

Pannal and Burn Bridge Parish Council

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HELD REMOTELY DURING THE PRESENT CORONAVIRUS SITUATION

Start time: 6.00pm on Thursday 9th July 2020

Present: Cllr Howard West (Chairman), Cllrs Ian Birchall, Steve Cobb, Cathy Burrell, Harvey Alexander and Ryan Dall in addition to Ward Cllr John Mann, Cllr Cliff Trotter, Mr J D Parry, Mr A Frangi and Mr N Newman

- 1) Apologies for Absence – received from Cllr D Oswin
- 2) Declarations of interest – there were none
- 3) Approval of Minutes of 11th June 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 present but Cllr Ian Birchall's request approved for the clerk to ascertain NYCC's current status on parish gully / gutter clearance and, if not timetabled, to employ the NYCC contractor directly for a second year.
- 5) **To consider the proposal from a Pannal resident group requesting the Parish Council's involvement in Pannal duck pond maintenance / development of an adjacent amenity** – after some explanation provided by two resident-owners (representing the owners' association) who live adjacent to Pannal pond and land area as to their ownership experience, some discussion ensued regarding the viability – or not – of the Parish Council contributing to / supporting this amenity. In conclusion, the Parish Council gave recognition to 1) the practical and complex difficulties which could arise, 2) the potential considerable expense that could be incurred in supporting this amenity (such as commissioning an assessment of the quality of the pond water / possibility of dredging), 3) the inappropriateness of utilising public money for private means, 4) any suggested change of use from woodland would be inappropriate and 5) possible costs ensuing from any remedial activity that might uncover contamination. Councillors made comment that during the Community-led Plan and Parish Council's initial Neighbourhood Plan enquiry of the parish regarding amenities / improvements, etc., that although the pond and woodland area alongside the Ringway footpath were much appreciated, no ideas had been put forward as to any alternative use of the area. Suggestion was made to members of the association that - if they deemed it of further worth, they make contact with the Environment Agency and probably Yorkshire Water before undertaking any further costing or remedial work.
- 6) **To consider Yorkshire Lighting Services' (YLS) costs for Pannal Green Lights Christmas 2020** – councillors RESOLVED to continue the YLS provision of lights for this year at a quoted additional cost of £205 to bring the light provision up to full working order and display.
- 7) **Parameter Plan: to advise on Teams discussion with HBC. Consider HBC's awareness of potential additional 100 houses to be constructed off Whinney Lane with ensuing traffic impact through the parish** – Mr David Parry, on behalf of HAPARA, wished to highlight to Cllrs John Mann and Cliff Trotter the considerable concerns felt regarding what appeared to be a lack of "joined up" thinking (under the Parameter Plan umbrella) between HBC's present and ongoing considerable housing developments in the surrounds of Harrogate with NYCC's apparent non-address of adequate road infrastructure to support the thousands of houses planned. Both HAPARA and the Parish Council clearly recognise the huge impact that ensuing traffic will have on local road usage which are already at full capacity. Concern was felt for 1) the increased number of houses against what was expected on any individual site as stated in the Local Plan (indicative yield versus finite figures), 2) the additional impact on the Western Arc road system with further "rat run" abuse through neighbouring villages, 3) that neither council have taken into account the potential traffic problems with the fear that outdated data will be used which would only serve to misrepresent the facts and 4) few building stipulations exist to ensure new houses incorporate basic / necessary environmental facilities.

Cllr John Mann gave recognition to the concerns stating that HBC councillors had made real objections to the Local Plan inclusion of some 4,000 Western Arc new homes fully appreciating that, without any meaningful infrastructure solution, the resulting traffic problems will prove horrendous. He confirmed that

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his objections had been overruled by HBC. In conclusion, he understood the importance of HAPARA's and the Parish Council's involvement in future consultations with suggestion made that both groups make representations at the forthcoming (September?) Area Constituency Meeting in addition to writing again to Cllrs Don Mackenzie and David Bowe expressing concerns and a need for involvement in future discussions. HAPARA and the Parish Council will look forward to Cllr John Mann informing them of any meeting dates and wished to impose on both Cllr John Mann and Cllr Cliff Trotter the high and increasing levels of anxiety and intense frustration with regard to the apparent lack of address with any traffic mitigation strategies. They felt there was no sense of urgency displayed by either council in connection with either the current extensive housing developments or the huge future developments.

