

# EMBSAY WITH EASTBY

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES

### 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024

**Attended:** Cllrs Benjamin, Smith, Hill, Ayrton, Briggs, Shuttleworth, and Peppiate.

**Apologies:** Cllr Kirkbride and County Councillor Noland

**Also Attending:** The Clerk and 6 members of the public.

#### 1. Annual Report – Chairman Report

**The Chair** thanked the 6 parishioners for attending and asked them to read her report published in the Annual Report document.

The chair thanked Cllr Peppiate for his work in producing this year's report and for his continued work on the New PC Website and Social Media platforms.

The Chair asked if anyone thinking about becoming a member of the Parish Council to please contact the Clerk – or to ask neighbours and friends. This is due to the need to consider the future of the Parish Council.

#### 2. North Yorkshire County Councillor – David Noland sent a report in his absence. This was read out by the Chair.

- Mayoralty of York and North Yorkshire. A new mayor has just been elected and he was a Labour Party candidate it will be interesting to see how that develops. York is Labour controlled and will offer two representatives to a cabinet of five. The other three will be the mayor and two from NYC. Mayor David Skaith talked at a mayoral husting, and he seemed a very reasonable and personable figure, a man who will listen. He will have a significant budget to spend towards Housing, the transition to Net Zero and Investment in the region.
- YDNPA: The proposed house building on Brackenley Lane. There are still questions to be asked on the viability of this proposal on grounds of drainage, traffic, the absorption of 100+ houses on Shires Lane, the obliteration of popular paths and green fields, other villages needing to take their fair share of housing, other villages needing new housing to sustain their schools, pubs and village halls etc. C.Cllr Noland will attend a meeting with the YDNP group in two weeks with a revised proposal due out in June/July.
- C.Cllr Noland continues to lobby NYC Highways in favour of EWE PC's proposal for a 20mph zone.
- North Yorkshire Council now stands at 46 Conservatives (inc. three independents such as Robert Heseltine) against 44 others. There is therefore a possibility that over the next twelve months the leadership of NYC could change to No Overall Control and hence core policies could change.

#### 3. Un-Audited Accounts – The Clerk (Any questions from parishioners)

**Question raised:** None

#### 4. Public Participation – Residents are encouraged to raise requests or concern.

**What is happening with Embsay Entrance?**

**Chair Response:** We are aware of the condition and plans are in hand to rectify asap.

### **Is there an update on 20's Plenty Campaign?**

**Cllr Smith response:** The Parish Council is still waiting on a proposal or answers from NYC Highways Department. Anyone wanting to ask these questions of Highways directly is encouraged to do so.

### **Are you optimistic of the outcome?**

Wavering on the Pros and Cons. However, as existing speeds are usually in excess of 30mph a 20mph should assist in reducing these overall.

Cllr Shuttleworth commented that the enforcement of any proposed 20mph limit is another problem.

### **Could there be some obstacles put in place to help reduce the speeding?**

**Cllr Smith response:** any traffic calming measures would need to be taken up with NYC Highways and evidence of this need must be supplied. Cllr Smith would be happy to take this up with NYC Highways if parishioners could supply the evidence required. Similarly, NYC Highways can insist that any developer makes good any road surface damage if deemed to be necessary.

### **Is the pathway on Shires Lane Development open to public access?**

**Cllr Shuttleworth** replied it was.

### **Could the pathway be extended outside of the development? i.e. to the Papershop**

**Cllr Shuttleworth** replied this could compound the problem by narrowing Shires Lane even further.

### **Do we have a PCSO?**

**The Chair** replied that a new PCSO (Emily Crossley) has just been appointed and will be holding a surgery at the Village Institute shortly.

### **What is happening with the Tannery Dam wall?**

**The Chair** replied that she had been advised that the Tannery Management Committee were in talks with their Insurance Company and that action will be taken once the outcome is decided.

**Cllr Peppiate** gave a brief update on the new website and the upcoming changes to the domain name and contact email addresses to a ".gov.uk" address.

The Friends of the Recreation Ground are still wanting more trustees, if it is to continue as a Charity. Interested parishioners were asked to contact Cllr Benjamin. The Parish Council's recent investment made to improve the drainage in the recreation ground appears to have been successful.

## **5. Any future items for proposal – Nothing not already discussed.**

**Meeting closed at 8.15 pm The next Annual Meetings will be held in May 2025 at 7:30 at the Village Institute Main Hall.**