

KIRKBY OVERBLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Monday 21 January 2019
at Kirkby Overblow School

Present: Councillors D Yeadon (Chairman), N Rawson, R Denwood, P Perry, S Snowden and A Whiteley. In attendance: NYCC Cllr C Trotter, Mr M Richards (Clerk) and one parishioner.

1. Apologies for Absence

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

2. Members' Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest for the meeting.

3. To receive and if thought fit, approve the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19 November 2018

Resolved: That the minutes of the Meeting be approved as a correct record.
Proposed by Cllr P Perry, seconded by Cllr N Rawson. The Chairman then signed the minutes.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting

Matters arising from the previous minutes were dealt with as per the agenda.

5. Questions from the Public

None.

6. To report on or consider Planning Applications/TPOs received

Consider:

(a) 18/05009/PBR- Notification of prior approval for change of use from agricultural building to form 1 single storey dwelling at Buttersyke Farm, Walton Head Lane, Kirkby Overblow, HG3 1JA.

The Chairman explained the background to this application, as he understood it. It would seem that the proposed building is for the disabled wife of the landowner. Councillors discussed the potential ramifications of this application, noting that there were other dilapidated buildings on the site and there was some concern that approval for this application could lead to a wholesale redevelopment of the site. It was agreed that more information was needed and Councillors did not accept the "prior approval" application, stressing that it should move to "FUL" to be considered at a more appropriate level.

7. To report on Decision Notices received

(a. 18/04294/FUL – erection of single storey extension – The Mistal, Hawthorne House Farm, Weeton Lane, Duneswick

Approved

(b) 18/04056/FUL – raising roof height and alteration to fenestration – Swindon House Farm, Swindon Lane, Kirkby Overblow.

Approved

(c) 18/03475/FUL - Formation of access and parking, alteration to boundary wall , Kirkby Cottage, Follifoot Lane

Withdrawn

(d) 18/03783/FUL Revised application for alterations to existing access Wharfedale Grange Farm. **Refused**

Councillors noted the above decisions, and also that there were no

further developments with regard to the proposed “Stables” development on Swindon Lane.

8. Correspondence – circulated previously with agenda papers

(a) Planning application 18/03475/FUL - Formation of access and parking, alteration to boundary wall, Kirkby Cottage, Follifoot Lane. Further submissions had been made to HBC Planning by a resident, maintaining that a further planning application needed to be made via a TPO (Tree Preservation Order) which would then allow the Parish Council to comment formally. **Noted that this application has now been withdrawn.** A councillor then commented that he had observed two cars being parked on the road outside Beech and Kirkby Cottages, causing a potential hazard (car parking on site being the main reason for the planning application.

9. Parish matters

a) Assets of Community Value – As discussed briefly at the last meeting, councillors were somewhat concerned regarding the future of the Star and Garter public house. The Chairman had researched the concept of designating the pub as an “Asset of Community Value” which would give interested parties within the Parish a fair chance to make a bid to buy on the open market if the owner decided to sell. This presupposes, of course, that a) such interested parties exist and b) they would have the necessary funds to make the purchase. Before deciding the next step, the Chairman undertook to write to the owner of the pub to ascertain his intentions (he will also mention the collapsed wall in the pub car park) He will also contact Cllr Paraskos for further advice.

b) Parish questionnaire – the clerk had contacted Weeton and Huby Parish Council for sight of their proposed questionnaire, but unfortunately the draft document is not yet available. It had been hoped to use this draft questionnaire as a template for discussion by councillors leading to the creation of a Kirkby Overblow version. Following discussion, it was agreed that, as the Weeton and Huby document is unlikely to be available for some weeks, other examples of parish questionnaires would be obtained and a meeting would be arranged by 11 February for councillors to progress. The parishioner present was anxious that speedy progress be made and he, liaising with Cllr Denwood, would also collect examples in preparation for the 11 February meeting.

c) Planning applications – the parishioner present commented that, with regard to future planning applications to be made by the Church for the construction of a community facility, the cost of such applications would be reduced by 50% if submitted by the Parish Council, rather than the Church. Councillors agreed to this request, subject to the clerk checking propriety.

10. K.O. Village Matters

a) Dog fouling – Cllr Perry reported that incidents of dog fouling throughout the village, seemed to have ceased following her actions and the visit of the HBC Dog Warden. Councillors agreed to monitor the situation.

b) Cllr Rawson again expressed his concern (supported by the other councillors) over the poor state of the resurfacing of Walton Head Lane. Cllr Trotter confirmed that he had raised the matter with the Highways Inspector but unfortunately no action will now be taken until April, in accordance with NYCC’s timetable for these issues.

11. Dunkeswick Matters

Cllr Snowden had reported the state of the wooden steps down to the River Wharfe, on the footpath from Rougemount Wood, and he understood that an inspection had been carried out by the Footpaths Officer, but as yet no corrective action had been taken. (Cllr Trotter will again raise the issue of the footpath from Walton Head Lane to Follifoot Lane with NYCC)

12. School Activities

Cllr Denwood informed councillors that the PTA was organising a “Children’s Get-together” in the form of a “Magic Night” on 8 February. A new School Governing Body had been established to manage the two schools of Kirkby Overblow and North Rigton, with a selection of governors from the two previous governing bodies. The Headteacher regards this as a big positive step which will enhance the management of both schools.

Councillor Denwood confirmed that Reverend Stuart Lewis was shortly to retire and she felt that the Parish Council should recognise his long service to the Parish.

Councillors agreed to donate £100 as a contribution towards the cello course which, it was understood, Reverend Lewis was intending to pursue.

13. Crime and Disorder

The crime and disorder report for December had not been produced due to the secondment away of the PCSO. Furthermore, the clerk had been informed that these reports would not be produced for some time but, as an alternative, there is a “police.uk” website which records all crimes committed nationally and it is possible to drill down and extract crime details at a local parish level. In future, the clerk will collect any relevant details and report back to the Parish Council.

14. Accounts & Services

(a) The Council received and **approved** the 2 monthly receipts and payments since the last meeting, with the bank reconciliation.

(b) The Council received and **approved** the invoices for:

M Richards Nov Salary	£211.90
M Richards Dec Salary	£211.90
S Hesselden – grasscutting	£2880.00
R Denwood – school donations	£280.00
M Richards – printer cartridge	£30.00

Two Councillors then examined the relevant bank statements and signed the covering sheet to authorise the payments.

(c) The clerk confirmed that he had submitted the precept demand for 2019/20 in the sum of £6,500 as agreed.

(d) Governance – the clerk confirmed that he was in the process of updating all the Governance documents and codes which he would circulate for councillors’ approval and adoption at the next meeting.

15. Village Events

The KODS production, “The Ladykillers” had been a great success and councillors congratulated all involved. The Village Shoot is scheduled for 15 June.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Date of the next meeting - Monday 18 March 2019, at 8.00pm at Kirkby Overblow School.