

Pannal and Burn Bridge Parish Council

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held in the Function Room of Pannal Village Hall at 6.30pm on Thursday 9th January 2020

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Present: Cllr Howard West (Chairman), Cllrs Dave Oswin, Ian Birchall, Cathy Burrell, Steve Cobb and Harvey Alexander in addition to Ward Cllr John Mann and NYCC Cllr Cliff Trotter

- 1) Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Ryan Dall absent, unable to send apologies due to communications problems.
- 2) Declarations of interest** – there were none.
- 3) Approval of Minutes of 12th December 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** – Cllr John Mann outlined the current new year budget considerations being undertaken by HBC and confirmed the necessary savings anticipated to be made but which should not affect the provision of direct services. Cllr Mann raised the problems concerning the opening of the road through the Dunlopillo site. This is deemed a severe safety concern with no traffic calming in place, nor any give-ways or any signage whatsoever. Cllr Mann will speak to enforcement personnel at HBC. He also had no news about the local plan decision.
- 5) Parish Consultation Meeting, 22nd January 2020** – after some consideration by HBC, it had been agreed that the Parish Council's submitted proposal regarding any representation they wished to make at HBC / NYCC meetings would be included on the meeting agenda at which both the Chair and clerk would attend.
- 6) Parish Council presence at Pannal Village Hall Open Day (25th January 2020 2-5pm) format and organisation regarding presentation of Neighbourhood Watch scheme and to include parishioners' support / input in identifying if loneliness is a village problem** – it was agreed that the Neighbourhood Watch current representatives would be specifically invited to attend this event and that the Community Watch wheelie bin stickers would be available for distribution. Councillors attendance would be very much welcomed. Cllr Dall has had leaflets designed for the event and a suggested 100 will be printed forthwith and distributed, especially to new residents.
- 7) Update regarding the Parish Council's response on Strengthening Police Powers** – given the obscurity of the language used within the consultation, comment had been made to Mr Andrew Jones, MP, regarding Crystal Mark clarity with response from him that the council's comments would be passed to the Cabinet Secretary.
- 8) Update regarding proposals for a Pannal to Harrogate cycle route** – information and opinions are currently being gleaned from the local community before more formal discussions take place between councillors and other external groups. This proposal was put forward in 2013 as a component of the Forward Investment development but had only recently come to the attention of councillors and parishioners. Recognition was made to the real difficulties and placement of this proposed cycle route given the intervening seven years with councillors feeling the importance in preserving the unique setting of the Crimple Valley status which had been endorsed by the Government Inspector in his considerations of the draft Local Plan. Statements from NYCC will be relayed to those who sought a meeting with councillors along with comments.
- 9) To decide upon any P&BBPC involvement in a collaborative parish councils' magazine as proposed by Cllr Alexander** – pending provision of an example of this magazine this item would be carried forward to the next meeting.
- 10) To decide upon future expenditure on festive lighting on Pannal Green** – a) RESOLVED to accept the pro forma for payment to the current lighting provider for removal of all lights with a stipulation that this was undertaken no later than end of January 2020, b) following removal HBC to cut back low and overhanging tree branches on the side road leading to Crystal Court and c) clerk to procure three quotes

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for new light provision as conditions and specifications have changed since the existing contractor has been engaged.

11) Carols on the Green 2020: a) consideration of donation to Tewit musicians - RESOLVED to donate £100 by way of appreciation and recognition of the pleasure their playing gave to the event, **b) Frank's Fund collected donation (£244.25) – Parish Council RESOLVED** to match the donation **and c) decide on December 2020 date –** to request Monday, 14th December 2020, as the next event date. Recipient for this year's charity collection will be decided in late autumn.

12) Grievance Policy – councillors unanimously RESOLVED to adopt this policy.

13) Disciplinary Policy – councillors unanimously RESOLVED to adopt this policy.

14) Finance:

- a. The current account and bank statement received at 9th January 2020 were approved and signed off by Cllrs West, Oswin and Birchall.
- b. The payment of invoices and expense claims received at 9th January 2020 were approved and signed off by Cllrs West, Oswin and Birchall.
- c. In addition, Cllr Birchall presented his recommendation for the 2020 / 21 Precept which, after consideration, was agreed to remain at the same rate as it had been for 2019 / 20 but to include the increase in homes for the tax base in 2020 / 21 of 44 Band E equivalent properties (as indicated by HBC) to bring the total demand to £34,000.

15) Date and time of the next Council Meeting – 13th February 2020 at 6.30 pm

Jane Marlow
Parish Clerk
10th January 2020