

# Constable Burton and Finghall Parish Council

The extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 7.00pm in The Reading Room, Constable Burton

Present: Cllrs Smith, Allinson, Hale & Gelder

1. Welcome by the Chairman
2. Apologies and reasons for absence. Cllr Dalton (family commitments)
3. To receive any declarations of interest. None
4. Planning Applications
  - Full planning permission & Listed Building consent for replacement of glass houses with ancillary residential and amenity building at Hauxwell Hall, West Hauxwell. No objections.
5. To consider the following new correspondence received and decide action where necessary:
  - North Yorkshire Council – BT payphone and telephone box removal and opportunity to adopt a payphone kiosk (Barden, Constable Burton, Finghall & East Hauxwell). Councillors are frustrated that this consultation and adoption offer has come a year after our last request to use the kiosks for defibs in Hauxwell & Barden, which resulted in a firm no. Cllr Smith had asked the clerk to request further details about the electricity supply to these kiosks should they be adopted. Reply from BT stated that the normal procedure is that the kiosk is adopted with the power in place and up to the REC fuse box and the responsibility for this wire and fuse box will remain under BT. Future faults such as bulb replacement will be the responsibility of the new owner. Notwithstanding, BT reserves the right to disconnect the electricity supply, they will notify the kiosk owner should this become necessary. Clerk to discuss the power supply with the clerk at Patrick Brompton, who use a phone box to house their defib. Councillors have concerns that should the internet and mobile network service be compromised in any way, and especially in an emergency situation, then this resource in all four villages/hamlets could be invaluable. Cllr Dalton sent an email about the boxes in Barden & Hauxwell, and feels the box at Hauxwell should be removed, but the one at Barden may be useful. It was resolved that if the decision is taken to disconnect the phone, then the kiosks at Constable Burton, Finghall & Hauxwell are to be removed, with the box at Barden to remain. Discussion about the Local Plan consultation follows with the growth areas question, cllrs preference was: to encourage growth in urban areas and larger villages and also locations with good transport links (A1 & East Coast main line). Section relating to second/holiday homes and tourism, Cllrs resolved to reply that a proportional amount of second/holiday maintains a sense of community and also provides some local employment. Cllr Smith has a request from a resident about the slow signs becoming faded at the level crossing in Finghall, clerk to report and ask for the slow sign in Finghall village to be checked too. Also, pot holes from the Chapel to the Manor House in Finghall, clerk to report.

Meeting closed: 19.50