

## Bellerby Parish Council

The Meeting of Bellerby Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 7:30pm

### Minutes

The meeting was attended by the clerk Lynn Watkinson, Councillors Hutchinson, Rycroft, Scriven, Travell and Weedon. Councillor John Amsden was also present.

Mr Lee Wardman had been invited to attend to advise on developing parking spaces. A member of Leyburn police had been invited to attend to advise on parking law. PCSO Richard Braddick was in attendance.

4 members of the public where present.

### Procedural Matters

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. "To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

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)

Mr Howard Fricker requested an update on what is happening following the flooding last year.

Cllr Hutchinson's response was:

Applications for funding to the level of 49k had been put in. The total project cost was 86k. The project would have to go to committee at Richmondshire District Council.

Two groups of wallers had been contacted to undertake the works and funding was awaited. The budgeted money for the flooding was meanwhile ring fenced.

Richmondshire District Council had confirmed that planning permission was not required for the works.

## Business Matters

### 5. Matters arising from previous minutes

#### Footpath

Cllr Rycroft reported that money for this project was still being sourced. The two previously promising sources had now closed. The project did not fit the remit for lottery funding but it may be possible to get funding through the Millennium Fund. Applications to Cemex and Tarmac were being followed up. A meeting with William Hague MP had been attended and he and Cllr Harrison-Topham had been asked to suggest possible sources of funding.

#### Highways

The clerk had received the following responses from County Council Highways Authority:

Dropped Kerb - the cost of this would be £500 if undertaken as part of a larger scheme of works but that the cost would be prohibitive if undertaken as a one off job.

30mph Repeater Signs – these cannot be authorised presently as they are only used at locations with a defined problem and widespread use would dilute the impact.

Mill Lane –this was not considered as an emergency works.

#### Cemetery

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council does not have a statutory duty to provide land for burial spaces but there is a duty to deal with the dead.

#### Village Web-site

Eric Daniels had responded that editorial access to the existing Hall site was difficult as it was on his personal web space. The development of a Parish Web-site was to be included in the next newsletter.

### 6. Parking

Cllr Hutchinson explained to PCSO Braddick that following a number of requests re inconsiderate parking the Police were invited to the meeting to determine the Councils obligations and legal rights.

PCSO Braddick informed Council that all parking matters were now the jurisdiction of Scarborough parking wardens and not the police. He confirmed that parking on a bus stop carried a fixed penalty fine. Tickets can be issued by police for cars blocking roads and other specific offences.

Police would come out on request to go around offering advice and ticketing any offenders. Cllr Hutchinson said parking would again be included in the newsletter with stronger wording say police will be called in if the problem persisted.

Cllr Hutchinson asked if it was recognised at police level that there is an issue with parking in the village, as it is at County Council level. PCSO Braddick said it was not but the police would support any sensible approach to increasing parking spaces. He also said that it is not illegal to park against a property even if this makes access difficult but it is an offence to actually block access. He would also forward the matter of the 30mph repeater signs.

Cllr Travell noted that the Bus Stop has been moved down the road since the re-painting of the lines. This has forced parking down the road to within 15ft of the junction. The Clerk was asked to notify Highways and request the Bus Stop be returned to its correct position and the lines finished.

Cllr Hutchinson suggested that the stretch of Moor Road up to the tree be used for staggered parking. The Planning officer was reticent about this when asked at a site visit as it involved using village green. Mr Wardman was asked about feasibility and suggested it was unlikely that planning would be forthcoming as the draft plan was using village green and Highways would object as they do not allow cars to reverse onto the highway. He said that the measurements on the draft plan were reasonable and suggested Highways were approached as the next step. Cllr Hutchinson would determine the number of spaces this would provide. The possibility of putting in an application would be considered.

#### 7. Footpaths around Bellerby - Study Group Walks Booklet

The Parish Council had paid for the original booklet to be produced but the Study Group had walked the paths. Further publication was on hold as many of the styles on the walks are in poor condition. Maintenance of the styles is the responsibility of County Council. It was suggested that as funding is not currently available the Study Group could produce a prioritised list of repairs to the styles so that these could be carried out when funding was available.

#### 8. Correspondence received since last meeting

The Clerk had received the following communications:

An email offering a new publication from the National Association of Local Councils entitled Local Councils Explained. More information on the contents was required.

Welcome to Yorkshire had emailed asking Villages to go yellow for the Tour de France. As the Tour is not passing through Bellerby and Daffodil bulbs have already been bought no further action would be taken but the Tour would be added as a separate agenda item.

A company selling defibrillators had made contact. An item asking for interest in becoming a First Responder would be included in the Newsletter.

Richmondshire District Council had circulated a questionnaire on the Review of Polling Districts and Places to be completed by 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2014. The Council was happy to continue to receive the Register of Electors by PDF email.

## 9. Planning matters

Full Planning Permission for Erection of Single Storey Garage on existing parking area (Retrospective) at Studdah Garth, Mill Lane, Bellerby – No objections

## 10. Authority to pay

Bellerby Memorial Hall	£8.10	Hall Hire
AG services	£178.00	Grass cutting
Lynn Watkinson	£280.80	Reimbursement for bulbs

Councillor Hutchinson forwarded a cheque for the rent on the allotment. Tendering will be required next year.

The Clerk had received the certified Annual Return for the 2013 accounts with the Notice of Conclusion requiring display for 14 days.

Cllrs Scriven and Travell were asked if they were happy to be signatories to the account. The Bank mandate would be completed accordingly ready for signing at the next meeting.

## 11. Exchange of views and ideas

Cllr Hutchinson noted that 2 of the Magnolia trees on the approach into the village had died. He suggested that the end trees were used to fill the gaps. Also the bulbs had arrived and he would arrange for their planting in the next couple of weeks.

Cllr Hutchinson asked Cllr Amsden if he would write a letter of support for the grant applications.

Cllr Travell was asked if she would prepare the next Newsletter for distribution before Christmas with the assistance of Cllr Hutchinson. Cllr Travell agreed and would organise the children to distribute.

Cllr Weedon had been told by Council site workers that writing to Customer Services of the Highways Department re the dropped kerbs would be more effective and he would follow up.

Cllr Travell commented on the dog fouling in the Children's Play Area and up Moor Road. There had also been a case of the dog waste bins being used for domestic waste. This would be included in the newsletter.

Cllr Travell asked about maintenance of the Play Equipment. She was asked to approach the Open Gardens for funding.

## 12. Date of next meeting – 9th December

27th January 2013

10th March 2013

Meeting closed at 8:40