

BELLERBY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Bellerby Parish Council was held on Tuesday 19th January 2010 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

MINUTES

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

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Jameson had sent his apologies owing to his wife's illness.

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Public speaking

None

4. To approve the minutes of the last meeting

All present agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising from the previous minutes

The Highways Department had acknowledged receipt of the Parish Council's letter arguing against the removal of some grit bins in the village. Highways are to review the grit bin situation and reply.

6. Update on the footpath to Leyburn

All the grants for the feasibility study have now been received and consequently all the paperwork has been passed to the County Council who will now formally instruct Sustrans to carry out the study, which should be started very soon.

7. Update on the flooding problems

Cllr Weedon is still searching for funding for the flooding feasibility study. There are still problems with flooding of Moor Road near to Fern Lea. Cllrs asked the clerk if she could send a letter to Yorkshire Water asking them to fix the pipes crossing the beck properly.

8. To discuss snow clearing

The possibility of purchasing salt spreading equipment for future winters was discussed. However, owing to insurance concerns it was felt that it may be better to investigate the possibility of hiring a contractor to clear snow and spread salt, if this was feasible within the Parish Council's financial constraints. Cllrs asked the clerk to speak to Horton Landscaping, the grass cutters, to ask if it is a service they may provide.

9. To discuss the budget for 2010/11 and set the precept for the same

Having looked at the budget provided by the clerk and discussed Parish Council reserved, Cllrs decided to increase the precept from last year's £3750.00 to £4500.00 as it was felt that a small contingency reserve needs to be built up.

10. Correspondence

North Yorkshire County Council had written updating the Parish Council on new gritting policies following the severe and prolonged freezing weather conditions.

11. Planning matters

Cllrs asked the clerk to write to the builders and owners of Tremar Cottage asking that the green be fully reinstated once all work is complete.

12. Authority to pay

None

13. Exchange of views and ideas

Cllrs discussed the needs to have a proper look at the damage to various areas of the greens as the snow has cleared.

14. Date of the next meeting

The Parish Council's Annual Meeting will be Tuesday 9th March 2010 and the next ordinary meeting Tuesday 27th April 2010, both at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.45PM,