

2Constable Burton and Finghall Parish Council

Agenda for Parish Council Meeting on 15th February at 7pm to be held in the Reading Rooms, Constable Burton.

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

1) Welcome

Chairman Howard welcomed 32 members of the parish to the meeting.

2) Adoption of standing orders for our parish council

Standing orders having been circulated to the parish councillors were adopted.

Proposed: Clr Allinson

Seconded Clr Dobson

3) 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.*

Clr Dobson declared her interest in the Reading room- being the vice chairman.

4) Minutes of the last meeting *"To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the Council/committee held on the 23th November 2022 and the extra ordinary meeting held on 14th December 2022 and circulated to members be signed as a correct record."*

Chairman Howard delayed the approval of the November minutes following some unhappiness of the minutes by one of the parish councillors.

The minutes from December were signed as a correct record

Prop: Clr Dobson

Sec: Clr Allinson

5) Apologies for absence

Received from Clr Cutter and Clr Snarr. Also from Clr Irwin for lateness.

6) Matters arising from the minutes

Murder Stone: In the post to the parish clerk

Notice boards. Ordered and cheque in the post

Web site:

www.constable-burton-finghallpc.org.uk

About the website....

Need a bit about each **village or hamlet**- e.g history/size/aspirations/events... anyone?

Need up to date photos of each village/hamlet using an old one at the moment.....Anyone?

Details about the parish councillors with their contact details.....clerk will chase up

Planning applications are going on as they arrive... 2 week gap when Clerk was on holiday, might be good if someone could cover when clerk is missing? Chairman Howard volunteered.

Policies are going on as they are approved. Code of conduct already there, standing orders will go on now.

Finance- the years submission to the council accounts goes on each year.

Parish Meetings – agendas and minutes. The agenda updates as the next one goes on. The minutes will all be there. (minutes also go on the Richmondshire district council website)

Notices: anything that the parish might need to know, or be interested in.

The Finghall website has been taken down, the history group from Finghall will have their own section in the fullness of time. **Other villages and hamlets could have their bit too...**

Other things coming: **coronation...new council...**

7) Public questions and statements

Coronation- what are we going to do? As a whole parish or individual villages? Lots of information coming through to the clerk about coronation merchandising. Our insurance company have notified us that we are covered for street parties as long as sensible conditions are met. Funding is available through the national lottery. Letter attached as appendix 1. Guide to organising a street party attached as appendix 2.

Coronation on Sat 6th May

The coronation big lunch is on Sun 7th may. Guidance on how to get involved at www.gov.uk/government/publications/your-guide-to-organising-a-street-party/your-guide-to-organising-a-street-party

The Big Help out is on Mon 8th May.

If we want a party or a few parties it needs to be done asap.

The new residents of Plum cottage in Constable Burton introduced themselves to the parish. Welcome!

8) Defibrillator

Following the passing of Eddie who managed the defibrillator in Finghall, Roy Blake has taken over. The defibrillator in Finghall is fastened to the now closed Chapel, but all is ok for it to stay where it is for the time being, courtesy of the Methodist Minister. During the course of the year the defibrillator will require new pads at £100 for two. (Needs incorporating into parish budget planning.) Training for interested parishioners to be competent has been held.

Clr Dobson is guardian of defibrillator in Constable Burton- has training been held for interested and competent parishioners in Constable Burton?

Barden and Garriston, and Hauxwell do not have defibrillators .. would they like them? Grants available.(Details of grants already sent to Clrs Cutter and Irwin post the pc meeting)

9) Children's play equipment

Now installed. The equipment was bought with a grant. However the terms and conditions of the grant included with the application and acceptance form were that it all had to be paid for upfront. Once the paid invoices were submitted to Richmondshire District Council the grant money would be released.

The bill for the play equipment Of £10,442.34 inc vat was submitted on 31.08.2022 but reached the Chairman end of January. The Parish bank account has never had that amount in it and there is no record in the minutes going back to August 2021 of how it was to be paid for. Therefore the Chairman having explored many avenues of possible money available felt the parish councillors had to step in, if they could, and pay the bill as the bottom line was the parish councillors were responsible even though some of them had not been councillors at the time.

Question from the floor: Was it normal for Parish Councillors to pay for large bills that the parish bank account could not accommodate?

Answer: No it is not.

Chairman Howard reiterated that the issue was being resolved.
Clr Allinson added that it could not be allowed to happen again.

10) Neighbourhood Watch

A parishioner from Finghall raised the topic of neighbourhood watch and that she had been the coordinator for Finghall in the past.

Was anyone interested in having neighbourhood watch in the parish?

11) Local plan for development.

