

EMBSAY WITH EASTBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th September 2023, 7:30pm at the Village Institute.

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

Also, in Attendance: The Parish Clerk

Members of the Public: 1

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Stella Kirkbride, Cllr Paul Peppiate
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 14th June 2023

The Clerk informed members MH Landscapes had been appointed on 17/07/2023

The minutes of this meeting had been circulated previously.

Approved and signed.

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Mrs Barbara Kipling gave some background information to support tem 9.1 of this meeting.

The Embsay with Eastby Environmental Action Group will be lobbying NYCC to stop the use of Glyphosate being used on the verge spraying. The spraying takes place in June and September every year. Between 70-80 Local Authorities have already banned the use of this product. The group agreed to write to Area 5 highways and Julian Smith MP and have taken a parish petition of 50 signatures. The group believe alternative, more environmentally friendly options are available and will continue to campaign.

The Chair thanked Mrs Kipling for her comments. The members will look at the proposal later in the meeting. Mrs Kipling reported that she had been notified by Area 5 that the September spray had been postponed.

6. **REPORTS COUNTY COUNCILLOR NOLAND:** raised the following points.

- **Corner Fields crossing and path.** – C. Cllr Noland reported that in spite of his protests the work has gone ahead and is ongoing to remove grass verges, lay tarmac for a couple of hundred metres and install fencing. C. Cllr Noland feels that this is unnecessary, unattractive, a waste of money and will suburbanise the path. He believes it to be unpopular with residents and will also worsen flooding because rain will rush into the gutter instead of being held by the soil. The work will take up to four more weeks so there is the inconvenience from that as well.
- The Chair requested that the cycle route towards Skipton into the estate be better signed.
- **20 mph for EWE.** In the light of the 20mph zone to be enacted around several schools in Harrogate, as well as the promise from (Mayoral candidate) Keane Duncan that he is listening to residents. C. Cllr Noland questioned whether the Parish Council think it a good time to re-apply for the 20 mph in Embsay and Eastby?

Cllr Smith informed the County Councillor that the Parish Council Application is still live and ongoing.

- **Embsay Juniors FC at Raikes recreation ground** -although not all players live in Embsay, a few do and the club is based there. C. Cllr Noland recently chaired a meeting between members of the club, Skipton Town Council (of which he is an elected member) and residents of Raikes/Rockwood who use the recreation ground for walking, play, relaxation and dog walking,

The aim was to resolve residents' concerns and if that was possible, to allow the temporary use of the recreation ground, subject to a written agreement with clear responsibilities. A further meeting is scheduled for the end of September.

Cllr Shuttleworth expressed his concerns on rumours circulating that R N Wooller had promised a football facility in Embsay- when in fact the land had been leased to the football club to develop themselves.

C.Cllr Noland responded that the Embsay Juniors were asking to use the Raikes ground for 2-3 years until their pitch was up to the Football Association standard.

- **Housing consultation 6-** C. Cllr Noland reported that he had attended an YDNP Housing consultation Local Plan Advisory Group meeting that day. The aim of the group is to agree to the any proposals. There has definitely been some concern expressed about the pressure 119 new houses would put on Embsay, (EMB 2&3) recognition that the village is still absorbing the 100 or so houses c/o CDC, and whether or not this meets the original aims of this consultation. The attendees discussed what numbers might be acceptable - there being around 750 in total across the Dales, significantly reducing the number planned for Embsay to a proportional allocation of 42 rather than 119.

The Devonshire Group are eager to sell the land to YDNPA for development as part of the Vision Document Plan. The group also discussed the possibility of the 72 pupils who are currently attending Embsay Primary School from Skipton vacating places for more local children.

Cllr Ayrton Pointed out that C.Cllr Noland and colleagues had not taken into account the existing numbers of children who had to be accommodated in school from the Shires Lane development. Cllr Ayrton also asked whether individual development would be counted in the overall plan from YDNPA?

C.Cllr Noland replied that these would be classed as Windfall Sites and would not be counted. There is however, a possible site in Eastby that would accommodate 9/10 houses if a developer could be found.

