

**A MEETING OF ASKHAM BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL was held on THURSDAY,
15th NOVEMBER 2018 in the VILLAGE HALL, ASKHAM BRYAN at 7.00 pm**

PRESENT: **COUNCILLOR F PATERSON** **Chairman**
 COUNCILLOR M LONG
 COUNCILLOR J MARSHALL
 COUNCILLOR D MITCHELL
 COUNCILLOR M WALKER

Mrs P Diane Greenwell **Clerk**
 Councillor Chris Steward **City of York Council**
 Eleven members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr R Byrne Cllr Mrs D Hopwood

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident asked what the Parish Council can do to prevent the damage being done to grass verges by building contractors working in the village. The Clerk has asked that proper reinstatement of the verges and, where possible, on site parking of contractors' vehicles, be a condition of any planning consent for building works.

It was also noted that vehicles are once again parking on the verge in Mill Lane, where littering is also a problem.

Mr. Andy Steele referred to a statement by Cllr. Byrne recorded in September's minutes which inferred that no data gathering or analysis of speeding traffic had been undertaken prior to the commencement of the Community Speed Watch project. For the record Mr. Steele stated that following a complaint to the police from a member of the public concerning speeding on Main Street, the Police set up a covert monitoring system to collect traffic speed data. This data was then analysed by the Police and they concluded that there was a speeding problem on Main Street. The police recommended Community Speed Watch was put into operation to help address the problem of speeding vehicles through our village. A similar covert operation had been carried out on Askham Fields Lane and the CSW team of volunteers have been authorised to monitor in that area. The data gathered by the CSW team will be used by the Police to determine what long term solutions may be feasible.

Mrs Audrey Hollas stated Askham Bryan College have submitted a proposal to extinguish the section of Footpath No. 9 which runs down to the A64 and create a footpath from the campus to Askham Fields Lane. A number of objections to this have been received, and she stated that Julian Sturdy, MP has written to the Secretary of State with his concerns.

Mr Andy Steele asked the Parish Council to consider his request to purchase a further two Twenty's Plenty signs. He believes that there is a lot of support for these extra signs, to be placed on Main Street towards the road from the Acomb roundabout.

Community Speedwatch has been well received by the public. During 5 short sessions of operation on Askham Fields Lane 95 speeding vehicles were recorded, with the fastest being 48mph, which is a real concern considering that warning signs are used and high visibility jackets worn by the team.

RURAL WEST WARD

Cllr Steward reported that our four requests, for changes to speed limits and the reinstatement of the old weight limits on the two approach roads to the village, will not now be discussed until the Spring as CYC have received a great number of similar requests.

CYC would like to replace the litter bin by the bus stop – APPROVED.

New data from the Office for National Statistics indicates that the number of houses required will be a lot less than that currently stated in the Draft Local Plan. Officers have this week responded to the preliminary findings of the two Inspectors appointed to the City's Local Plan.

CYC has some funding for improvements to the roundabouts on the A1237. In the future, work to dual the whole length of the road will be undertaken, beginning at the Strensall end.

Lack of planning enforcement continues to be a problem, but this is not due to a lack of manpower.

3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 20th September 2018**, had been circulated. Cllr Byrne PROPOSED , via email, that under Public Discussion, the reference to 85% approval should change from approval of “signs” to approval of “the initiative”. The Chairman SECONDED this proposed amendment. The other councillors present did not support this change and the Chairman therefore signed the minutes as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

4. **PROPOSED DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH No. 9**

The College has applied to close a section of this Footpath which runs down to the A64, and divert the PROW via an existing footpath from the campus to Askham Fields Lane. CYC support the application, which they feel to be a safer and more commodious route. Some members claimed this is a delaying tactic and believes it would be less safe. Cllr Mitchell PROPOSED that we object on these grounds. SECONDED Cllr Long APPROVED 4 ABSTAINED 1 Clerk

5. **SPEEDING TRAFFIC**

A request for two additional Twenty's Plenty signs has been received. The question of additional signs had been discussed last month and refused because it was not clear where they were to be sited. The proposal now is that they go at the east end of the village, and fill in the parts of Main Street where there are no signs. AGREED. The Chairman thanked Cllr Mitchell and Mr Steele for all their efforts with Community Speedwatch.

6. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman had attended Julian Sturdy, MP's meeting for Parish Councils. Planning enforcement and the dualling of the A1237 had been discussed, as well as fracking and the Germany Beck development. £1 million has been allocated to York for the repair of potholes. General concern among Parish Councils about lack of enforcement

7. **NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE**

The monthly report has been circulated. The police have been advising residents about crime prevention.

8. PLAY AREA

No progress with Askham Bryan College about possible purchase

9. VILLAGE POND

Cllr Mitchell reported that the reeds have been cut back, and the willow trees around the pond have been pruned.

A proposal to donate a memorial bench for two former residents of the village to replace a dilapidated seat was welcomed.

Stone flagging will be done when the weather permits.

10. PLANNING

No objections have been raised to works to trees at 54 Main Street and 92 Main Street. An application to upgrade the mobile phone mast at Eastfield Farm is received – no objections.

Clerk

11. FINANCE

The balance at the Bank is £2,598.03.

Payment of an invoice for rent is received from the Village Hall Committee - £119 – was PROPOSED by Cllr Marshall. SECONDED by Cllr Walker. ALL IN FAVOUR

12. BROADBAND

Cllr Byrne has requested an update from Julian Sturdy, MP but we still do not have a date when the cabinet will go 'live'.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will take place on Thursday, 17th January 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Signed Date