

Constable Burton and Finghall Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Council on 13th May 2024 at 7.30pm in Constable Burton Reading Rooms

Present: Cllrs Smith, Hale, Gelder, Dalton, Allinson, Residents x 5

Apologies: Cllr Irwin (Work issues), PC Campbell

1. To receive any declarations of interest. Cllr Smith declares an interest to item 5 (Spruce Gill Farm).
2. To confirm the minutes of meeting held on 19th February 2024 as a true and accurate record. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
3. Crime report. PC Campbell sent a report for the Leyburn area. Clerk to ask if a report could be produced which is more specific to our area.
4. Clerk report. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.
 - Defibrillators for Barden & Hauxwell. Clerk had asked BT if the defibs could be placed in the phone boxes with the phones, this is not possible. Cllr Dalton explains that there is no suitable location in Barden, however there is in Hauxwell and the landlord is happy to allow a cable, pay for the electricity and the defib to be placed on the wall next to the noticeboard. Clerk to accept the DHSC funding, £750 will need to be paid for by the PC.
 - Notices on play equipment and benches. Cllr Allinson has sign and will fit later.
 - Speeding control measures. Cllrs discussed the use of VAS, clerk advised that there is a specific Officer within NYC who deals with locating these. Clerk to contact and arrange a meeting, Cllr Allinson will meet in Finghall and Cllr Hale will meet in Constable Burton. Cllr Dalton explains that traffic travels too fast in Barden and clerk to request a 30mph speed limit & highlight the concerns to our PCSO.
 - D day remembrance. Notices had been placed in the villages but no interest shown.
 - Events in the villages – notification for Leyburn Town Council. Clerk to inform Leyburn TC about the Barrel Race on 27th May & the Duck Race on 25th August.
 - Grass cutting. Resident asks if anything could be done about the nettles from Donald Smith Court to the railway bridge. Clerk to report to Highways.
 - Constable Burton road sign. The one at the east end of the village is overgrown. Clerk to report to Highways.
5. Planning Applications.
 - Full planning permission for change of use of an existing double garage to form a one bedroom annex plus additional garden area at Parklands, Chapel Lane, Finghall. No objections.
 - Full planning permission for side extension to existing dwelling, creating larger kitchen/diner and extra bedroom/en-suite to first floor at Hutton Ghyll, Hutton Hang. No objections.
 - Full planning permission for extension to existing agricultural building to provide a new muck store with concrete yard area to front at Spruce Gill Farm, Church Lane, Finghall. Cllr Smith declares an interest. No objections.
 - Granted: FPP for change of use of dwelling to 6 bed holiday let. Glebe House, Finghall.
 - Refused: Outline planning permission for 12 dwellings at Blewhouse Lane, Finghall

6. Matters requested by councillors.

- To discuss planters for Constable Burton. Money was raised by Cllr Gelder for some new planters in Constable Burton, she adds that residents are happy to look after these and will repair any damage. The planters need to be insured in case of claims, clerk to add to insurance when in place and add to asset register. Clerk informs that a Street Furniture Licence will be required from Highways.
- To discuss the noticeboard at Constable Burton. Long discussion, Cllr Smith queries legislation about locked noticeboards for PCs, clerk to check. If okay it was resolved to change the noticeboard for the wooden board to allow provision for residents to use, and also a space for the PC to have a locked section. It was resolved that the Reading Room should upkeep and insure the board. The current noticeboard may be moved to Barden, as Cllr Dalton suggested that the current one is quite small, and then the Barden noticeboard to be sold.

7. Financial matters. Balance at 13/5/24 £7963.42 (all Cllrs viewed the internal financial controls)

Incoming

- NYC (Precept 1st payment) £5000.00

Outgoing

- YLCA (Annual membership) £227.00
- Sue Laskey (March wages) £100.00 (problems with HMRC, payment to be completed soon for both Sue Laskey & Vicki Raven)
- Vicki Raven (April wages) £295.66 (Scale 14, while under trial). It was resolved that the clerk was no longer in trial period, and so increase to Scale 17 for May onwards.

8. Safety Review. Constable Burton park, the village shop counter has a loose board at the bottom. Cllr Smith will replace screw.

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

- NYC – Renewal of contracts for supported local bus services. Service 155 has changed operator to Hodgson's Coaches.
- Residents – dog fouling/provision of new dog bin. Two residents reported the dog waste problem in this area, clerk to order a new dog bin for that site. Cllr Smith will clear out the trough being used currently.

10. Date of next meeting. 12th August – Constable Burton Reading Rooms

Meeting closed: 8.34pm