Cllr Smith suggested that, in his view, that was unlikely as 50% would have to be social housing and developers would not be looking at numbers less than 25 homes.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

7.1 Planning Updates – Circulated

7.2 Recommendations: - (Pending since last meeting.

ZA23/25097/TCA	NYC	30 MAIN STREET EMBSAY	REMOVAL OF PINE TREE	NO OBJECTION Approved
ZA23/24802HH	NYC	12 BARDEN ROAD EASTBY	REMOVE STORE CONSTRUCTION, FOR EXTRA LIVING SPACE	NO OBJECTION
2023/24803/LBC	NYC	12 BARDEN ROAD EASTBY	REMOVE WORKSHOP/OUTBUILDING NEW GARAGE/OUT B	NO OBJECTION
C26/789A	YDNP	14 ROCKVILLE DRIVE	INTERNAL ALTERATIONS, AIR PUMP OUTBUILINGS	OBJECTION
ZA23/25087/HH	NYC	GREENFIELD HOUSE LOW LANE	DRIVEWAY AND PATHWAY WITH COBBLE PAVING A	NO OBJECTION Approved
ZA23/25088/LBC	NYC	GREENFIELD HOUSE LOW LANE	DRIVEWAY AND PATHWAY WITH COBBLE PAVING	NO OBJECTION Approved
ZA23/25070/HH	NYC	18 WEST LANE EMBSAY	FOUR STOREY SIDE EXTENTION ACCESS AND DRIVEWAY	OBJECTION Approved
ZA23/25146/HH	NYC	9 SHIRES LANE EMBSAY	REAR EXTENSION	OBJECTION Approved

Chair informed members that notification had just been received that both applications for 12 Barden Road had now been approved.

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

8.1 Village Maintenance – points raised by Cllr Benjamin

- Grass cutting: As the original contractor was unable to fulfil his obligations a new contractor was appointed and the first cut was on 25th July. Thanks to Millholme residents who cut the grass in that area whilst the contract was in 'limbo' A revised cutting map has been obtained from NYC, shown to and discussed with the contractor. Yorkshire Housing is still responsible for its own cutting.

Cllr Aryton asked if the pathway between Kirk Lane and Eastby across the field could be strimmed backed of overgrown grass and nettles and also if the self-sown saplings could be removed from the verge on Kirk Lane, as this overgrowth was causing motorist to cross over the white line to avoid the branches.

Cllr Shuttleworth asked if the grass verge from the small bridge at Embsay entrance to the Railway bridge was part of the contracted plan and if not, could it be added? **Clerk to Action**

- Barden road bench: repair by Mr Briggs.
- Embsay / Shires Lane signage needs repair - future agenda item.
- Complaints have been received regarding the overgrown verges encroaching onto **Pasture Road**. These were forwarded to Area 5 who have determined that these are the responsibility of the landowner. (Chair agreed to investigate ownership)
- The memorial bench at the reservoir has now been installed. Thanks to Cllr Smith for arranging this.
- Concern had been expressed by residents as to the state of the pond wall on Pasture Road: this is the responsibility of the Primrose Glen Management and is being dealt with by them.
- Thanks to Mr and Mrs Bachelor for cleaning the EMB SAY road sign from Eastby.
- Cllr Briggs informed members that the plants for the Entrance are now grown and are ready for planting after a small retaining wall has been built to stop the soil being washed away. Mr Briggs has offered to build this, once the stone has been sourced. **JLB and AB to action**
- Cllr Kirkbride has requested that a reminder be sent to all residents regarding their responsibilities for overhanging branches and bushes onto the roadway and footpaths. **PP to action**

8.2 Road Safety/ Speed watch: Cllr Hill covered the report previously circulated showing the recent deployments. That on Main Street showed average speeds of 18 -19mph rising to 28mph. Skipton Road speeds showed average speeds between 36 -46mph and 18 vehicles were reported.

The Chair reported that the request to ACC Foskett regarding action on the Traffic Bureau letter had not yet been responded to, despite his public commitment to do so . The Chair will continue to request a response.

