

# Pannal and Burn Bridge Parish Council

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### HELD REMOTELY DURING THE PRESENT CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Start time: 6.00pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**Present: Cllr Howard West (Chairman), Cllrs Dave Oswin, Ian Birchall, Steve Cobb, Cathy Burrell, Harvey Alexander and Ryan Dall in addition to Ward Cllr John Mann, Cllr Cliff Trotter, Ms G Miller (PCSO) and Mr S Law**

- 1) Apologies for Absence – all present
- 2) Declarations of interest – there were none
- 3) Approval of Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020 meeting – these were approved as a true and correct record and will be retrospectively signed
- 4) Opportunity for public comment for items not on the agenda – none made
- 5) **Welcome to the parish's new PCSO: Grace Miller** – councillors extended a warm welcome to the new PCSO and, following comment, confirmed that she would exert a presence at school opening / closing time to further encourage parents to socially-distance during the Covid-19 pandemic. PCSO Miller attended for the duration of the meeting to acquaint herself with parish matters; this was much appreciated by councillors.
- 6) **To update on Parameter Plan and correspondence sent to HBC / NYCC** – HAPARA are also involved in communications and correspondence as part of the co-operation group. The Chairman confirmed that a date of 22<sup>nd</sup> September had been fixed for a remote meeting with HBC staff and one officer from NYCC Highways and that attendance surprisingly included three developers. Councillors felt concern that, of the preliminary documents seen, no accommodation had been made in addressing the severe transport issues which frequented Pannal and Burn Bridge as a consequence of the current and future housing and employment developments in the Western Arc. HAPARA's valued input will be sought prior to the meeting.
- 7) **Feedback from Cllr Cliff Trotter regarding NYCC's strategy regarding a Pannal cycle route** – confirmation given that as a result of near total inactivity within NYCC during August that there was nothing further to report.
- 8) **Update on placement of SIDs in the parish with consideration of Speed Watch village signs** – Mr Law took the opportunity to express parishioners' appreciation for Parish Council activities and, particularly, for the procurement and installation of the SIDs commenting on the marked positive effect they had had in a short time on village traffic speeds with a consequent improvement in the quality of village life. Cllr Burrell affirmed that this, too, was the Church Lane SID experience. Councillors appreciated and thanked Mr Law for his offer in pulling together the data from SID production with RESOLUTION being passed that he be given full access to the system, supported by Cllr Dall in addition to that of the chairman and Mr Mark Siddall. Chairman commented that he very much hoped for a fruitful outcome in locating a SID in the Burn Bridge Road location with councillor suggestion made, and accepted, for a further SID purchase and additional sockets to be considered at the next meeting. In addition, it was RESOLVED to obtain quotes for four Speed Watch Village signs – as used by Gidding West in Richmondshire. A comparable quote from Area 1 NYCC was for 3 signs for approximately £400.
- 9) **To discuss the NY and HBC unitary authority proposals and Parish Council's submission** – Cllr John Mann - given his awareness of both proposals to-date - felt that there would be benefits from either option with additional funds coming into area as a consequence with Parish Councils benefiting greatly as a result of this proposed "double devolution". He thought that NY elections might be held in May 2021 with the proposal conclusion pushed back to 2023. The minister driving the initiative had recently resigned but a White Paper might be published in January regarding the Government's preference. Cllr Oswin expressed concern over the future handling and legislation with regard to planning notifications and consultations and doubted any benefits to Parish Councils under the proposals with Cllr Mann commenting that councils could accrue additional planning powers with a potential three planning committees presiding over geographical areas.  
Chairman expressed disillusionment at a NYCC recently attended remote seminar which was not, unfortunately, attended by councillors from established unitary authorities and, as such, was deemed of little value especially as the Chairman had learnt from a Cornish councillor that their unitary authority

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experience was not a particularly good one. Cllr Mann will forward our comments onto NYCC. The Parish Council had already submitted their written comments to Cllr Richard Cooper, HBC, regarding their competitive proposal. The Parish Council will comment further on the HBC and district councils' proposal as and when appropriate.

- 10 To advise on the proposed remote meeting with Mr A Jones, MP, together with the new NYCC Highways Head** – Chairman confirmed that a remote meeting date had recently been set for Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September when councillors attending would confirm the dire situation regarding the impact on the parish from the Western Arc developments. Further communication with HAPARA will be made prior to the meeting for updated figures related to housing and employment numbers. It is not yet known which NYCC officers would be present. Mr Darling (Mr Jones's assistant) would be requested to provide those details.
- 11 To decide on policy relating to requests from charities eg Yorkshire Air Ambulance Recycling Bin proposal** – councillors expressed some concern, based on past experience, as to the potential accumulation and overflow of recycling bins, with inadequate emptying, and determined that if a site could be located that appropriate assurances from the charity should be obtained. As the Parish Council has no land ownership it was decided that a number of local land-owner contacts be made to ascertain their willingness – or not and report back to YAA.
- 12 To update on Great British Spring Clean – village date for collection Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020** – clerk informed the meeting that, unfortunately, due to the revised Covid legislation due to take effect on 14<sup>th</sup> September (which precluded more than 6 people meeting), the litter pick had had to be cancelled.
- 13 To decide on action following a breach of Standing Order** – This agenda item was heard in camera. In consequence and for personal reasons a councillor had decided to resign from the Parish Council. The resignation was accepted and official confirmation from the clerk would be made.
- 14 Community Expenditure**
  - a) To update on current situation with regard to supply of adult gym equipment – following a recent site meeting with a supplier, councillors were unanimously RESOLVED to purchase the equipment from Fresh Air Fitness. Cllr Dall's offer to undertake the weekly / monthly equipment checks was much appreciated. Decision was made to move from a grass matting surface covering to a rubber mulch alternative and preferably with a contained edge.
  - b) Three planters are now in situ at Pannal Village Hall / Pannal Green / Hazel Drive. The chairman thanked the clerk for her excellent efforts in sourcing, stocking and planting the floral displays
  - c) Two benches will be purchased for Crimple Meadows Recreation Ground and to be located in proximity with the adult gym equipment site.
  - d) Approximately 40 assorted bird boxes have been chosen via the RSPB with installation volunteered by Messrs. Mick Phipps and Bill Sturman.
- 15 Finance:**
  - a. Confirmation from PKF Littlejohn (Ext.Auditors) re satisfactory completion of the AGAR
  - b. Remote approval of the current account and bank statement up to 10<sup>th</sup> September
  - c. Remote approval of payment of invoices and expense claims received up to 10<sup>th</sup> September which included Zoom monthly subscription / clerk's salary / Webinar Allotments training / Truvelo replacement SID solar panel / councillor IT PC support / External audit fee (PKF Littlejohn) / PMDickson SID installation
- 10) Date and time of the next Council Meeting** – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 6.00p m. It was resolved that this meeting would be again held via Zoom and Pannal Village Hall advised accordingly.

Jane Marlow  
Parish Clerk  
11<sup>th</sup> September 2020