

Constable Burton and Finghall Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Council on 12th August 2024 at 7.00pm in Constable Burton Reading Room

Present: Cllrs Smith, Hale, Gelder & Dalton, Residents x 3

Apologies: Cllrs Allinson (holiday) & Irwin (resigning from PC, to send formal resignation to Chairman), PCSO Watson

1. To receive any declarations of interest. None
2. To confirm the minutes of meeting held on 13th May 2024 as a true and accurate record. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record of these meetings.
3. Crime report. PC Campbell sent a report from June & July for the Leyburn area, clerk forwarded to Cllrs. Clerk spoke to PCSO Watson about the reports and requested for them to be more specific to our area, he stated that this wasn't possible due to the geographical area they cover.
4. Matters raised by members of the public. None at this time.
5. Clerk report. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.
 - Defibrillators for Hauxwell. Clerk requested funding; all the funding has been allocated for this round. More funding will be available in September, clerk to apply.
 - To review the speed survey and discuss the possibility of placing a Vehicle Activated Sign at Constable Burton/Finghall. NYC speed surveys carried out from 14/6 – 20/6. Finghall speeds show a small proportion of speeding vehicles, Constable Burton higher, with the Eastbound figures showing a concerning amount of speeding. North Yorkshire Cllr Jones has sent an email stating that he would be happy to provide financial support from the Locality fund for a VAS. Initial quote from Swarco for battery VAS around £4500 to include extra battery and post. Long discussion about how long the battery would last with around 2000 vehicles/day. Cllrs ask if the location could be moved to be closer to the main village and enable the VAS to be solar. Clerk to find out about solar VAS, and if it has a battery back-up. It was resolved for the PC to spend up to £2000 for this project. Clerk to ask about movement and solar possibility, obtain 2 more quotes and apply for Locality funding.
 - Highways updates. Finghall – blocked drain reported by resident on hill and towards the level crossing. Reported to Highways, Northern PowerGrid will repair as relates to their work. Parish Portal, clerk having problems accessing, NYC having technical issues and will resolve. Vegetation overgrowth in CB towards the railway bridge reported by a resident at May meeting, details logged and works will be carried out as necessary. Barden – 30mph sign, reported. Suggestion to ask for “no footpath signs” at this location, clerk to ask Highways. Following discussions with Darren Griffiths (NYC – VAS advisor) about speeding, suggested to ask Highways to review both the new footpath crossing area and the bridge area. Reply from Highways, the footpath area has appropriate visibility and no further measures are required. Area to West of the bridge, all appropriate road markings and warning signs are in place but some of these items need replacing/refreshing in the not too distant future. Road closure – Hargill Lane, Finghall. 2nd Sept – 4th Sept, clerk has posted on the website. Constable Burton sign, overgrown with vegetation and now not visible. Clerk reported to Highways again, awaiting reply.
6. Planning Applications.
 - Listed Building Consent for proposed replacement of 6 No timber windows and 1 entrance porch at Queens Head, Finghall. No objections.
 - Full planning permission for alteration and extension of the guest house at the rear for use as ancillary living accommodation associated with the Public House and Guest House, Queens Head, Finghall. No objections.

- Variation of condition No 16 on application 21/00902/FULL. Constable Burton Hall Caravan Park. Cllr Gelder states that she has asked for clarification about this variation. No objections.
7. Matters requested by councillors.
- To discuss lack of notification re: planning decision notice from NYC. Cllr Gelder states that a planning decision notice was not received by the PC, also that the decision was made by delegated authority and not at a committee meeting as previously stated, the council were not notified about this change of decision. Clerk to send letter of complaint to planning department and cc Cllr Jones.
 - To discuss parking problems around the bus stop at Finghall. Cllr Allinson asks for this to come to the meeting; a resident highlights the problems about residents parking at the bus stop (serves both the school bus and public buses) and within the Hargill Road junction area. Cllr Dalton asks if residents have been asked to park more considerately, they have. It was resolved to ask Highways for their input about this issue.
 - To discuss uses for funds raised by a Parish Councillor. Cllr Gelder requests £600 to be given to PC as a donation from the Christmas Wreaths. The planters aren't viable as need to be 1.5 metres from the Highway. Cllr Smith suggests that a donation to the Reading Room may be a better idea. Cllr Gelder feels the money should go to the PC as this if for the whole area, she would like the money to be used for something tangible. Cllr Hale queries if this can be used for specific items, clerk adds that the funds can be earmarked. It was resolved to accept this donation and clerk to email Cllr Gelder with the bank details.
8. Financial matters. Balance at 12/8/24 £5393.09 (all Cllrs viewed the internal financial controls)
- Outgoing
- Margaret Goldie (Internal audit) £30.00
 - HMRC (PAYE) £175.84
 - Vicki Raven (May, June, July wages) £1039.50
 - NYC (Speed surveys & dog bin) £602.40
 - VCS Websites (Hosting/support/domain name) £336.00 Cllrs queried the support for email, clerk had asked Mr Frostick and he felt this was computer support and not email support, as problems with Outlook. It was resolved to pay.
 - CB Reading Room (Hall hire) £45.00 (£25.00 of this was from November 23)
- Internal audit comments: November minutes had room hire for £25 but no payment found. Zurich Insurance payment not minuted. Cllr Hale asks for budget to be reviewed each meeting and clerk to look at higher rate bank account for reserves.
9. Safety Review. Constable Burton park inspections 8/7 & 2/8. Slight play in all the swing bushes, no action required presently. Cllr Hale replaced a bolt in the slide handrail in June.
10. To consider the following new correspondence received and decide action where necessary:
- Boundary Commission – Parish Sector briefing 29th August. Clerk attending this meeting, Cllrs can join through email.
 - Leyburn & District Community Anchor Organisation – presentation request. Emergency/resilience planning information. D Poole will attend November meeting.
 - Resident – Hogweed at Constable Burton. Reported to Wyvill Estate Office 1/7, on forward planner for March & May.

Resident reports pot holes and pavement issues on Mill Lane. Clerk to report to Highways. Notification about a fence which was almost erected which would have hidden the water hydrant signs, this was resolved by a Cllr. Query about whether the play equipment is insured, it is insured.

Date of next meeting. 11th November, 7pm – Queens Head, Finghall

Meeting closed: 8.20pm