

## Minutes of the Amotherby Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.00 pm

**Members Present:** Cllr. Nigella Ballard  
Cllr. Paul Simpson  
Cllr. Rob Welch  
Cllr D Skilbeck  
Cllr R Brown

**In attendance:** The Clerk and two members of the public.

1. All Councillors present, no apologies.
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 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 were confirmed as a true and correct record with an amendment to minute 8.5 that the bank reconciliation was actually the bank balance, although as all cheques and receipts were cleared the figure was the same. Minutes signed by the Chairman.
4. To receive information on any ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.
  - 4.1. To report any updates on Highway matters -
    - 4.1.1 Radar speed signs – Chairman had met with the person from NYCC in charge of VAS signs and information gathered was explained. Signs must be located 80-100 metres inside the speed limit and the sign and locations approved by NYCC. Signs would be about 6'6" above the ground, solar panels (between A3 & A2 size) at the top of the post. Permanent posts would be needed at all sites at cost of £500.00 + VAT each and if solar powered a solar panel would be needed at each site as too difficult to move around. Sites currently identified as possible are opposite the Old School and almost opposite Lime Kiln Farm (solar powered). Mains powered signs could be placed on lighting column 4 near Bentley's and on columns 5 or 6 by Seven Wells/Ryedale Cottages on Main St. The electric cost would be c. £10.00 p.a. The original position near BATA/Zetechtics could also be used for a solar powered sign, the post would cost less (£250.00) as the socket is already there. Training on how to move the signs and alter the speed on them will be provided free of charge.  
It had been suggested that a seven day speed survey was conducted (£110 plus VAT) to identify that there is an issue with speeding before we commit to purchase. The surveys will give the volume and speed of traffic, plus the type of vehicles. The cost of this on B1257 and Main St. locations was **approved**.  
Full costings to be provided for next meeting to discuss.  
CCllr L Burr to be contacted to ask if she could make a contribution towards the cost.
    - 4.1.2 Speed limits/ 20s Plenty:-  
Speed limit reduction enquiry has been submitted to Highways, their response is appended at the end of the minutes. Liaise with Swinton PC about a joint application. 20s Plenty campaign have requested that road safety reports are submitted.  
A survey to be sent to residents asking if they would like the stickers.
  - 4.2. Update on Ryedale Plan Review Consultations - Two site comment forms have been completed, four are outstanding and will be completed by the next meeting.  
It was suggested that personal ones were completed too if possible.
  - 4.3. Update on Jubilee celebrations - the Parish Hall has been booked on Friday 3 June and Hall committee will be asked if willing to help. Further ideas and plans to be discussed at the next meeting.
5. To consider and decide upon the following planning applications:- None received
6. To receive any planning decisions/information:- None received

7. Matters requested by councillors and other business:-
  - 7.1. Parish Council (& NYC) Elections take place on 5 May, the Notice of Elections has to be displayed by 28 March. Anyone interested in standing can find out how to apply online and download nomination forms from the RDC website. Residents have been notified by email on 10<sup>th</sup> March of this.
  - 7.2. To discuss a date for spring litter pick - deferred to next meeting as information regarding the availability of the equipment has not yet been received.
  - 7.3. To discuss any item raised at the meeting - YLCA training information on Planning Enforcement & Appeals (what can be done if a council regards an unlawful planning decision has been made) to be sent to all Cllrs.
  
8. Financial matters
  - 8.1. To approve the following accounts for payment:-
    - 8.1.1. To agree payment to YLCA for Planning Enforcement & Appeals training - £22.50 **approved** (chq. 877)
    - 8.1.2. To approve purchase of 20s Plenty bin stickers - deferred to next meeting awaiting results from resident survey of demand.
  - 8.2. To report DD for ICO due at end of March.
  - 8.3. To report Clerk's salary, HMRC tax & Autela Payroll invoice due at end of March - approved to pay under delegated powers when received.
  - 8.4. To report any payments made under delegated powers:- None made
  - 8.5. To note any payments received:- HMRC VAT reclaim - £286.72
  - 8.6. To report that Clerk is due a backdated cost of living increase to salary and agree payment – **approved**. Chairman to notify Autela.
  - 8.7. To receive a current bank reconciliation - bank balance £6021.41, no payments or receipts outstanding.
  
9. To consider the following new correspondence received and decide action where necessary:-
  - 9.1. YLCA:- White Rose Updates, Law & Governance Bulletins, Training programme - noted.
  - 9.2. NYCC:-
  - 9.3. RDC:- Ryedale Plan – information available on website - noted.
  - 9.4. CFY:- New training programme, Support for Ukraine - noted.
  - 9.5. Any late correspondence.
  
