

Minutes of the Amotherby Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th September 2023 at 7.00 pm

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

In attendance: The Clerk and three members of the public.

1. Apologies – apologies received from Cllr. R Welch, accepted and reason 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 11th July 2023 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. Michelle Whitfield, NYC Community Link Officer spoke to the meeting. She is one of a team of 5 Community Link Officers based in a community safety hub in Ryedale House, along with with the police. Officers work closely with the police, fire and rescue service and health services. She is responsible for Malton and the surrounding areas and her job is wide ranging, dealing with noise/environmental health complaints from the community, housing issues/landlord liaison with the housing team, also anti-social behaviour, waste issues/new bins and general complaints. The team have a presence at community events and happy to attend events. In conjunction with the police, pubs and nighttime economy venues are checked, drug swabs/licences. Contact point for Lifeline buttons and welfare concerns. Contact via:- Mobile: 07786 427 437, Telephone: 0300 131 2 131 or 01653 600666 (will still get through), Email: michelle.whitfield@northyorks.gov.uk or communityteam.rye@northyorks.gov.uk
5. Ongoing issues - Highway matters.

A resident raised a complaint about a sunken area over a water pipe on the B1257 which resulted in noise and shaking of house from HGVs.

Cllr.Simpson very concerned over the path to Swinton being narrow with vehicles travelling at 40mph (or more). This should be addressed by the Safe Routes to School team.

 - 5.1. Parking order - an email has been received with amended details of the Order as the start time for the one previously issued was incorrect. Lines had been painted incorrectly and are awaiting correction. BATA have noticed an increase in parents parking on the BATA frontage and have raised safety concerns over this. School have sent an email to parents asking them not to park there. Complaint received from a parent that the passing space has resulted in cars going faster, having an impact on families walking to school as they are unable to cross the road. A safe crossing point at the Parish Hall/ crossroads, along with a zebra crossing was suggested. School to be contacted asking that parents are reminded of the changes to parking in the village, the restrictions now in place, explaining the reason for these and ask them to be responsible drivers and think of others. Highways to be contacted asking for them to request a presence from the police or traffic wardens to assist with enforcing the new rules.
 - 5.2. B1257 30mph limit – a response has been received from the Highways Improvement Manager who has reviewed the accident records, speed data and consulted the police. Letter states - "It appears that in 2022 speed measurements were taken at the east of Amotherby which showed an average speed of 38.5mph and 85th percentile of 43.2mph. Speed measurements were also taken at a midpoint between the villages which showed an average speed of 37.5mph and 85th percentile speed of 41.8mph. In 2014 speed measurements were taken just to the east of Swinton which showed an average speed of 34.6mph and 85th percentile of 40.4mph. Collision history records show that there has been one (reported) incident at Amotherby crossroads in the last three years and two in Swinton." Road Safety Team would not be consider a reduction in the speed limit based on the current evidence.

A response to be sent stating that we are not satisfied with the response and also firmly believe that there has been considerably more accidents than the figure given, probably unreported. Also ask if any liaison had been undertaken with Community Safety Team and school re. "Safe Routes to School".

- 5.3. Information from Cllr.Mason on speed limits and Highway matters – Cllr.Mason had met with Cllr.K Duncan who was supportive of a speed limits review along the whole B1257. Key sites along the road where issues are heightened had been identified. A follow up meeting with the Parish Council and Highways was suggested.
6. To consider and decide upon the following planning applications:- none received.
7. To receive any planning decisions/information:-
- 7.1. ZE23/00515/FUL – Reservoir, Amotherby Lane - Decision notice received. Application **refused**.
- 7.2. King's Field Archaeology visit – There had been a good turnout of residents to the site visit on 23 August. MAP Archaeology will send a copy of the final report when it is completed. To be sent to residents when available. Possibility of an exhibition at the Parish Hall. Chairman had sent an email of thanks.
8. Matters requested by councillors and other business.
- 8.1. Report on YLCA AGM and notice of next Branch meeting – Chairman had attended a very interesting AGM and debate on motions proposed. House of Lords had debated request for remote meetings and backed it. NALC would keep lobbying on remote and hybrid meetings for PCs. Next branch meeting on 19th October at Ryedale House.
- 8.2. To give permission for payment of Clerks Salary, HMRC tax and Autela Payroll invoice when due – permission granted.
- 8.3. To request permission for purchase of poppy wreath – permission granted.
- 8.4. To give information on church and churchyard matters – Church has almost raised enough money for repairs to go ahead. Church will be closed for three months from 1st November. Remembrance Service to be held outside and the Christingle to take place at the Parish Hall. Churchyard now being maintained by North Yorkshire Council.
- 8.5. To discuss any item raised at the meeting:-
- Burglary – BATA had reviewed their CCTV and offered images to the Police but they have not yet been to view. Cllr.Brown to contact Michelle Whitfield.
- Painting of railings to be postponed to spring 2024.
- Responses sent to NALC consultation on local plans and NYC review of bus services.
9. Financial matters
- 9.1. To approve the following accounts for payment:-
- 9.1.1. Repay Chairman for paintbrushes bought to paint railings £15.98 - **approved** (chq.929)
- 9.1.2. Request from Chairman to attend a YLCA training course on behalf of another group, PC to pay and cost to be reimbursed afterwards - **approved**
- 9.2. To report any payments made which were previously approved or under delegated powers:- none made.
- 9.3. To note any payments received:- none received.
- 9.4. To receive a current bank reconciliation – no bank statement available.
10. To consider the following new correspondence received and decide action where necessary:-
- 10.1.YLCA:- White Rose Bulletins, Law & Governance bulletins, NALC Chief Executive's Bulletins, Training information - noted.
- 10.2.NYC:- adoption of Parish Charter – noted.
- 10.3.NY Community Messaging –
- 10.4.Hedgehog Highway letter – noted, none required
- 10.5.Any late correspondence – hedge along B1257 from Appleton to Amotherby crossroads has been cut by a local farmer.
11. To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.
12. Date of the next meeting confirmed as Monday 13th November.

Meeting closed at 8.26pm.