

Constable Burton and Finghall Parish Council

Agenda for Parish Council Meeting on 23rd Nov at 7pm to be held in the Reading Rooms, Constable Burton.

THE CLERK WOULD EMPHASISE THAT PARISH MEETINGS ARE OPEN AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

1) *Welcome* Chairman Howard welcomed a good attendance to the Parish Meeting. He introduced the parish council and their particular village to the assembled parishioners.

2) *Declaration of interests* "To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest. If you become aware, during the course of a meeting, of an interest that has not been disclosed under this item you must immediately disclose it. You may remain in the meeting and take part fully in discussion and voting unless the interest is prejudicial.

Councillor Barry Snarr declared an interest in the reading rooms of Constable Burton as Chair of the reading room committee.

Councillor Hilly Dobson declared an interest in the reading rooms of Constable Burton as vice chairman of the reading room committee.

3) *Minutes of the last meeting* "To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the Council/committee held on the 24th August 2022 and circulated to members be signed as a correct record."

These were accepted as correct.

Proposed Councillor (Clr) Vanessa Cutter

Seconded Clr Dave Irwin

4) *Apologies for absence*

Apologies received from Roy Allinson

5) *Matters arising from the minutes*

Murder Stone Plaque.

Not yet up. Family had been contacted but they were not inclined to travel when weather not great. So get the Plaque up and they will come when they can and a photo can be taken then. Plaque is at Croft Castings ..to be collected and installed.

6) *Public questions and statements*

Ten parishioners and Clrs spoke on a variety of issues.

1<sup>st</sup>, the planning application for the extension of the caravan park. Why hadn't the Parish Clrs for Constable Burton (C/B) asked for villagers opinions?

Response: Clr Snarr, and District Clr R. Ormston had spoken with the planning applicants, looked at the site and drainage. They felt there were no immediate objections. Which led to the Parish Clerk at the time responding to the planning dept that they were happy with the proposed development. (Nov 2021)

It was felt the amendment to the above planning application of a footpath to provide safe access to the pub and caravan park was known by the C/B parish Clrs in August. Why wasn't this brought to the attention of the affected residents of C/B?

Response: The Clrs of C/B had not formally known of the footpath plan or route. But it had been talked about for some considerable time following the tragic accident on the A684 some years ago. No formal notification of the amendment had been sent to the parish council that could be found...neither to the previous clerk nor the new one.

The District Clr commented that this was a large planning application and as such would go to the full planning committee. The first proposed route of the footpath is being reconsidered to make it less intrusive to the residents affected. The planning application is not due to be decided until the 26th January so still time for changes to be made.

A lack of confidence in The C/B parish Councilors and their lack of communication was expressed by some residents of Constable Burton.

An incident involving parked cars had occurred in April /May..an email had been sent to Clr Snarr, Were the parish Council Informed of this incident? It should have been shared so other parishioners could take protective measures of their vehicles.

Response: Clr Snarr did speak with the community police and a leaflet was sent round.

A letter submitted by a parishioner of C/B was read out by the clerk as requested by said parishioner.

Further explanation of the planning process was highlighted, all planning applications are put on the Richmondshire District Council Planning website. The public can read and respond to planning applications independently. The Planning process also consults with relevant organisations for their views.

Further statement about Clr Snarr speaking with Planning No 21/00902 applicant and Clr Snarr had conveyed the villagers concerns and had further arranged a village meeting for villagers and applicant to discuss possible mutual adaptations to the planning suggestions.

Further statement concerning a lack of communication brought to a head by the proposed footpath. The speaker felt that all methods possible are used to spread the word throughout the village. Expressed sadness that this had come to such a sad state of affairs. Was concerned this situation might get out of hand and destroy the supportive social ambience that the speaker recalled in Constable Burton.

Clr Snarr responded with relevant points about issues that specifically concerned Constable Burton Reading rooms. The Proposed footpath has been talked about for a long time. The actual proposal to planning was something that he had not been aware of but once he was, he had set up a meeting with the Planning applicant and the villagers concerned and a compromise had been reached verbally.

A resident of Constable Burton stated that they had asked to attend the parish council meeting in August and had been told that they couldn't attend by the local parish councillor.

Further general comments concerning parish information that was passed on through the reading rooms. Villagers should have been informed about the planning amendment for the footpath.

It was clarified that the footpath was a planning issue and the parish could only comment as would all other agencies deemed relevant.

7) *Code of conduct for our parish council*

This has been circulated previously to all parish councillors and now needed adopting and signing by all parish councilors.

Proposed Clr Vanessa Cutter

Seconded Clr Barry Snarr

8) *Notice boards*

Suggested suppliers of noticeboards had been circulated to the parish councilors for their choice. Grant available from Richmondshire district council (RDC). Clerk would apply for grant and find a reasonably priced notice board to replace three out of four noticeboards.

9) *Finghall Barrel push*

Held over till next meeting

10) *Defibrillator*

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11) *Quarterly financial review*

Parish Precept of £3220 would remain the same for the coming year.

In the Bank: 4129.89

To be paid out when the signatories were finally changed ..very close to success on this now..

1237.85

Balance 2892.04

12) *Parish Website*

Communications appeared to be a real problem within the parish so what about a website that is parish run,- unbiased, easily accessible to the clerk, meeting the new legislative requirements and making the whole process of supporting the communities more transparent.

Concerns about the cost, clerk will research and a further discussion with an open parish meeting to decide if the website was the right thing to do. A straw poll of support was taken and the majority were in favour.

13) Clerks wage £250 per quarter.

14) AOB

Drains in Finghall.

Pothole in Finghall fixed but had already cracked with the weight of traffic.

Clr Snarr asked if any other villages in the parish had a warm room. They don't.

Clr Ormston mentioned the RDC had grants of up to £1000 available for warm room facilities.

Villager mentioned there is a winter warmer pack available from the county council with flasks, socks, and food. Also possible to donate and get involved.

Upgrade coming to Finghall electric supply...council were asked if they had any information as yet  
We haven't.

Date of next parish Meeting. Wed 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 in Constable Burton Reading rooms 7p.m.

Meeting Closed at 8.44

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