Cllr Smith reported the following:

- The 9 data tubes are now in operation and are monitoring speeds throughout the villages. They are expected to remain for a further 7-10 days. There still remains the question of cost on potential signage dependent on the results.
- Work is continuing on Skipton Road at Corner Fields, including the widening of the raised footpath. The crossing has dropped kerbs and a non-slip pavement on both sides. Warning signs 150yds ahead have been erected. Cycle signs direct cyclists to ride through the estate, unlikely to be used by serious cyclists therefore, delays may occur for traffic.
- The tree stump remains in situ.

8.3 Nature Reserve – Calculated Report points raised:

- The central meadows were mown on Friday 8 September, the best mowing operation the reserve has had in several years.
- 40 bags of peat free compost have been purchased for the preparation of a nursery area, which is to receive the latest batch of wildflower plants in the current project, which is funded by the YDNPA Swinden Quarry scheme. These plants have been identified and will soon be ordered for delivery in October.

8.4 Recreation Ground – points raised by Cllr Benjamin

- The Friends of the Recreation ground are hoping to have an “**opening ceremony**” plus the installation of a metal plaque from grant funders. Provisionally the date is Saturday 23rd September tbc.
- The Environmental group has a plan to assist in the recreation ground.
- The train has lost an eye: EWBA Railway are in the process of repairing it.
- The gate has been repaired and has had a new latch fitted. As it is needing constant repair it may be that another method has to be used.

No contact from Clark and Kent so far – despite the efforts of the Clerk. It was agreed that photographic evidence be obtained before approaching Clark & Kent again.

JLB & AB to Action

8.5 Memorial Garden – Nothing to report.

8.6 Village Institute – Nothing to Report

FairTrade – Cllr Hill on Behalf of Cllr Kirkbride points raised:

- FairTrade status has been renewed. Certificates will be on display in the village Noticeboards.
- Coffee Morning on the 3rd September raised £153.25 in donations and through the sale of coasters at £15 made by Cllr Hill.
- The next litter pick will take place in October (date tbc)

8.7 Car Park

- The ground surface needs some attention but nothing urgent at this moment. Any issues please report to the Clerk.

8.8 Communication – Cllr Peppiate – Deferred to October’s meeting.

- The Chair informed members that there is currently no longer a PCSO to issue a report. This is now available via the Local Policing Team and will be circulated on receipt.

8.9 Defibrillator Training – Cllr Hill Reported the session had taken place, and was well attended.

9 PC ADMINISTRATION.

In view of the information presented, to approve any action which may be required to be addressed.

9.1 Proposal for a Support Letter for Environmental Action Group – JLB

The Chair informed members of a conversation with Mrs Kipling requesting that the Parish Council support a letter being sent to NYCC and Julian Smith MP. A discussion took place and the PC members requested sight of this letter before it was sent - in order to establish an agreement with the contents before supporting the action. The Chair would report back to Mrs Kipling and request sight of the letter.

Chair to Action

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

10.1 Monthly Expenditure & Bank Reconciliation **June £1285.22 July £2930.10 August £1808.22**

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

11.1 External Audit Report – The Clerk informed members this had not yet been received.

11.2 Protocol for submitting Agenda Items. The Clerk informed members that Agenda Items can ONLY be submitted to the Clerk by elected Cllrs, and no later than 7days prior to the next meeting date. Any residents wishing for the Parish Council to discuss issues must submit their request via email to any elected Councillor who will inform the Clerk and Chair on their behalf.

12. POLICIES & PROCEDURES REVIEWS – Record Management Policy Review Completed.

Item for discussion – Environmental Action Group Plan for Recreation Ground Flowerbed.
The members agreed to take up this offer of support. **Proposed DH Seconded JLB All Agreed**

Meeting closed at: - 9:15pm

Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on the 11th October 2023 at 7:30 Venue: Methodist Chapel Embsay. Contact Parish Clerk: Gillian Alcock Tel:07414850766 or Email: Alcockg@hotmail.co.uk

Chair Signature



Date 13/09/2023

