

## Minutes of the Amotherby Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.00 pm

**Members Present:** Cllr. Nigella Ballard  
Cllr. Paul Simpson  
Cllr. Debbie Skilbeck.  
Cllr. Richard Brown

**In attendance:** The Clerk and one member of the public.

1. Apologies have been received from Cllr R Welch and the reason was approved.
2. To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – none received.
3. The Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. To receive information on any ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.
  - 1.1. To report any updates on Highway matters -
    - 4.1.1 Amotherby Lane signs – there is the potential to place “Single track road” signs. It was agreed to ask Highways for these to be placed at the top and bottom of the lane. The Sat Nav companies still need to be contacted, Chair agreed to do this.
    - 4.1.2 Flooding, gutters and ditches – gutters and gullies have been cleaned out. The farmers at Lime Kiln Farm and Habton Farms were contacted about digging out the ditch behind Ryedale Cottages, this has been completed and flood water should now be able to get away. Highways are yet to respond regarding shoring up the sides of the ditch between Ryedale Cottages and Millfield Lodge. The Braygate catch-pits have also been dug out.
  - 1.1. To report on school parking situation – No update regarding the PC request for a site meeting with Highways. The Headmistress has been in discussion with Cllr S Mason regarding the bus from Great Barugh continuing on to Swinton and collecting from there. Noted that more people have been parking and walking from the Queens Head car park.
2. To consider and decide upon the following planning applications – none received
3. To receive any planning decisions/information – none received.
4. Matters requested by councillors and other business
  - 7.1. To discuss the draft new LGA Code of Conduct and adopt if agreed – at the recent YLCA meeting it was recommended that it should be adopted as it stands. It was agreed by those present that Amotherby Parish Council **adopts** the new Code of Conduct as it follows the same principles as the old one but gives more detail. Draft will be amended to change the name to Amotherby Parish Council Code of Conduct and it will then to be added to the website.
  - 7.2. To discuss Radar Speed Signs – prior to proceeding any further, permission needs to be obtained from Highways to provide our own signs. Awaiting quote from TWM to compare with Elan City, to be discussed further at the next meeting.
  - 7.3. To discuss bench quotes and agree on provider – images and prices from Glasdon were discussed, these need comparing with information from Winnerwood, as discussed at previous meeting. Decision to be made at next meeting.
  - 7.4. To agree purchase of poppy wreath for Remembrance Day – agreed for this year. To be laid at a short lay-led service at St Helen's Church on 14 November.
  - 7.5. To report on damage to bus stop shelter – glass at the rear of the bus shelter was smashed and the bus stop sign was on the floor. Both were reported to Passenger Transport and the glass has since been cleared. Has now been passed to Highways for the glass and sign to be replaced.

7.6. To discuss Highway grass cutting for next year – Feedback on this year’s provider has not been altogether positive. Agreed that we should combine forces with adjoining parishes to investigate a provider for next year. Information to be sought on who looks after the grass in Eastfields.

7.7. Councillors raised two issues:-

7.7.1. Public footpaths across private land – Concerns were raised over some dog walkers not respecting landowners property, crops and livestock, by not keeping to the designated footpaths. Some have dogs off the lead and not under control and are rude when approached, dog waste is also left in the fields, sometimes in bags, which have been found in hay bales. Sheep are about to be put in one of the fields and fencing is being put in place. A gap has been made in the hedge on the path towards Appleton and new saplings planted to fill this have been trodden down. RDC to be contacted to request signs asking that paths are kept to. A map showing the designated routes may be useful to place on the paths and hand out to visitors to the area. An email to be sent out to residents.

7.7.2. Approval of expenditure on training – As expenditure on training cannot always be agreed at the meeting before it was **agreed** that providing approval is given by a minimum of two councillors, preferably three, this can be booked.

5. Financial matters

4.1. To approve the following accounts for payment:-

4.1.1. YLCA Policies - Mandatory and Best Practice Webinar Session - £22.50 (chq no. 864) – approved.

4.1.2. Dowson grass cutting in September, invoice 6016 - £180 (chq no. 865) – approved.

4.2. To report payments made under delegated powers:

4.2.1. Autela Payroll Services for Q2 (£30.00, chq 863)

4.3. To note any payments received:-

8.3.1 Parish Precept part 2 - £2,566.50.

4.4. To receive a current bank reconciliation - £7076.50.

5. To consider the following new correspondence received and decide action where necessary:-

5.1. 20s Plenty proposal for a default 20mph speed limit. The Parish Council agreed to support this and the following Motion was passed:-

“Amotherby Parish Council supports the implementation of 20mph as the default speed limit for our parish and in all the urban and village streets in North Yorkshire where people live, work, shop, play and learn. This parish council will write to the Leader and Cabinet Member for the Highway Authority (currently North Yorkshire County Council) to implement a County wide policy on this issue to support 20mph as the default limit with higher limits only where the needs of vulnerable road users are fully taken into account.”

Response to be sent to 20sPlentyforNorthYorkshire email address. In addition a separate letter to be sent asking for a reduction of the speed limit to 30mph on the B1257 all the way through both Amotherby and Swinton.

5.2. Update regarding Citizens Advice services – normal services resuming, letter to be sent to residents with Minutes.

5.3. Farm safety information from North Yorkshire Fire – poster has been placed in noticeboard.

5.4. Late correspondence:-

1.1.1. Unitary Authority update from Councillor Carl Les, 5 October 2021.

- The proposal submitted by NYCC for a single unitary based on the County boundaries, all 300+ pages of it, has been accepted by the Secretary of State (SoS) without modification, and he expects it to be implemented in full.

- That said, we cannot bind a new council, it will decide what it wants to do, and how it wants to work, but it would be foolish in my opinion if it ignored the proposal that sets it up.

- The SoS expects all councils in the area to work together to create as smooth a transition as possible. I have given the SoS that assurance as importantly I believe our residents, communities and businesses expect no less.

- We must create a formal Implementation Board in January. We have formed an informal one already made up of all DC leaders (7) and the County Council’s Executive Committee (10). We have also set up an Implementation Team of senior officers.

- Government have to prepare a Structural Change Order for Parliament. We have responded to their request for what we believe should be in it, in particular the name – we propose North Yorkshire Council; the number of Members – we propose 90 in 89 wards for the first term of the Council, the Boundary Commission will then be invited to do a full review of wards; election cycle – we have suggested aligning parish and the unitary elections, ie first election next May then 5 years later, then every 4 years after that (we propose that no contributions will be sought from PC`s for election expenses)
- Work streams are being established for the smooth transition. One which will be of interest to PC`s will be the one about double devolution – we are asking for powers to be passed from Whitehall to County Hall, then we want to pass powers (only where wanted!) from County Hall to Town / Village Halls. I understand over 50 PC`s have signed up to make this work stream work well.
- Key decision making will also be given to our Area Constituency Committees, made up of the 15 or so councillors elected for that area. This should include planning, licensing and traffic issues.
- 25 neighbourhood forums were proposed, mainly based on market towns and their hinterlands, bringing together local PC`s, public services, business groups and elected members to act as a sounding board for priorities and local delivery – “Your Place, Your Say”.

6. To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting:-  
Benches – compare pictures and costs of all options and decide.  
Possibility of reducing speed limit along B1257 in line with the 20s Plenty campaign  
Dates for 2022 meetings  
Draft budget  
Speed sign update
7. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 8 November 2021.