

KIRKBY OVERBLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Monday 18 July 2022 at All Saints Church, Kirkby Overblow

Present: Councillors D Yeadon, J Cross, A Whiteley and S Jacobs

In attendance: NYCC/HBC Cllr. A Paraskos and Mr M Richards (Clerk) and 2 residents.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs P Perry and S Snowden.

2. Members' Declaration of Interests - There were no declarations of interest for the meeting.

3. To receive and if thought fit, approve the minutes of the meetings held on 16 May 2022.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Meetings be approved as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Cross, seconded by Cllr Whiteley. The Chairman duly signed both minutes.

4. Matters arising from the minutes.

Dealt with as part of the agenda

5. Questions from the public. None

6. Planning matters

Applications

(a) 21/05301/FULMAJ (resubmission) Erection of a net zero/ carbon negative replacement farmhouse with solar panels, ground source heat pump, mechanical ventilation with heat recovery and battery storage; Demolition of 2 no. barns; Conversion of 1 no. Barn to domestic accommodation; Installation of new orchard; Landscaping and habitat creation. Swindon Bank Farm Swindon Lane.

The Chairman commented that the PC had responded to the original application with a NO OBJECTION, and as far as he could see this re-submission was very similar but with the heights and sizes of the new buildings scaled down. He suggested a similar response and councillors agreed.

(b) 22/02377/FUL - Erection of a single storey extension to house a pool and gym space attached to the North-West elevation - Weeton Bridge House, Weeton Lane, Weeton.

Councillors agreed with the Chairman that the proposed extension seemed to be out of keeping with existing buildings, and was somewhat out of proportion and did involve the loss of a mature garden, but there were no valid planning grounds to object and therefore the response would be to neither support nor object but include comments as above.

(c) 22/02438/FUL - Engineering works to form an earth banked slurry lagoon - Swindon Grange Farm, Spring Lane.

The Chairman informed councillors that this application was to meet Environment Agency requirements which would allow the farming business to continue. The area is not overlooked and there is no additional negative impact on the environment. Hence the response would be NO OBJECTION.

(d) 22/02489/DVCON - Delete or vary condition 2 of Planning Permission 21/00691/FUL - Erection of stables, tack and store - The Bungalow, Moor End Farm, Dunkeswick.

Councillors agreed that a NO OBJECTION response would be submitted.

(e) 22/01680/DVCON - Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 18/03182/FUL to allow installation of solar panels to storage building. Land Comprising Field At 431432 447440 Swindon Lane. Councillors agreed that a NO OBJECTION response would be submitted.

(f) 22/02164/FUL. Conversion 4 outbuildings into guest accommodation in association with wedding venue. Wharfedale Grange. NO OBJECTION response already submitted following previous discussions.

Decisions

(g) 22/00750/FUL - Alterations to fenestrations, minor alterations to entrance and re-cladding to Exterior - Penryn Orchard Lane. GRANTED

(h) 22/01661/FUL - Conversion of existing garage into study/entrance/store with first floor bedroom extension over - Wharfe Mews 4 Barrowby Lane. GRANTED

(i) Change of use of agricultural land to form holiday site, erection of 1 holiday cabin and installation of septic tank - Hawthorne House Farm Weeton Lane Weeton. REFUSED.
Councillors noted the above decisions, but expressed surprise at item (i), as this had been supported.

Notifications

(i) Appeal notification re Field West of Harefield House Swindon Lane. Erection of agricultural storage building and hardstanding. 22/00042/NREFPP.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had drafted a further response to the appeal, which councillors had reviewed and approved. The clerk will submit the final agreed response via the official Inspection portal.

7. Finance

(a) Approval of Receipts & Payments since 16 May meeting

(b) Bank reconciliation.

Councillors approved the schedule of payments (13 items totalling £4028.54) in the period 13 May to 18 July and the Chairman initialled the schedule in authorisation, as 2 councillors had countersigned the individual authorisation sheets. The bank reconciliation was accepted as a true record of the Council's financial position.

8. Parish Matters

(a) Star and Garter – update

No response has been received from the owner following the offer to purchase made previously. Residents had expressed concern over the dilapidated state of the site and a meeting with HBC's Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Cllr Paraskos and the Chairman of KO Community Hub is to be arranged.

(b) Playground – play equipment update. Kate Deacon, representing the Kirkby Overblow Play Area Community Refurbishment Project, presented a plan of the refurbished playground and play equipment, chosen from a final shortlist of 2 companies. Councillors were very impressed with the proposal and thanked Kate and the team for their hard work and efforts. It is hoped to commence installation in September with a view to completion by October/November. However, unfortunately, despite fundraising and generous donations, an amount in excess of £1000 is still needed to meet the required Parish contribution of 10% of the total value of the scheme. Cllr Paraskos then generously agreed to contribute £1000 from his Locality Budget and it is hoped the remaining amount can be accrued from further fundraising efforts.

On another matter, Kate Deacon, as "Defibrillator Custodian", reported that the defibrillator pads would become out of date from the end of July. The clerk had attempted to order replacement pads but there is a national shortage and delivery time is estimated at some 20 weeks. He had however, obtained professional advice that the defibrillator would still be operational and was "much better than nothing"

(c) HBC litter bin consultation. With regard to the map showing existing bin locations, councillors were content with the proposal, except that they would like to retain the bin outside All Saints Church as it is a popular spot to stop for cyclists and dog walkers, and is the only bin on that side of the village. Additionally the "middle" green bin on the map needs to be specifically located at the end of Walton Head Lane. The clerk will submit these comments to HBC.

(d) Footpath complaint. Residents have complained about the state of the footpath which skirts the boundaries of Low Snape Farm and then heads 90 degrees North towards Walton Head Lane. The path is overgrown and the stiles are in a poor state. The clerk will report the issue to NYCC.

9. Dunkeswick Matters

No matters arising at the moment.

10. School

Cllr Whitely reported that the school is hoping to build an "outdoor classroom" to replace the existing dilapidated structure, but unfortunately the bid for funding from the Causeway Trust has been turned down. Alternative sources of funding are now being sought for grants totalling some £27,000. Councillors suggested the Big Lottery Fund as a possibility.

11. Village Events

The Chairman reported that all the Jubilee events had gone down well and had been well attended, in spite of the weather! The recent Barn dance had also been a great success.

12. Any items for next meeting

None reported.

There being no other items, the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Date of next meeting – Monday 19 September 2022, commencing at 8.00pm.

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