

Bellerby Parish Council

The Meeting of Bellerby Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday 24th June 2013

at 7:30pm

Minutes

The meeting was attended by the clerk Lynn Watkinson, Councillors Hutchinson, Irvine, Scriven and Weedon.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Rycroft had sent his apologies.

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting

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

4. Public questions, comments or representations (limited to 10 minutes)

None

5. Matters arising from previous minutes

An update had been received from Aiden Rayner re the footpath to Leyburn. Two landowners have responded but he is still waiting to hear from another.

6. Correspondence received since last meeting

North Yorkshire & York Forum had emailed requesting to visit a council meeting to make a presentation to promote Streetlink, a help line for the homeless. Cllrs were happy to receive a visit but felt it would be more productive if they were to attend a meeting in Leyburn.

Cllr Hutchinson had received a request from the organisers of the 1940s weekend to display signage on the village green. This was agreed.

7. Grass cutting

AG Services had requested clarification of the grass cutting area and scheduling of July's cuts in light of the timing of the Best Kept Village competition and the Open Gardens day:

The turf had been replaced around the Magnolia trees in the hope it would settle so they should keep strimming clear of the trees for the first couple of years and Cllr Hutchinson would continue to tidy up close to the trees in the meantime.

It was agreed that AG Services should continue to cut the additional areas that had not been included on the map used for the tendering process at an additional cost of £300 over the remainder of the year.

They were to be asked to schedule a good cut for the 1st July taking up to half a day extra to get the green looking nice with a further cut on the Wednesday/Thursday before 14th July Open Gardens

8. Web site & village logo

It was agreed that the Parish Council should look into taking over the village website by buying a domain name.

JH suggested that a logo should be designed for use by all the village groups to give the village a unified identity. It was suggested that a competition be held through the school with a prize of £25 on offer.

The clerk had set up a new email address to be used for Parish Council matters. This is bellerby.pc@gmail.com

9. Grant applications

Flooding Relief Group

An update on costs was awaited from Neil Linthorpe.

The group were looking at other options for grants with the aim of increasing the overall funding thus also increasing the amount of matched funding available.

10. Planning matters

Cllrs requested circulation of the planning request, for full planning permission for a single storey Holiday Cottage to the Rear of Brooklands, for further comment, along with a copy of the building line, as it was felt that the proposed plans infringed this line.

11. Authority to pay and to approve the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2013

All present approved the accounts and these were duly signed by the Chairman.

AG services	£128.80	Grass cutting
Memorial Hall	£8.10	Rental cost
John Hutchinson	£33	Cost of printer ink
Deferred due to absence of 2nd signatory		

12. Exchange of views and ideas

Highways

Cllr Hutchinson requested that Neil Linfoot, the Improvement Manager of Highways at North Yorkshire County Council, be invited for a site visit to discuss:

Heavy goods vehicles using the Wynd past Hilltop House

Dropping the kerb on Church Street

The timing of the repair of roads and culvert after last year's flooding.

Document storage

Cllr Hutchinson looking into costs

Walking Booklet

Cllr Irvine would ask the Study Group to update the walks booklet and possibly produce a new version.

Benches and tubs

Cllr Hutchinson would look into the cost of repairing and replacing the benches and tubs. He would also approach the Open Gardens group to see if they would consider funding replacement of one each year.

It was estimated that there are 6 seats around the Green. The Cllrs agreed to fund immediate repairs and painting up to a value of £300. The Clerk was to approach Paul Pearson and Jeff Ryde to see if they could do the work over the following week ready for judging of The Best Kept Village competition but definitely by 14th July for the Open Gardens.

Cllr Weedon had received a request to put a memorial seat in the cemetery from a resident of the village. It was decided a site visit would be necessary.

Cllr Irvine announced her resignation from the Council, saying how much she had enjoyed it. The Councillors thanked her for the time she had spent on the Council.

13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be Monday 5th August 2013 in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm