION GRARAGE CONVERSION/PORCH ROOF | OBJECTION |
| • ZA24/25641/HH NYC 38 EAST LANE FIRST FLOOR EXTENSION & BALCONY | OBJECTION- APPROVED NYC |

7.3 Wooler meeting update - Football Pitch BS

Cllr Shuttleworth gave an update on his meeting with the developer (R N Wooler Ltd) regarding the provision of football pitch/es on the Shires Lane site - as the developer’s contribution to meet the terms of the planning consent.

Gareth Wooler advised that the club had been offered a 25yr lease on the pitch(es) and Woolers were happy to make a contribution of c.£47K towards the costs necessary to meet expected standards.

Unfortunately, at present, there appears to be an ‘impasse’ between the developer and the Embsay Juniors Football Club. Whilst negotiations are ongoing Embsay Junior Football Club are understood to be in discussion to enter into a 2yr agreement with Skipton Town Council to use an alternative ground at the top of Raikes, in Skipton.

Meanwhile, Cllr Shuttleworth is attempting to liaise with the NYC Sports Development Officer, the Planning Department, and the developer in order to reach a mutual solution.

Cllr Smith asked if the football club would still want to use the Shires Lane Football Club?
Cllr Benjamin replied that the senior football club members were positively wanting to use it.
Cllr Ayrton stated that Woolers will own the land and any pitches would be leased.

Members suggested that if the impasse is not resolved soon, it would be discussed more fully at a future meeting. In the meantime, Cllr Shuttleworth will continue to try and arrange meetings with the developer, the Sports Officer and planning.

7.4 YDNP Meeting Feedback JLB

Cllr Benjamin updated members on a meeting with Katherine Wood Senior Planning Officer at YDNPA. Attended by herself, Cllr Smith and Cllr Peppiate. The meeting was called to clarify the consultee role and the officer delegation role. This meeting highlighted the YDNPA views on what should be included in responses. Moving forward this has led to pre-application discussion with the PC being recommended by the planning officers, and Enforcement officers site visits.

Cllr Ayrton asked if a letter could be sent to Mr John Edwards to clear the gully on his land to stop flooding on to Kirk Lane. This could be from the YDNP Enforcement team or from the PC initially.

**AA to provide details
/Clerk to Action.**

8. REPORT OF THE PARISH CLERK (Clerk Admin report circulated)

Cllr Peppiate informed members that the East Lane paving slabs had now been fixed. **Resolved**
Cllr Benjamin informed members that the gullies around the villages have been cleared before Christmas including Kirk Lane.

Resolved

Cllr. Ayrton Informed members he had arranged for the hedges and saplings to be cut back on Kirk Lane. **Resolved**

No further questions.

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

9.1 Village Maintenance – JLB reported:

- Discussion with Grass Cutting Contactor regarding strimming of **if** the grass verge from Embsay entrance to the Railway bridge has been agreed on an “as and when needed” basis
- Meeting for volunteers: deferred.
- Bench repairs – Brow Bench number (16) Completed. Eastby Bend Bench Number (17) ongoing. Low Lane Bench Number (21) ongoing.
- It is Intended that a bench inspection will take place to identify any necessary repairs, removals, or replacements needed.
These will then be added to the PC Website Mapping. **JLB/DH/PP to Action.**

9.2 Road Safety/ Speed-watch – VS/DH – Speed watch - Nothing to Report.

- Cllr Smith reported that as a result of continued investigation NY Highways attempts to cancel the Planning Inspector’s condition for traffic calming measures at the junction of East Lane and Shires Lane. he had been informed that the analysis of the 20mph application is ongoing and it is anticipated to be completed by the end of February 2024. Following that, options will be shared with the Parish Council and County Councillor Noland hopefully by Easter. The parishioners will be updated via the PC Website and the Embsay Eastby Post.

9.3 Nature Reserve – Nothing to Report

9.4 Allotment BS Following concerns by members of the Allotment committee regarding Wooler’s approaching them to repair the Boundary Wall and possible erection of a privacy screen to the adjoining houses Cllr Shuttleworth had met with Gareth Wooler to clarify matters. The Allotment land is leased by the Parish Council from the Chatsworth Estate for community use, under a 10year lease. Therefore, any boundary changes will need to be approved by the Estate Manager and CEO. Subsequently, the Parish Council could not approve or disapprove any changes until Mr Wooler contacts the Estate Office.

