

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, 27th MAY 2015, 7:00PM
YORK HOUSE, GREAT BARUGH**

Present: Peter Milner (Chairman)
Dorothy Ashton (Clerk)
Carolyn Swift (Treasurer)
Duncan Collinson
Karen Garrett
Sarah Houlston
Richard Metcalfe

Minutes

20. The Minutes of the last meeting held on 19th February 2015 were approved and signed.

Elected Parish Councillors

21. Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor.

The five Councillors elected on 7th May 2015 each signed their 'Declaration'. Each Declaration was witnessed and signed by the Parish Clerk. Mr. Peter Milner collated the completed forms to return to Ryedale District Council.

22. Register of Members' Financial and Other Interest. Each Elected Councillor has also to complete this Declaration 'on line'; the link provided by Ryedale District Council, Legal Services.

Annual General Meeting

23. Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2015. The AGM will take place at the Golden Lion, Great Barugh, at 7pm on Monday 1st June 2015. Mr. Milner confirmed that details had been posted on the village Notice Boards, and delivered to each household in the Parish.

The reasons why the AGM will take place in The Golden Lion were clarified to the newly elected Councillors which included;

- Location, easy access to residents of both villages
- Cost; no charge is made to the Parish Council by the Landlord
- A more congenial atmosphere where people can talk

24. Finance. The Accounts prepared by the Treasurer will be presented for approval at the AGM. On approval, the accounts will be submitted to the Auditor. It was explained to the newly elected Parish Councillors that, due to the size of the Parish, a 'Zero Fee' had previously been agreed for the Audit.

24. Proposed Village Celebration. Mr. Milner confirmed to the meeting that a precept of £200 had been claimed for the year 2015-2016; first installment has been received. He suggested that these funds could be used as a contingency in the event that the villages may wish to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday in 2016. The meeting agreed that such a Celebration would likely appeal to residents, particularly after the success of the village party held to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

It was further agreed that this suggestion be put forward at the AGM.

Any other Business.

25. Carolyn Swift asked if there anyone knew why barbed wire had been placed at the stile on Brawby Lane, at the entrance to the land adjacent to the path which runs along the river side. The stile had previously been used by the public as access to walk along the river.

Karen Garret explained. The path is not a public right of way but access has been allowed under a 'Stewardship Scheme' which expired in 2012. The barbed wire has been placed to protect the sheep which are to be grazed along the embankment.

26. Sarah Houlston asked for clarification of the term 'Standing Orders'. Mr. Milner responded that more information could be found to explain this term in the Code of Conduct Papers.

27. Sarah also pointed out that she understood that a Chairman and Vice Chairman should be appointed annually.

The Election of a Chairman will be on the Agenda for the AGM.

Duncan Collinson pointed out that only Parish Councillors are entitled to vote.

Mr. Milner said that proposals would come 'from the floor'. It was then for the Councillors to agree who should be Chairman.

28. Sarah said that she understood that every meeting should be an Open Meeting, and that there could also perhaps be a sub-committee to address Planning Applications.

Mr. Milner said that sub- committees could be set up.

29. Sarah suggested an item for the AGM Agenda; that a proposed information meeting for the Parish on Third Energy application for Planning Permission to carry out a 'Test' at the existing KM8 site at Kirby Misperton. This was agreed.

30. Sarah asked if a hard copy of the Third Energy Planning Application could be made available. Mr. Milner said he could provide this. Sarah and Karen agreed to prepare a synopsis. The deferral of the application by Third Energy puts this on hold. A letter to the Council re testing at KM8 will be discussed at the meeting to be scheduled for mid-June.

31. Sarah asked if it was possible to have a copy of the last 12 months Parish Council correspondence so that she could get a feel for the nature of the issues raised. Mr. Milner said he would put this information together for her.

32. Duncan Collinson raised the issue of resident parking in Little Barugh, particularly in light of new residents in the cottages and most of the five cottages requiring parking for 2 cars. Mr. Milner explained that there is no 'remit' which allows parking on the Common. He explained that the Parish Council are Trustees of the land. Richard Metcalfe supported Mr. Milner but commented that, in the past, there has been a little parking on the Common to alleviate the dangers of parking near the bend in the road.

Duncan said that there are 2 new residents moving into Ivy Cottage in the next few weeks who are concerned, and suggested that there may need to be action for the Parish Council going forward.

Mr. Milner suggested that Duncan could take up the issue directly with the North Yorkshire County Council Highways Department, as a member of the Parish Council. Contacts are Richard Marr and Melanie Farnham.

It was pointed out that it was only safe to have only a few cars parked on the common. There were some very boggy patches where cars have had to be towed out in the past.

33. Carolyn raised the issue of the provision of Salt and Grit to both villages. Funding is required. This will be discussed at the meeting scheduled for mid-June.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8pm.