

EMBSAY WITH EASTBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th October 2023, 7:30pm at the Methodist Chapel.

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

Also, in Attendance: The Parish Clerk

Members of the Public: 2

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

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Paul Peppiate, Cllr David Hill
- 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 13th September 2023 (Amendments made) The minutes of this meeting had been circulated previously.

Approved and signed.

4.1 Support Environmental Action Group – The Chair informed members that the group were asking for the Parish Council to support their call for a ban on Glyphosate used by NYC on verges within the parish, The request to the Parish Council would be any of three options.

1. Request NYC to stop using Glyphosate entirely. (NYC are awaiting advice from Defra)
2. Request NYC to find an alternative.
3. Request NYC to delay any further use of Glyphosate until an alternative can be found.

Cllrs agreed to defer a vote until the next PC meeting.

4.2 Response from NY Police – (previously circulated). The Chair had received an email from ACC Fosket giving his apologies for not responding to the emails sent to him from the Chair, following on from questions raised at a Zoom Meeting with NYC and NYP in July 2023 - regarding Traffic Bureau covert monitoring in Eastby and PCSO cover in the parish. Responses have since been received from the Neighbourhood Policing Inspector (Julie Earnshaw) who asked to attend the November meeting.

Clerk to Action.

A response was also received from Jamie Smith (Traffic Bureau Team Leader). If councillors are aware of any specific times and areas that need monitoring please pass these onto the Chair who will liaise with the Working Party and the Traffic bureau.

Update on Actions from Last Meeting –

- Complaints regarding the overgrown verges encroaching onto Pasture Road. These were forwarded to Area 5 who had determined that these are the responsibility of the landowner. The Chair has subsequently spoken with local resident who stated that the verge is not 'landowner owned'. The clerk has been asked to refer back to Area 5 – as residents are concerned about the restricted road width. **Clerk to Action.**
- Cllr Ayrton had asked if the pathway between Kirk Lane and Eastby across the field could be trimmed backed of overgrown grass and nettles – the contractor has agreed to undertake 2 cuts per year.
- The self-sown saplings in the verge on Kirk Lane, have been reported to Area 5 but were not seen as an issue – Further details with photographs will be sent. **AA to Action**
- The contractor has been approached regarding strimming of if the grass verge from Embsay entrance to the Railway bridge. Further discussions are required with the contractor as he is concerned about safety issues. **Clerk and JLB to Action**
- A reminder to all residents regarding overhanging branches, draft to be sent to PP to publish. **JLB to Action.**

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Mr Haspel asked members if the football pitch promised on the development was still going ahead?

Cllr Shuttleworth replied that the Parish Council are not aware of the position as NYC planning are in discussions with the developer and Mr Haspel's question might be best directed to County Councillor Noland.

It was agreed that C. Cllr Noland would raise the issue with Gareth Wooler, Elaine Hiser (Sport Development Officer Craven) and Daniel Child (Lead Planning Officer) for the proposed site.

- Mr Haspel asked members what the Parish Council position was on the Governments views opposing a 20mph national speed limit.

Cllr Smith replied that the Parish Council have been actively seeking reduced speed limits for a number of years and more recently have paid for 9 data tubes that have been now in operation and are monitoring speeds throughout the villages. The PC are now awaiting the results and dependant on these meeting the highways criteria, and cost of implementation, the PC will take a vote on what action to take.

C.Cllr Noland informed members that not all councils in Wales are requesting a blanket 20mph speed limit. Both Scotland and Cornwall are setting 20mph limits in individual areas as is Harrogate. He suggested that perhaps an invitation to Cllr. Keane Duncan to visit Embsay with Eastby may help. He also stated that a stage 3 Safety Audit is due on Skipton Road.

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

- Number 14 Bus service requests have been made for an earlier and later bus service plus the possibility of a Saturday service to be provided. This has been raised with Passenger Transport at NYC.

The Chair informed C.Cllr Noland that the P C had raised this issue some years ago and was told that the services could be piloted at a cost of £10,000. The service would only continue if full fare paying commuters made it viable. The Parish Council had decided against this proposal.

The Chair asked if C.Cllr Noland could ask the Bus Company to remove the temporary Bus Stop from East Lane.

- No further update on the NY/YDNP Housing consultation – the last meeting had been cancelled as no new sites had been put forward. , The next meeting is scheduled for 23rd November 2023. YDNP are now in discussions with NYC and there is an awareness that Embsay has a high allocation of new housing already.
- C Cllr Noland stated that NYC are looking to install Electric charging points in Car Parks across the county, would Embsay with Eastby PC be interested?