Cllr Briggs informed members that any high fencing above the wall would not stand up to high winds. These would also cause concern to the allotment members with polytunnels as they would restrict the light on the allotment growing areas.

9.5 Recreation Ground – JLB reported.

- Mark Walters has informed the PC that due to ongoing difficulties recruiting new trustees, the Friends of the Recreation Ground Charity will be dissolved. Any remaining funds and assets will be transferred to the PC, after the final audit takes place. Update will be at the March PC meeting.
- The Clerk reported that the Annual Inspection had been booked but no date finalised, as yet.

9.6 Village Institute/FairTrade -SK sent a written report via the Clerk.

- Fairtrade is 30 years old this year. The group will be organising a special event in the villages to celebrate this involving the local school and community.
- Fairtrade fortnight this year will be held in September.
- The local paper shop/ post office now sells a wide variety of locally made Whitaker's chocolates plus, soon, Fairtrade wines.

Village institute. The Jazz afternoon held in January was very well attended.

The committee have organised several events for the villages throughout the year.

- Spring Litter Pick will take place on Saturday 23rd March. Meeting as usual in the main car park at 10:00

9.7 Communication – PP – Informed members of the Training Courses he had attended.

- Attended Keane Duncan tour in Embsay where 7 people turn up 3 of which were Councillors. Questions raised covered Bus Service and Potholes. Three people attended at Eastby 2 of which were Councillors.
- Feelings of the PC was that the lack of response was due to poor communication to the residents from Mr Duncan's Communications office.

10. PC ADMINISTRATION (Proposals)

10.1 Deferred vote on PC Support -

1. Support the request to NYC to stop use of Glyphosate.
2. Support the delay in spraying in the parish until NYC decide on policy.
3. Support continued use until an alternative weed control can be found.

Option.3 Vote Carried by show of hands 5/7.

RESOLVED JLB to Action

10.2 Grit Bin Request Eastby – Cost £120 + VAT. **Proposed AB Seconded PP All Agreed**

Clerk to Action

Cllr Hill Asked where it would be situated, and would it be a safe position?

Cllr Briggs Replied the position would be on waste roadside land close to her property with easy access for anyone wishing to use it.

10.3 Repair of Recreation Picnic table. Cost £195 + VAT. JLB

Cllr Hill expressed his view that this was an unnecessary expense as the size of the table gave ample room for people to use safely. Cllr Shuttleworth felt swapping like for like would not prevent a further repair cost in the future. Other councillors had not seen the damage and would make an effort to inspect before the next meeting vote deferred until March meeting.

Deferred

10.4 Proposal to Support Housing Survey. VS Cllr Smith circulated a report from a meeting attended by himself, Cllrs Benjamin, Shuttleworth, Briggs and Peppiate with Andrew Curruthers Rural Housing Enabler. Request to members to Support NYC to progress with a survey to establish demand for affordable housing within the Parish. It was noted that the possible development on Brackenley Lane (YDNP) would not be connected to any within NYC's planning remit. Agreed that the PC would support the survey but reserved the right to object to any future application should it think fit.

Proposed VS Seconded JLB All Agreed.

VS/Clerk to Action

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS (Detailed Invoices approved for payment circulated)

11.1 Monthly Expenditure & Bank Reconciliation **November £4759.75, December £1332.92, January 2024 £1463.72.**

Approved & Signed

12. POLICIES & PROCEDURES REVIEWS – Staff Evaluation – Financial Regulations.

Item for discussion - Request from Mr Midgley to replace the bench in Milking Wood. A discussion took place and members concluded that as the original bench was purchased and maintained by a family, it would not be replaced by the Parish Council.

Practical solutions to grass verge damage. After some discussion members decided that the best solution would be to use bollards at the most damaged corner splays to discourage wagons driving over them. The Clerk and Cllr Hill would make some enquires into finding suitable fittings and report back to members at the next meeting.

Cllr Shuttleworth stated that the kerbs etc on Shires Lane remain hazardous and he would be writing to both Highways and enforcement on this matter. Unfortunately, there is no time limit on the sequence of completion.

Meeting closed at: - 9:15pm

Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on the 13th March 2024 at 7:30 Venue: Village Institute Embsay. Contact Parish Clerk: Gillian Alcock Tel:07414850766 or Email: Alcockg@hotmail.co.uk

Chair Signature



Date. 14/02/2024