The local plan for development in 2014 identified land behind the listed buildings of Constable Burton village as a permissible building area. The updated local plan of 2019 does not show this area as permissible building area.

Following the concerns over the planning application [21/00902/FULL](#) and the footpath objections registered with the RDC (Richmondshire District Council) Chairman Clr Smith had requested further information from the district Clr Ormston.

As Clr Ormston was present he responded:

He understood the concerns of residents about development in the village and thought that planning permission should be about keeping building within the village to stop it sprawling. It was down to the parish council to feedback information to planning.

From the floor:

- a) No point in submitting objections to planning as they took no notice of the parish council.
- b) An objection to a planning application has to be a legitimate planning reason
- c) Do amendments necessarily come back to the parish council for further comment?
- d) There is a different case officer for each application so is there consistency?
- e) What is the difference between going to the planning committee and delegated powers?...
- f) Why isn't the footpath a separate application?
- g) At what point is the footpath safe with no official crossing point included in the planning application. The footpath crosses the very busy A684 road.

Clr Ormston confirmed that he was sure the planning application [21/00902/FULL](#) would be going to full planning, all large applications did. Delegated powers were for small planning applications that were easily resolved using the legislation in place. Therefore Clr Ormston was sure [21/00902/FULL](#) would be going to committee not delegated powers

But the clerk had documentation from the planning website that said delegated powers would be deciding.

Clr Ormston was very surprised at this and would be investigating this further as he was sure it had to go to full planning committee. He would report back to the Parish Council asap.

f) One Parish Councillors from Constable Burton had known about the footpath amendment on 16th August, and had not made it known in the village. A parish Council meeting was held on 24th August, and parishioners were told they could neither put the planning application on the agenda nor speak at the meeting about the planning application [21/00902/FULL](#) and amendments.

g) Did all concerned get letters about the footpath amendments...apparently not.

h) An employee of North Yorks County council had submitted a comment about the footpath which had been challenged and subsequently withdrawn as the planning application and the amendments were under RDC.

i) General consensus that the planning application should go to full planning committee and not delegated powers. Also the footpath should be a separate application.

j) letter submitted to PC that the C/B village meeting in Oct 2022 discussed
* the footpath and flooding and fear of future development causing more flooding.

*safety of villagers in C/b with the increased traffic and speeding through the village. Also concerns about the grade 2 listed bridge and a possible reduction in the speed limit to 30mph.

Local landowners and villagers had agreed that these were relevant points.

The parish council records these concerns and they will be documented on the Richmondshire website as in these minutes.

Lot of concern about the road through the village of C/B, which has a blind corner and is used by cyclists and cars at speed.

A Parishioner commented that as there was no footpath along the side of the A684 the speed limit could be 40mph.

The use of speed flashing warning lights was discussed and District Cllr Ormston would speak with Patrick Brompton about possibly sharing. There would be significant cost, possibly over £3000 plus the installation. Concerns about the bridge and its width, the increased traffic, and heavy goods vehicles coming through the village.

Possible speed surveys were discussed.

Re the planning for an increased caravan park, one of the parish councillors had said there was no objections to the development but it would bring yet another increase in traffic.

General feeling was that information has previously not been fully shared. The new Parish Council website is helping as all planning goes straight on there. Feedback always welcome to make the website better as the website is in its early days.

Another letter expressed concern for the very poor state of Mill Lane in C/B. Since the letter arrived this has already been raised with the highways, and exactly where the road is adopted and not adopted. Investigation in progress.

12) Quarterly financial review

All outstanding bills since June are now paid as the bank is now transferred over to the clerk and Chairman. Because of the playground bill we now have £249.22 in the bank and a debt to 5 parish councillors who have stepped up to sort out the mess of the playground equipment. This will right itself as grants are claimed and vat is claimed.

13) AOB

*Wicksteed Leisure also gave vouchers to c/b parish councillor to the value of £200 despite the bill not being paid. Confusion as to where the vouchers were now though Clr Dobson said there was £130 left in the C/B village bank account. However the money left Wicksteed as vouchers, so some confusion here. Chairman reviewing.

*Parishioner from Finghall enquired about the electrical works starting in Finghall. The works should not impact greatly on residents and electricity board concerned are keen to impact on locals as little as possible.

*Is there a wildlife group that people could volunteer for or support as Yorkshire wildlife trust has reported a 40% decrease in wildlife. Could it go on the parish website?

- Building in Finghall is causing some mess. Clr Allinson will call in to the builders and have a word.

There being no further business..the meeting closed at 8.45pm

14) Date of next meeting

Mon 22nd May

Items for the agenda in to the clerk by midnight on 15th May