

BELLERBY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Bellerby Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall on
Tuesday 2nd December 2008 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Cllrs Hutchinson, Jameson, Rycroft and Weedon attended the meeting together with the clerk.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr McArthur had sent her apologies, as she couldn't make the rearranged meeting.

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Public speaking and question time

None

4. To approve the minutes of the last meeting

All Cllrs agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5. Matters arising from the previous minutes

The clerk had spoken to TC Broadhead of North Yorkshire Police about the speeding problems in the village who had told the clerk that the speed limit couldn't be extended out of the village as the Department for Transport guidelines would not be met. Cllrs asked the clerk to get a copy of the guidelines for them to read before pursuing the matter further. The clerk had also asked about the possibility of a speed matrix sign being installed in the village. TC Broadhead had explained that these could only be sited in accident-prone areas.

The clerk had spoken to Street Cleansing about the rubbish on the sides of the road at the two main entrances to the village. Cllrs commented that the rubbish may well have been cleared, but that there was rubbish there again. The clerk will contact Street Cleansing again and ask them to clear up.

6. Update on the footpath to Leyburn

An article had appeared in the Darlington & Stockton Times about the proposed footpath.

There is some resistance from landowners along the route. Some landowners favour a path outside the field walls on the roadside.

Peter Fishburn from Bikers will provide an estimate for a 1 metre wide roadside footpath. This estimate will be free of charge.

Neil Linfoot, the Improvement Manager of Highways at North Yorkshire County Council, had replied to the proposal saying that the County Council couldn't support the proposals shown as the plan showing the route did not provide a continuous link between Bellerby and Leyburn. A meeting is planned with Mr Linfoot, following his letter.

A letter had been received from Leyburn Town Council expressing their support for the footpath.

7. Update on flooding problems

Three estimates had been received to do a two stage report on what is needed to alleviate the problem. They ranged from £6000.00 to £8000.00. This report would then be presented to the Environment Agency. Cllr Weedon is currently looking for grants to pay for this report.

County Cllr Harrison-Topham thought he might be able to get £1000.00 from the County Council to help pay for the report.

8. Update on the edging of the greens

Cllrs are trying to get a meeting with Mike Woodford of Highways to discuss this matter along with the footpath to Leyburn and the flooding problems.

9. Grit bins

The clerk is to contact Neil Bacon at highways, North Yorkshire as all the grit bins need filling and the village drains need jetting.

10. Road sign at the bottom of Runs bank

The sign warning of the corner at the bottom of the hill does not show the minor road to the left off the main road that goes past Hilltop House. The clerk is to find out how to get this changed.

11. Correspondence

Mazars, the external auditors, had sent the audit back signed off.

Richmondshire District Council had sent the form enquiring what precept the Parish Council would require for 2009/10. Cllrs decided to request £3750.00 in line with similar sized Parish Councils in the area.

12. Planning matters

Listed Building Consent for "Alteration of Approved Window Sizes and Fenestration on Rear Extension" had been approved at Boar House.

13. Authority to pay

Mazars	£58.75	External audit fee
Richmondshire Citizens Advice Bureau	£50.00	Cllrs voted to donate this amount.

14. Exchange of views and ideas

Cllr Jameson asked the clerk if she could find out whether the wooden stables erected in fields at the side of Moor Road should have had planning permission.

15. Date of the next meeting

This was set as Tuesday 20th January 2009, but subsequently had to be changed to Friday 30th January 2009 as there were problems finding a date when the village hall was free.