The Clerk informed C.Cllr Noland that an application was made for the Government Scheme last year but had been told that it was oversubscribed, and the Parish Council was on a waiting list. However, the EVCP could not be installed in the car park as there is no electricity supply.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

7.1 Planning Updates – Circulated

7.2 Recommendations: - (Pending since last meeting.

NY/2023/0159/FUL NYC SKIPTON QUARRY HARROGATE ROAD – Continuation to import inert material to stabilise rock face.

Cllr Shuttleworth commented that this construction had been in operation for the last 2-3 years with no adverse effect or complaints.

Cllr Ayrton Asked what the long-term visual effect would be on the landscape and asked if this could be raised in the PC response.

The Chair informed members that the Methodist Chaple application was still under consideration by YDNPA.

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

8.1 Village Maintenance – Councillor Benjamin reported.

A suggestion has been put forward that the Chair should convene a meeting for volunteers: (which lapsed during lockdown) this will be discussed with the Clerk – and also PP in order to promote recruitment. Date of event to be advised.

Cllr Peppiate was approached by a resident regarding another new bench at the reservoir. This application was refused by Yorkshire Water . The PC had offered alternative sites, but this offer was declined. The resident will approach YW again.

Thanks to Cllr Briggs and Mr Briggs for donation of stone for Embsay entrance.

8.2 Road Safety/Speedwatch - No Deployments

Cllr Smith informed members that the road warning signs on Skipton Road by the Corner Field are beginning to appear. The Parish Council is awaiting information from Area 5 on the results of the data analysis.

8.3 Nature Reserve – Winter planting completed.

8.4 Recreation Ground – Cllr Benjamin reported –

Members from the Environmental Action Group have begun to tidy the flowerbed area. Thanks to Barbara Kipling for organising this.

The Gate fastening has been damaged again - alternatives are being investigated.

Goal post moved and drainage work undertaken seems to be working.

The Friends proposed open day has not yet been confirmed.

The Clerk reported a conversation with Clerk & Kent regarding concerns to track sides and flooding issues. The outcome was that the company feel that they had been fair in light of payment not being made as per agreement with The Friends. The company has assured the Clerk that the overlapping edges will not affect the integrity of the track itself, should this occur the company are happy to deal with the Parish Council direct.

The Chair requested members to consider the acceptability of the natural table surface for future discussion.

8.5 Memorial Garden – Remembrance service will be the same format as last year. Starting at St Mary's Church at 10am on Sunday 12th November, 11am at the Cenotaph, Refreshments afterwards in the Methodist Hall. **Cllr Shuttleworth to Action Wreaths**

Cllr Shuttleworth - Mrs Whitham asked if any particular work needs to be done in the garden prior to Remembrance Day.

Cllr Smith asked if the two privet pillars could be trimmed.

8.6 Village Institute – Cllr Kirkbride reported that 2 new replacement fire doors are to be fitted in the main hall.
The clock is in need of repair.

FairTrade – The Parish have again gained FairTrade status and certificates are displayed in the PC Noticeboards.

The next Litter Pick will take place on Saturday 21st October Volunteers to meet in the Car Park at 10am.

8.7 Car Park – Nothing to report.

8.8 : Communication

Cllr Peppiate had circulated a presentation on Parish Online Digital Mapping for members' consideration. A proposal to accept this will be on November's Agenda.

A suggestion has been put forward to reinstate the Parish Newsletter to be discussed at a later date. Acknowledge need to include residents who do not have IT access .

9. PC ADMINISTRATION. No Proposals

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

10.1 Monthly Expenditure & Bank Reconciliation **September £3610.62**

10.2 External Audit Report – The Clerk informed members that the external audited report had been received and certificate issued.

The Chair recognised and thanked the Clerk and Cllr Smith for their contribution.

11. REPORT OF THE PARISH CLERK (Clerk Admin report circulated) No Questions raised.

The Clerk Reminded Members that a draft budget would be drawn up before the next PC meeting and any projects requiring funding must be submitted asap. A proposal to accept and submit next year's budget will be on the November Agenda.

Cllr Kirkbride requested that the Christmas lights be tested before switching on and any new lights required need be an Agenda Item at the next PC meeting. Provisional dates for the lights to be on is December 1st 2023 to February 2nd 2024 **BS to Action.**

12. POLICIES & PROCEDURES REVIEWS – No reviews.

Item for discussion –Affordable Housing presentation - Closed session.

Any comments / questions to be sent to the Chair or Clerk.

Meeting closed at: - 9:30pm

Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on the 8th November 2023 at 7:30 Venue: Methodist Chapel Emsay. Contact Parish Clerk: Gillian Alcock Tel:07414850766 or Email: Alcockg@hotmail.co.uk

Chair Signature



Date 11/10/2023