

# Pannal and Burn Bridge Parish Council

## Pannal and Burn Bridge Parish Council Meeting HELD REMOTELY DURING THE PRESENT CORONAVIRUS SITUATION

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 6.00pm

**Present: Cllr Howard West (Chairman), Cllrs Dave Oswin, Ian Birchall, Cathy Burrell, Steve Cobb and Ryan Dall with Ward Cllr John Mann and County Cllr Cliff Trotter in attendance with Mr Michael Briggs and Mrs Christina Driver**

- 1) Apologies for Absence – all present
- 2) Declarations of interest – there were none
- 3) Approval of Minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 meeting – these were RESOLVED as a true and correct record and will be retrospectively signed
- 4) Opportunity for public comment for items not on the agenda – none made, although the Chairman took the opportunity to express appreciation to North Yorkshire Police for their occasional deployment on Church Lane in monitoring traffic speed which had met with considerable success. He made request to councillors for any interest with the SpeedWatch initiative given that the co-ordinator was leaving the parish and that his commitment would leave a “big hole” of support.
- 5) **To investigate options for installation of electric charging points** – Mr Briggs was thanked for introducing the idea of this possible initiative into the parish with councillors recognising that local provision of vehicle electric charging points would be a potentially useful facility for, particularly, parishioners. As the council does not own land it was agreed to 1) not only explore the possibility of grant acquisition but also 2) to make preliminary enquiries of existing businesses / site owners as to whether they would be interested in accommodating any points (contact to be made to Pannal Motors / the Co-op / Wharfedale Development regarding the parking space adjacent to PVH).
- 6) **To update on the Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Burrell reported back regarding the meeting with the consultants (Wed 10<sup>th</sup> February) confirming that a project plan, with timetable, will be produced for the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March with the Steering Group.
- 7) **To decide whether to opt for artificial grass instead of Eco-mulch for outdoor gym equipment** – following councillor consideration of the quotations, it was agreed that the potential cost of installation together with the regular maintenance required of artificial grass would not be beneficial compared to the Eco-Mulch originally quoted. Written confirmation would be requested from the gym equipment supplier that the 50m access distance would not be a cost prerequisite to the proposed siting some 100m from the road.
- 8) **To update on discussions with the Western Arc Co-operation Group and future plans regarding request from (NYCC) Cllr D Mackenzie and (NYCC) Ms Rebecca Gibson** – Chairman confirmed that following NYCC’s incessant plea as to “what do you want” regarding infrastructure improvements, the Western Arc Group have put forward a number of possible solutions arising from “brain stormed” ideas. The Parish Council await their response.
- 9) **To receive information regarding (pre) Pre-App discussions for various measures behind the parish church in addition to S106 Western Arc details in relation to highways** – Cllr Mann reported back on his discussions with Tracy Rathmell who confirmed that site PN19 was not only owned by HBC and that it is currently leased by a tenant farmer but also that it would constitute a part of the Local Plan five-year review. Councillors confirmed that the country park idea was mooted as a possible integral part of this pre-app – and ultimately of the Neighbourhood Plan – whereas the original pre-app had been for a Park and Stride and allotment area (latter on PN20). HBC concern appeared to be focussed on future funding of the tenancy agreement and maintenance costs of a country park coupled with site review within the Local Plan with a conclusive and indeterminate comment made with regard to funding “through housing”. Cllr Oswin’s suggestion that the Parish Council should progress the Pre-App – together with the country park and beck bridge as additional items – at the reduced charge of £750 was approved pending Cllr Mann’s feedback at / before the March meeting. It was suggested that the

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intervention of an approach by individuals for a country park had had the opposite to the desired effect in that not only had that request been turned down but also the park and stride and allotments too. The Parish Council and Cllr Mann will attempt to retrieve the situation.

In response to query, it was suggested that the Parish Council seek a response via the FOI route if no information was forthcoming in the short term regarding the frequently requested S106 breakdown as a result of the Western Arc developments.

- 10) To request NYCC to dispense with any idea of having a Park and Ride (“near Pannal Golf Club”) as announced at the recent constituency meeting** – Mrs Christina Driver attended representing her own and Preserve Crimple Valley’s concerns about the possible siting of a P&R within Crimple Valley. Cllr Mann reiterated Cllr Mackenzie’s comment that “it was very unlikely” that a P&R would be located on PN18 (Crimple Valley) but this gave little reassurance to councillors who stressed that the very idea was quite unacceptable and which would intolerably increase local traffic - even if a P&R provision was a viable option then the Buttersyke Bar roundabout was preferred. It was resolved to write to both NYCC and HBC detailing the Parish Council’s objection to P&R near Mercedes in the strongest terms and that any such idea be abandoned forthwith.
- 11) 20 / 01698 / REMMAJ Land at Rossett Green Lane – granted subject to conditions** – Cllr Oswin represented residents’ and the Parish Council’s dismay at the granting of this application adding that the Reserved Matters detail proved very different to that within the Outline application. Disappointment was keenly felt regarding the process of consideration. Cllr Mann commented that the Outline had been approved by the Government Inspector and that the Reserved Matters detail met those as required by the Inspector. He added that the Planning Committee must have “substantive evidence” to refuse an application and that he felt the planning conditions had been met. He added that, procedurally, a Case Officer would make his / her presentation with 3 minutes designated to those presenting. He felt it was a democratic process with the requirements of the Inspector met and confirmed that councillors receive regular training with decision-making not easy. He concluded saying that any application refusal needed to be based on sound grounds.
- 12) To consider the decisions made with regard to Planning Committee considerations of the Bellway application to modify the S106 agreement (to a) amend the timing of the open space delivery and b) transfer off-site cycleway funds and instead contribute to other cycle improvement works)** – Cllr Oswin confirmed that the Parish Council would be objecting to this application based on 1) loss of the parish’s S106 money for designation elsewhere and 2) the unacceptable delay in not developing the open space on Pannal Business Park until occupation of the 110<sup>th</sup> house.
- 13) To consider HBC’s proposal regarding development of PN18 employment land** – the Chairman sought Cllr Mann’s support with regard to condemning B8 (large warehouse) development on this site which at >4.5m height would obscure views of the viaduct – he stressed that this would be quite unacceptable and the viaduct views must not be compromised which is one of HBC’s own conditions as set out in the local plan.
- 14) To update on the YLCA Branch meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021** – Both the Clerk and Chairman attended the remote meeting and advised that questions posed by councillors with answers provided by Karl Battersby (NYCC) amongst others and Wallace Sampson (HBC) had been provided by YLCA. Responses to issues raised in the answers given will be supplied from P&BBPC to NYCC and HBC.
- 15) Decide on actions regarding handling of enquiries from residents with respect to responsibilities for other councils and agencies** – it was noted that parishioners were approaching the Clerk with queries that should be addressed to other organisations. It was mooted and agreed that a provision of a list of departments with contact numbers be assembled to support residents’ queries and that these could be placed on the website and also included in the Newsletter.

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### 16) Finance:

- a. Remote approval of the current account and bank statement up to 11<sup>th</sup> February
- b. Remote approval of payment of invoices and expense claims received up to 11<sup>th</sup> February which included Zoom monthly subscription / clerk's salary / clerk's Safer Internet training / VAT claim / clerk's printer cartridges
- c. Consideration regarding any need for additional clerk's hours – confirmed as not required for this month.
- d. Cllr Birchall would submit a draft 2021-2022 budget for the next meeting

**16) Date and time of the next remote Council Meeting** – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 6.00p m

Jane Marlow  
Parish Clerk  
12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

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