

KIRKBY OVERBLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Remote Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Monday 15 March 2021 via Zoom videoconferencing software

Present: Councillor D Yeadon (Chairman), Cllrs R Denwood, P Perry, J Cross, S Snowden and A Whiteley. In attendance: HBC Cllr A Paraskos, NYCC Cllr C Trotter, Mr M Richards (Clerk) and 4 residents.

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence as all councillors were present.

2. Members' Declaration of Interest

None.

3. To receive and if thought fit, approve the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 18 January 2021

Resolved: That the minutes of the Meeting be approved as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr Denwood, seconded by Cllr Perry. The Chairman then signed the minutes.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting

Dealt with as part of the agenda.

5. Questions from the Public

No questions, but a resident did report that a burglary in a house in Netherby had occurred, whilst the owner and his wife were present. NY police are investigating. Councillors noted.

6. Planning Matters

(a) Applications received

(i) 20/04995/FULMAJ – erection of 3 dwellings, removal of 2 sheds and erection of LRC – Walton Head Lane, Kirkby Overblow.

The Chairman briefly ran through the details of this revised application and the current situation. Following the village letter, some 41 objections had been notified to HBC, covering such areas as:

- inappropriate intrusion in the Green Belt
- application lies outside the village development limit
- unsuitability of Walton Head Lane for more traffic
- doubtful nature of affordable homes
- inappropriate involvement of school

Cllr Denwood then mentioned that, following a meeting between a resident and the Chair of School Governors, a letter has been sent to HBC notifying the removal of the school's support for the application. The clerk confirmed he had submitted the PC's objection as formulated by the Chairman, with input from councillors. Cllr Paraskos affirmed that he would request the application to go before the Planning Committee, if approval granted by officers.

(ii) 21/00604/PNA – erection of agricultural storage building, land SE of Harefield House, Swindon Lane, Kirkby Overblow. Councillors sought information from the Chairman, based on his professional opinion:

- the applicant is proposing to graze 200-250 hogs – is this viable? This likely means buying ewe lambs and running them on for a year to sell as shearlings. Although a low input cost way of keeping sheep it is not really a profitable

venture on this scale.

- is the size of the building (24m x 12m) justifiable? Not for the reasons stated, storage of hay and fertilizer, and farming equipment. The size of the venture does not merit any of the operational proposals – under normal circumstances a local contractor would be employed for haymaking or hay for winter feed could simply be bought in.

A councillor (also with a farming background) observed that with a capital outlay for such a building of £250,000(?) it would take many years for any return to be made. Councillors agreed unanimously to object and the Chairman will draft the submission for councillors to consider and review. The clerk will submit in due course, but within the response deadline.

(iii) 21/00361/FUL – demolition of existing utility room, alterations to roof, installation of dormer windows, loft conversion and alterations to fenestration – The Bungalow, Moor End Farm, Dunkeswick. Councillors discussed and agreed that as the application had no materially adverse effect on the environment or surrounding properties, the PC's response would be NO OBJECTION.

iv) 21/00691/FUL – erection of stables, tack and store - The Bungalow, Moor End Farm, Dunkeswick. As per the above comments at (iii), Councillors agreed NO OBJECTION.

b) Decisions

(i) 20/04539/PNG – change of use of agricultural building to flexible use as business and storage unit – Hawthorne House Farm, Weeton Lane.

APPROVED

(ii) 20/03262/OUT – erection of new farm workers building – High Snape Farm, Follifoot Lane, Kirkby Overblow. GRANTED

c) Other

(i) 20/05146/FUL – erection of single storey extensions, alterations to fenestrations and

internal alterations – Penryn, Orchard Lane. WITHDRAWN

(ii) The Chairman reported that the “Stables” had gone to formal appeal with the Planning Inspectorate against a recent Enforcement Notice. HBC were apparently questioning the length of time the field had been used for equestrian purposes, as one of their contentions. The Chairman did not feel that this was a strong line to pursue as local knowledge seemed to indicate a lengthy history of equestrian use. It was still felt however, that there was sufficient alternative evidence to counter the appeal.