10. Items for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting:-
  - To discuss full costings for VAS speed signs
  - Report back on 20s Plenty sticker survey
  - Ideas for Jubilee celebrations
  - To discuss a date for spring litter pick.
  - Footpath towards Appleton needs raising with Highways. Path need kerbing along area at present grassed.
  - Manhole cover close to crossroads needs investigating as it has sunk again.
  
11. Date of the next meeting confirmed as Monday 11 April 2022.

#### Appendix, email from Highways re. speed limits

Changing speed limits requires changes in the Traffic Regulation Order so that the limits are enforceable. It is not just a case of changing or moving the signs which is what some residents believe. I appreciate that residents in Amotherby are concerned about speeding traffic and I can see that enforcement by North Yorkshire Police is currently taking place. With my background in Road Safety I think it might be useful for councillors to understand a little about the types of drivers who speed. There are two distinct categories of speeders, 'violators' who drive at whatever speed with total disregard for the speed restriction, the safety of others and whether they are breaking the law or not. Thankfully this is a relatively small group of drivers but very little will alter their behaviour, even after receiving points on their licence they often still speed. The second and largest group of offenders are drivers who speed are 'lapsers', those who for whatever reason are distracted and either don't realise what the limit is or forget because they are thinking about something else rather than driving within the posted speed limit. These drivers can be affected by prosecution, reminded

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about what the speed limit is or having visual clues that the environment has changed and they need to slow down and alter their driving as they have entered a village.

In North Yorkshire, as I'm sure you are aware, speeding concerns are dealt with through the Speed Management Protocol (SMP) and Main Street, Amotherby went through this process in August 2017 and the results were as follows;

RY1710370 – Main Street, Amotherby (30 mph) – Injury collisions within the last 5 years = 1 slight injury collision (not stated whether speed related) – Results – Mean speeds = 30/29 mph – 85% speeds = 38/35 mph – Road Safety Task Group Decision = Enforcement.

SMP surveys can be conducted every three years so the Parish Council could request a new survey and I have attached information on how to do this. I have also studied enforcement information from the safety camera vans and can provide you with the following.

Year	Location	Number of visits	SAC	CO	RFS
2020	B1257 Amotherby Village	8	5	0	0
2020	B1257 Amotherby Village	1	14	4	0
2021	Main Street, Amotherby outside BATA offices	17	67	10	1

SAC = Speed Awareness Course - A speeding offence that falls into the initial speed bracket deemed suitable for a Speed Awareness Course (dependant on driver eligibility).

CO = Conditional offer - An offence that cannot be dealt with by means of education will be offered a Conditional Offer.

RFS = Report for summons - An offence that can only be dealt with at a Magistrates Court.

It is encouraging to see that the levels of enforcement are so great along Main Street but of course disappointing to see that many drivers are ignoring the posted speed limit. It would be useful to ask for another SMP survey along Main Street to see if the level of enforcement has reduced the 85% speeds as drivers who regularly travel along this route will be aware that the police enforce the speed limit.

With 85% speeds of 38/35 mph Main Street would not be considered for the introduction of a 20 mph limit without significant physical measures to force drivers to travel at or near 20 mph. Currently North Yorkshire Police do not enforce 20 mph limits so the introduction of a 20 mph zone would have little effect on drivers.

We received a similar request to reduce the speed limit along the B1257 at Barton-le-Street and my colleague provided the following which I think would also apply to Amotherby.

*“North Yorkshire County Council, as the Highway Authority, and North Yorkshire Police, as the speed enforcement authority, have agreed a joint protocol covering both the setting and enforcement of speed limits, taking into account the guidance set out in Department for Transport Circular 01/2013: ‘Setting Local Speed Limits’. In terms of applying a 30mph speed limit through a village the protocol sets out the criteria which must be met in terms of the frontage development and distance, which is -*

- 20 or more houses (on one or both sides of the road); and
- a minimum length of 600 metres.

*Unfortunately this section of the B1257 (in Barton) does not meet the necessary criteria for a 30mph to be implemented.*

*The protocol also sets out which speed limit is appropriate for which situation and states that a 40mph speed limit should be applied where there are many bends, junctions or accesses, or where there are considerable numbers of vulnerable road users. As such the appropriate speed limit has been applied at this location.”*

I appreciate this is not the response you were hoping for but I hope you understand the criteria we must work within in terms of speed management.