

Constable Burton and Finghall Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Council held on 19th May 2025 at 7.22pm in The Reading Room, Constable Burton.

Present: Cllrs Smith, Allinson, Hale, Gelder & Dalton

1. To receive any declarations of interest. None.
2. To confirm the minutes of meeting held on 10th February 2025 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. Crime reports received for February, March & April, reports forwarded to Cllrs.
4. Matters raised by members of the public. None attending.
5. Clerk report. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.
 - Vehicle Activated sign at Constable Burton – risk assessment and decision about the timing for altering the direction. Clerk completed risk assessment, all Cllrs reviewed and it was resolved to accept. VAS to be turned around after the August meeting.
 - Community Emergency Plan for completion. Cllrs completed many aspects, more volunteers needed, Cllrs to ask around. It was resolved to purchase some items for an emergency kit to be housed in the Reading Room (this is to be the Welfare Centre should the plan be enacted), candles, matches, notepad, pens, wind up torches and a radio.
 - Village signs & Grit bins for Barden. The village signs haven't been placed as yet, clerk to chase. Highways are unable to provide grit bins for Barden, clerk to ask if we could purchase 2, maximum spend £200.
 - Constable Burton bench. Cllr Gelder had found a suitable bench at Winstanleys, Leyburn, however Cllrs felt that a bench suitable for public spaces would be more appropriate. Cllr Gelder will confirm with residents. Cllr Smith will provide hard standing for the bench. The bench will be maintained by residents from Constable Burton.
 - Events in the villages – notification for Leyburn Town Council. Clerk to notify about Barrel Roll 24th May.
 - Other items. A resident reported the give way sign at No Mans Moor/West Moor junction. Clerk reported to Highways, resolved. Hogweeds in CB beck. On clerks forward planner, spoke to Estate Office and they have sought advice from The Rivers Trust, they sprayed the area in late April. CB Bridge, requires repair, clerk to email Highways.
6. Planning Applications.
 - Variation of condition 11 attached to 19/00708/FULL to change the windows from timber to UPVC at Queens Head, Finghall. Cllrs Smith & Allinson resolved that the original condition should remain, decided under delegated authority.
 - FPP for outbuildings, stable and annex at Southwick Grange, Finghall. No objections.
Withdrawn: FPP for erection of a self-contained, single bedroom, pre-fabricated, container-based holiday unit at Highfield House, Finghall.
Granted: LBC for proposed alteration and extension of the guest house at the rear for use as ancillary living accommodation associated, Queens Head, Finghall. FPP for the construction of a detached garage (re-site further back from Highway) at The Barn, Constable Burton. Certificate of Lawfulness for new yard at Foal Farm Park, Constable Burton.
Email reply received from planning department confirming that the portal is working, and clerk forwarded details of the residents who were having problems getting their information uploaded onto the portal. Blewhouse Lane plans. Email received from North Yorkshire Cllr Sedgwick stating that the application will be called in to committee, clerk adds that if the PC want to make a representation at the meeting, they will be allowed 3 minutes. Resident contacted Cllr Smith about additional documents on the portal regarding this application. Proposal to include a passing place on Blewhouse Lane, the developers will need to pay a commuted sum for the maintenance and inspection. Also, visibility splays

must be in prior to any work on the site, a SUDS (drainage pond) is proposed between the access road and wall for drainage.

7. Discussion about implementing a PC Facebook page. Clerk suggests that this may be a useful tool for cascading information, ie, road closures/works, agendas, bus timetable changes, etc. It was resolved to implement.
8. Matters requested by Councillors. Cllr Dalton raised concerns about the potholes between Garrison & Barden. Clerk reported to Highways, now resolved. Cllr Gelder reports a pot hole outside Beech Cottage, clerk to report. Cllr Smith asks if the clerk could chase up the reinstatement works (electric cable) in Finghall. Cllr Allinson will report the pot hole outside The Manor House, Finghall.
9. Financial matters. Balance at 19/5/25 £6183.75 (all Cllrs viewed the internal financial controls via email)

Incoming

- NYC (Precept 1st payment) £5000.00
- HMRC (VAT reclaim) £375.96

Outgoing

- NYC (VAS signpost) £600.00
- VCS Website (6 month hosting fee) £214.00
- E&P Electrics (Defib installation) £695.20
- Vicki Raven (February, March, April wages) £1174.70
- HMRC (PAYE) £62.77
- The Defib Pad (Replacement pads for CB) £80.62
- Swarco (Solar vehicle activated sign) £4742.40
- YLCA (Annual membership) £237.00

10. Safety Review. Constable Burton park inspection from 12/2/25 identified that the cradle seats condition were declining. Cllr Hale attended and these seats were in a poor state, discussed with clerk and Cllr Hale removed the seats and chains. Reports issued every 3 months now, unless there is anything urgent and/or high risk.
 - Decision about replacement of cradle swings at Constable Burton. Matthew Day (Streetscape) met with Cllrs Hale & Gelder on site, he stated that the swing frame is fine and sent a quote for two new baby swings £710 + VAT. It was resolved to ask for a quote for a baby seat and a flat seat on the frame, and to ask the contractor to assess and action any work required for the bushes on the larger swings.
11. To consider the following new correspondence received and decide action where necessary: NYC – Application to record two public bridleways (Garriston, West Hauxwell) consultation. Cllr Dalton comments forwarded to NYC relating to the objections about these proposed bridleways. NYC – Local plan briefing session. Clerk attended, the new Local Plan will be adopted in 2029, the first consultations will follow. 1700 sites have been put forward from the “Call for sites” from landowners. The National Planning Policy has identified that 4116 homes/year need to be built in North Yorkshire, and this gives the planners less ability to be able to turn down developments as there is a lack of 5 year supply in all areas other than Hambleton. Additionally, houses that have already been granted, are not being built in a timely manner – planners have no ability to enforce when developers build. North Yorkshire Boundary review – draft recommendations. Current and proposed maps/areas shown and discussed. The proposal would move South and new area would not include Scotton and Tunstall, but would include a large area going South West towards Buckden. It was resolved to reply to the Boundary Commission that the proposed area is vast and thus Cllrs felt that there would be less representation from our County Councillor. YLCA – Richmondshire Branch meeting 17th June. Cllr Gelder & clerk will attend. Dales Bus – revised timetable for route 856 on Sundays & Bank holidays. Cllr Gelder put this on the Constable Burton Facebook page, also in noticeboard. Reeth PC – New Home to School Transport Policy concerns. This has been discussed and no new issues in Constable Burton & Finghall, however Barden has issues currently and this will not change with the new policy, NYC meeting on 21st May at County Hall to review. Residents – Donation request for Finghall Church roof. It was resolved not to donate. Thornton Steward Reservoir solar farm information. Request about street light in Barden. A resident asks if the streetlight could be masked, lowered or removed.

These streetlights were put in at the request of residents and at the expense of the PC, Cllrs felt that the majority of the residents find the lamp useful and are unwilling to remove. Clerk to reply. The resident also asks about the possibility of getting a defib in Barden, clerk has explained that no suitable location could be found. Leaflet from the new Catterick Garrison Integrated Care Centre, and meeting attended by clerk. The site will open next year and building work is on schedule. GP out of hours service will be housed here, and OOH Dentistry, other dentistry will be MOD, X-Ray facility. CGICC will attend the YLCA Branch meeting in June.

12. Date of next meeting. 11th August, 7pm
Meeting closed: 8.27pm