7. Accounts & Services

(a) Councillors **approved** the receipts and payments statement covering the period 15 January to 12 March, with the bank reconciliation, circulated previously – see below.

M Richards Nov Salary	£198.96
HMRC – PAYE	£45.24
M Richards Dec salary	£198.96
HMRC – PAYE	£45.24
M Richards – print cartridge	£27.49
M Richards - computer	£293.99

(Noted the above two payments were half share with NRPC)

(b) Annual budget – the clerk had previously circulated the draft budget, which showed a surplus of income over expenditure of £377.00. The main items of expenditure were the clerk’s salary and the figure for grass cutting. This amount (£3960) reflects a small increase for the new year of 2%. As the current contractor has held charges at the same rate for three years, this was agreed as a reasonable increase and, based on the tendering exercise carried out last year, when the current contractor’s quotation was the lowest, councillors agreed to continue with the current contractor. Councillors then approved the budget.

8. Parish Matters

(a) Star and Garter. A local resident, who is a member of the “Star on the Green” Steering Committee, updated councillors on the current position. He started by stressing that the group’s objective was to maintain the “Star” as a village asset – there is no intention to create unrest or discord with the current owner. He went on to explain the submission of a pre-planning application to HBC which should help determine what can and can’t be done with development or otherwise, of the site. Several potential sources of funding, along with monetary pledges of just less than £250,000 from village residents, had been identified. Along with finance, the group is also in the process of producing a business plan. Another key feature for the group is retaining the use of the car park – this is seen as an important objective, given the limited parking available currently in the village. The group will keep residents and the Parish Council informed of all developments. The Chairman thanked the resident for the update.

(b) Local Government reorganisation. The clerk had circulated the NYCC and East/West unitary authority proposals and asked if a Parish Council response was desired. Councillors discussed and concluded that, given the complexities involved, councillors should respond individually if they felt so minded.

(c) Digital Champions - HBC has set up a network of “digital champions” to help residents across the District to “upskill with digital technology” This was intended to be via face to face meetings but obviously, due to the pandemic, cannot now happen. Accordingly, a telephone helpline has now been established which will help with such topics as setting up email addresses, how to download apps, how to use Zoom, how to research on the internet etc. A poster, advertising the scheme will be placed on the notice board and website. This could be particularly helpful with the national census in May, which is to be collected digitally. Councillors agreed with the promulgation of this initiative.

(d) Play equipment. As reported previously, a resident had remarked to the Chairman that the play equipment in the playground was in need of refurbishment. Cllr Paraskos agreed to organise for the “Playgrounds Officer” from HBC to attend a meeting with local residents and Parish Councillors (as appropriate) to discuss what can be done to improve facilities.

(e) National Census. The census this year is to be completed digitally and help is offered to those individuals who may struggle with digital input, via HBC and also the helpline service noted above. Cllr Perry did report however, that she had assisted an individual in this process and there is in fact the possibility of obtaining and completing a hard copy census form if necessary.

(f) Annual Meetings. The clerk informed councillors that the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) has to be held, by law, in the period 1 April to 1 June. Also, the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, similarly, must be held in May. Current coronavirus legislation seems to indicate that a) remote meetings cannot be held after 7 May and b) limited physical meetings will be allowed on or after 17 May. He will confirm this with YLCA. The Chairman suggested therefore, that the APM takes place, in the School, on 17 May, immediately followed by the APCM. Councillors noted.

(g) Kearby Methodist Chapel. The clerk had previously circulated a letter outlining proposals to upgrade and refurbish the Chapel and other buildings. The support of the Parish Council (and others) was being sought in this process and relevant potential sources of funding had been identified. Councillors agreed to respond, supporting the initiative and the clerk was asked to draft a letter for issue.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Date of next meeting of the Parish Council, Monday 17 May 2021 - to be held at Kirkby Overblow School, commencing at 8.00pm, immediately preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting, commencing at 7.30pm.