

# Pannal and Burn Bridge Parish Council

## Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

held in the Function Room of Pannal Village Hall  
at 6.00 pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019

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**Present: Howard West (Chairman), Cllrs Dave Oswin, Cathy Burrell, Ian Birchall, Steve Cobb and Harvey Alexander.** In addition, Mr David Bowe (NYCC Corporate Director Business and Environmental Services), Mr Mark Siddall, Cllr John Mann, Mr Rene Dziabas, Mr David Siddans, Mr David Parry (HAPARA), Cllr Mary Hopkins and Cllr Barbara Massey (North Rigton P C) and Mrs Jackie Wootton.

- 1 **Apologies for absence** – received from Cllr Ryan Dall and County Cllr Cliff Trotter
- 2 **Declarations of Interest** – there were none.
- 3 **Approval of Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 meeting** – these were approved and duly signed.
- 4 **Discussion on feedback from NYCC's Congestion Exhibition and proposed actions** – Mr Bowe's personal attendance at the meeting was much appreciated during which time he outlined the considerable background complexities regarding any address, with possible solution, to the recognised Harrogate and Knaresborough area congestion situation. In conclusion, as determined by the Local Plan, he confirmed that NYCC will continue to work with HBC to ensure the maximum accommodation of traffic generation within the area and that both councils' plans are, to some extent, in abeyance pending the Local Plan's final outcome. Written replies to our list of questions were requested so they may be disseminated to parishioners.
- 5 **Report on Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) challenge to NYCC** – the Chairman, in expressing the Parish Council's frustration in its wish to independently source and purchase this equipment, sought Mr Bowe's stance on the matter. Mr Bowe stated that, following a significant VAS review, NYCC had modified its position which was reflected in the edict communication in March 2019, with the Chair adding that unless a Parish Council was of a particular size - and with the consequent ability to generate sufficient precept income - then they were precluded from any purchase irrespective of the area's difficulties with speeding traffic. Formal response to the council's objections is yet to be received.
- 6 **Proposals for agenda items for YLCA Annual Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019 (as per circulated email 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019) and**
  - To decide on whether to challenge the rules on General Power of Competence and propose as a resolution for YLCA AGM. This was, until recently, an unknown facility for Parish Councils of which the GPC acquisition was determined by a) there being a 2/3 minimum of councillors who are elected and b) a clerk's qualification achievement. These factors were considered divisive and selective with the meeting **RESOLVING** that the Chairman challenge this rule at the AGM.
  - To formalise the Chairman's offer to speak at the YLCA AGM to propose an amendment to the powers for Parish Councils regarding VAS – the meeting **RESOLVED** that the Chairman propose that the regulation (Section 274 Highways Act 1980: Traffic and Crime Prevention and others if relevant) be modernised to reflect the current need for councils to address speeding traffic within their parishes through their own application of VAS equipment through other than S137 agreements.
- 7 **Report on YLCA Harrogate area meeting Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at Ripon – amalgamated with item 6)** attended by both the Chair and Vice-Chair.
- 8 **Status report on procurement of laser speed gun** – Mark Siddall informed councillors that a new speed gun, such as would comply with N Y Police specification, would cost £1999. Subject to a satisfactory demonstration locally next week, the clerk will be requested to order such a device.

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**9 Air quality measurement status** – Chairman informed the meeting that NYCC’s measurement devices were booked elsewhere for the foreseeable future and would not be available for parish use until one became available. In the interim, he would contact Pannal School’s Headteacher to offer ZCH’s facility whereby a “non-idling” talk could be made to the children’s parents.

**10 Status report on Crimple Meadows parking reply from NYCC** – annotated comments with relevant photographs had been added to Mr P Ryan’s letter response which would be fine-tuned and sent to Mr Nigel Smith at NYCC.

**11 To agree Cllr Steve Cobb’s attendance at Planning training** (next available date: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September at Skelton, York) – agreed.

**12 To update on neighbourhood policing** – taking this point forward from the last meeting when it was recognised that there is local concern and interest on this matter, it has been arranged that Martin Powell, PCSO covering Rossett, Pannal and Burn Bridge, will attend the council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 when interested parties will be invited to attend. Cathy Burrell will liaise with those persons concerned to propose actions on resurrecting Neighbourhood Watch.

**13 Opportunity for public comment for topics not included on the agenda** (NB this is discretionary and no resolutions are possible on non-agenda items) – there were none.

Harvey Alexander took the opportunity to provide councillors with background requirements on any council installation / use of CCTV cameras.

Dave Oswin put forward for consideration a possible initiative (to be included on 11<sup>th</sup> July meeting agenda) on the procurement of the soon-to-be redundant Pacer trains, one of which could be acquired through competition entry for conversion to a café and for placement within the parish.

Ian Birchall – in recognising that HBC had cut back its village weed clearance from three times / year to only once – asked for consideration to be given to the Parish Council utilising / paying for the HBC contractors (or others) to undertake a second clearance. John Mann was asked to ascertain the costs for this together with an annual footpath clearance.

### **14 Finance:**

- a. The current account and bank statement as at 13<sup>th</sup> June were approved (by HW and DO).
- b. Invoices and expense claims received as at 13<sup>th</sup> June were approved (by HW and DO).
- c. Following a satisfactory internal audit the relevant forms for the Annual Return (AR) were signed (Sections 1 and 2 in consecutive order) prior to submission to the external auditor along with the dates for the exercise of public rights (scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> July to 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019).

### **15 Date and time of the next Council Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 6.30 pm**

Jane Marlow  
Parish Clerk  
14<sup>th</sup> June 2019