

Pannal and Burn Bridge Parish Council

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

held in the Function Room of Pannal Village Hall
at 6.30 pm on Thursday 11th July 2019

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Present: Howard West (Chairman), Cllrs Dave Oswin, Cathy Burrell, Ian Birchall, Steve Cobb, Ryan Dall and Harvey Alexander. In addition, Cllrs John Mann and Cliff Trotter with residents Mr David Crosby, Mrs Maureen Asher and Mrs Sarah Hart

- 1 **Apologies for absence** – there were none
- 2 **Declarations of Interest** – there were none
- 3 **Approval of Minutes of 9th May 2019 meeting** – these were approved as a true and correct record and duly signed.
- 4 **Opportunity for public comment for items not on the agenda** – there were none.
- 5 **To receive Crime Prevention Advice provided by Martin Powell, PCSO for Rossett, Pannal and Burn Bridge** – PCSO Powell was thanked for his attendance and his report that, as a consequence of high profile policing, local crime had dropped off since the Spring but that extra vigilance might be required on the Dunlopillo site once the summer school holidays started. He was alerted to the ongoing concerns of hazardous parking on Crimple Meadows / Church Lane when a number of cars left less than 1m width for pavement use. Following some discussion, it was agreed that local co-ordinator residents representing various “neighbourhood watch” groups (Pannal, Burn Bridge and Walton Park) will be invited to meet together to progress a more cohesive way forward at which PCSO Powell would be pleased to attend.
- 6 **To provide update on Local Plan** – Cllr John Mann commented that there are conflicting reports on when the Government Inspector will provide his final pronouncements and added that it is not anticipated there will be further cancellations regarding other sites. Concern was expressed that the Pannal PN18 development was still a threat. Consultation would only focus on any changes made since the existing draft, after which adoption would take place by the full Council in late 2019 / early 2020.
- 7 **To provide update on Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Cathy Burrell informed that she felt unable to continue with the active Chairmanship of the Steering Group other than as a figurehead, confirming that, since the consultant’s recommendations for action a number of months ago, some considerable work was still to be undertaken. At her suggestion, it was resolved to put on hold furtherance of the Plan until the Local Plan was finalised as there are too many variables within the latter.
- 8 **To provide information on any planning issues about which all councillors should be aware** – information was given by Cllr Dave Oswin and concern expressed regarding the considerable H51 proposed development of some 690 houses in the Lund House Green / Castle Hill area. No apparent infrastructure provision has been made for this, which together with the 8.8 hectare potential mixed use development on the Police College site, would have a huge impact on surrounding villages including Pannal and Burn Bridge. No parish council covers either of these areas, so a further joint effort with North Rigton PC and HAPARA will be needed to protect our interests.
- 9 **To provide update on Pannal Village Hall trusteeship** – agreement had been reached in Autumn 2018 that the Parish Council would take over the trusteeship of the Village Hall since which time the PVH committee has striven to obtain HMRC’s “rubber stamp” of the initiative. HMRC have excused the delay for “Brexit” reasons against which the Village Hall have now registered a complaint.
- 10 **It was proposed, and agreed, that the Clerk should attend a finance training day 18th July 2019**

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11 Consideration was made regarding the potential benefits of acquiring a redundant Pacer train for village siting – in conclusion, Cllr Dave Oswin would put together a feasibility paper regarding possible costs and practicalities.

12 To consider the viability of (dog) foul prevention in using CCTV / automatic cameras – Cllr Harvey Alexander to obtain written confirmation from the ICO as to any requirement in procuring a specific licence in order that regulation compliance is secured.

13 To provide any update regarding parish's additional gutter / footpath clearance – Cllr Ian Birchall confirmed that NYCC, for budgetary reasons, had reduced their road clearance from three times a year to just once with recognised village need that this is not adequate. An additional clearance – for a very reasonable sum – has been sub-contracted out through NYCC to a Pateley Bridge farmer. It was resolved to accept and progress this provision, when necessary.

It was confirmed that any overhanging vegetation which reduced footpath width was the responsibility of the householder adjacent to the obstruction. P&BBPC will advise householders (in a friendly manner) where such obstructions are present to cut them back forthwith or NYCC would provide a clearance requirement of seven days' notice to those properties after which time NYCC would undertake cutting back and invoice the household for the cost. Thanks are due to Cllr Cliff Trotter for his advice on this matter.

Councillors resolved to employ the necessary strimming service (capped sum of £200) for ground footpath clearance where appropriate.

14 To (annually) review / approve Standing Orders (last reviewed July 2018 but since amended to include recent legislation) – clerk's updating was appreciated and it was resolved to approve the amendments made within the Standing Orders.

15 To (annually) review / approve Financial Regulations (last reviewed July 2018) – these stood as previously with no amendments. It was resolved to approve the Financial Regulations.

16 Finance -

- a. The current account and bank statement as at 11th July were approved (by HW and DO)
- b. The payment of invoices and expense claims received as at 11th July were approved (by HW and DO)

17 Date and time of the next Council Meeting – 12th September 2019 at 6.30 pm (8th August meeting cancelled).

Jane Marlow
Parish Clerk
13th July 2019