- 8) To consider the implications regarding development of a cycle route in Pannal** – in response to an email from Mrs G Margolis requesting the Parish Council's thoughts regarding the development of a Pannal cycle route, councillors gave recognition to the hazards that exist from a dually shared (cycles with pedestrians) route alongside the A61. Cllr Cathy Burrell considered that an alternative route through the fields would be preferable with consideration for this anticipated within the Neighbourhood Plan. However, the dangers generally of mixing cyclists with pedestrians, children and dog walkers necessitate physically segregated routes. In conclusion, with the Parish Council's ongoing prioritised quest to utilise the PN20 site for allotment development and a possible car park behind St Robert's church, further comment at this stage on a cycle route was not thought opportune. Cllr Cliff Trotter confirmed that he would update the Parish Council with NYCC's current thinking.
- 9) To determine cessation of School bus service from Burn Bridge Road to local secondary schools** – it was believed that the bus service in question was currently over-subscribed which had resulted in it being cancelled for those within a short distance of the schools. The situation had caused a family with school children, who would normally have used the bus on a regular basis, much concern given that the alternative ie walking along Yew Tree Lane was not a safe route for children. Councillors were RESOLVED to support the parents in principle with the suggestion that contact be made with both Rossett and the Grammar to ascertain if other families will find themselves in the same situation. Cllr Cliff Trotter's offer of help in taking this forward with NYCC (Education Transport) was much appreciated.
- 10) To propose suggestions for North Yorkshire Police AJ1 Project Road Safety Fund** – councillors decided that the re-deployment of the current Zebra crossing (currently situated on Main Street) to further down towards the apex of the bend would provide a more convenient and safer crossing situation, particularly at school times, and/or to "convert" the current Zebra crossing to a light-controlled Pelican crossing could prove a worthy fund application. Cllr Cliff Trotter's support for this initiative was appreciated.
- 11) Update on SID purchase and placement** – Chairman confirmed councillor approval for the increased cost purchase of £200 which would facilitate a solar provision with RESOLUTION given that a spend up to £1,000 for SID poles and ground sockets be made available. It is anticipated that ground sockets will be installed at 1) Pannal Hall, 2) Crimple Meadows with Main Street junction, 3) junction of Spring Lane with Church Lane, 4) on Cllr Cathy Burrell's property with a Burn Bridge site proving more difficult to establish given that SID location needs to be in optimum view of the road and not on any NYCC owned verge. Enquiries are ongoing for the latter.

12) Community Expenditure:

- a) to decide on supplier of adult gym equipment (up to £10,000) following site visits to Starbeck, Knaresborough and Rillington, Malton, with feedback from councillors (RD and SC) – RESOLVED that the supplier will be FreshAir Fitness and the equipment will be sited in proximity to the existing children's playground (clerk to liaise with Cllrs Steve Cobb and Ryan Dall on order detail).
- b) village planters on order with delivery free of charge – RESOLVED that Horticap should also supply the soil/compost and initial planting with three sites considered 1) Village Hall, 2) Pannal Green and 3) grassed entrance area turning into Hazel Drive (NYCC permission for latter site will be sought)
- c) decide on location of benches for Crimple Meadows Recreation Ground (£1,030) as per email previously circulated with approximately £400 oncosts for secure fixings / hard standing installation – one bench to be

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placed opposite the existing bench with the second (outside) adjacent to the children's playground.

13) Finance:

- a. Remote approval of the current account and bank statement up to 9th July
- b. Remote approval of payment of invoices and expense claims received up to 9th July which included Zoom monthly subscription / clerk's salary / Canon printer cartridges / Cycle Signs / councillor mileage costs re gym equipment site visits
- c. Donation received from a neighbourhood group which would be used for a commemorative plaque to be placed on one of the new Crimple Meadow's benches

- 14) **Date and time of the next Council Meeting** – RESOLVED to agree 10th September 2020 with the caveat that accommodates any necessary calling of an Extraordinary Meeting. It was hoped that this would be resumed in Pannal Village Hall with a fallback being the currently used Zoom facility. RESOLUTION made to devolve powers to those committees and individuals concerned as in previous years with execution by the clerk.

Meeting dates for next six months determined ie Thursdays 9th October, 12th November, 10th December 2020, 14th January 2021, 11th February and 11th March 2021)

Jane Marlow
Parish Clerk
10th July 2020