

*Present:* Cllrs Blackburn (Chairman), Otway and Warren. Also the Clerk, Mr P F Leng.

**1 Apologies – Cllr Sharp (Deputy Chairman)**

**2 Code of Conduct - Localism Act 2011**

- a) To record any Councillor's Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) and Other Interests in relation to items on this agenda - *none*
- b) To consider any changes in members' register of interests - *none*
- c) To consider any dispensations - *none*

**3 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, 14 November 2017**

**Resolved: That the Minutes be approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

**4 Matters Arising**

- i) Castleberg Hospital – update by way of advice that the first of the consultations on the future of the hospital was about to start. There are two options as follows:
  - 1) Continue to provide in-patient care in the community. Repair and restore Castleberg Hospital.
  - 2) Provide expanded care services in people's homes with about 3 beds in each of Limestone View, Settle; Neville House, Gargrave; Ashfield, Skipton. Close Castleberg Hospital.Both options are a considerable improvement on the present, post-Castleberg situation and impressions and feedback are sought in response to the local consultations to be undertaken during the next few weeks.
- ii) Broadband – Superfast North Yorkshire – update to the effect that cab 9, serving Stainforth is now live for orders and 106 premises can now choose to access fibre to the cabinet superfast broadband (over 25Mbps), with a further 10 premises getting faster broadband (up to 25Mbps). Letters will be delivered to each premise to let them know that this is now live for fibre broadband.

**5 Policing**

- i) To receive the monthly report.
  - 25 Nov 2017 - report of theft of 17 mule gimmer lambs and 14 weathered lambs;
  - 27 Nov 2017 - burglary at Watershed Mill.North Yorkshire was reported as having the lowest crime rate in England.
- ii) Police & Crime Commissioner – Police Precept Consultation – received.
- iii) Email news from North Yorkshire Police – December 2017 – received.

**6 Finance**

- i) To authorise payment of accounts as per schedule, including the Clerk's remuneration for December, 2017

**Resolved: That payment of the accounts be approved as per schedule.**

- ii) Transparency Fund for Smaller Authorities – work undertaken by Clerk from 1 November 2017 - to approve payment on a monthly basis.

**Resolved: That with effect from 1 November 2017, the Clerk be paid an extra three hours per month at his usual hourly rate, to deal with transparency matters in accord with transparency funding received.**

- iii) To consider quotations for repairs to greens. Despite request, only one quote had been received hence enquiry is to be made of a local farmer.
- iv) To consider response to request for dog waste bin. Craven DC had advised that they did not think the proposed location was suitable. Also, that they themselves would not provide a bin but had suggested one at a cost of £255 approx if the Council was interested. Evidently, combined waste and dog waste bins are now favoured and Craven DC would empty a new bin if provided by the Council. Various bins were discussed and it was felt that a more suitable bin could be found, the Clerk to enquire and report back.
- v) To authorise payment of following annual donations as per budget:
  - Settle Area Swimming Pool - £300
  - Craven & Harrogate District Citizens Advice Bureau - £75
  - Royal British Legion - £50

**Resolved: That the three donations be paid as per budget.**

- vi) Precept 2018/19 - to complete annual request to Craven DC in the sum of £7190. This was signed by two members of the Council who had attended the last (relevant) meeting. However, Cllr Sharp, who had been Chairman of the meeting at which the Precept was approved, was absent and his signature would be obtained later.
- vii) Open Spaces Society – Lost Commons Rescue Appeal - to consider response – received,
- viii) Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust – Support for Community Initiatives – received.

**7 Planning**

- a) **To consider applications received - *none***
- b) **To note any decisions received - *none***
- c) **To receive any planning correspondence and to consider response – *none***

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**8 Street Lights**

- i) To receive any reports for action – one on the Coach House already referred to the Clerk and reported for action.
- ii) NYCC Street Lighting Department – Street Lighting Improvement – letter received and circulated.

**9 Highways**

- i) To receive any reports for action. When accessing Church Street from the B6479, vehicles are increasingly being directed to turn by Stainforth House which leads to private property. This is causing a nuisance.

**Resolved: That a cul-de-sac, or 'no through road' sign be requested.**

- ii) Dog Hill Brow – to discuss requests for prohibition of all motor traffic (Cllr Blackburn). Evidently, there had been another problem on the Packhorse Bridge and requests for the road to be closed had been received from North Craven Heritage Trust, YDNPA, Knight Stainforth Caravan and Camping Park and the National Trust. It was felt that the provision of two posts, six feet apart, past the gates at the exit from the B6479, would have the desired effect.

**Resolved: That request be made to NYCC, Highways Dept, for action as detailed, to be taken.**

- iii) Restriction signs on Goat Lane, to consider response from NYCC, any changes having to be in accord with the existing traffic order. The matter was discussed again.

**Resolved: That the suggestions as advised in a letter from NYCC, Highways, dated 2 November 2017, be accepted.**

- iv) NYCC - urban highway grass cutting 2018/19 – arrangements are the same as previous year, the urban grass cutting payment for 2018 of £33.20 to be reimbursed in due course and forwarded to the Environment Group who undertake the voluntary grass cutting,

**Resolved: That these arrangements be approved.**

- v) North Yorkshire Permit Scheme (NYoPS) – Statement of Compliance, relevant Order and information - received.

**10 Repairs and Maintenance**

- i) To receive any reports for action - *none*

**11 To respond to correspondence received**

- i) North Yorkshire Youth – support for voluntary sector youth projects – received
- ii) Partnerships Officer, Craven DC – Ward Member Grants Scheme. Community Groups are invited to apply for funding from Craven DC. Each ward councillor has a maximum of £1000 to give to local organisations.

**Resolved: That this information be passed to the Secretary of Stainforth Village Hall.**

**12 To receive any items of information**

- i) Waste Management – advice of additional opening of recycling centres on 27 December 2017, though Settle not included.

**13 To arrange the date of the next meeting of the parish council**

**Resolved: That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held in Stainforth Village Hall on Tuesday, 9 January 2018 at 7pm.**

There being no further business, the Chairman wished all present a Happy Christmas and the meeting was closed at 8.10pm

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