

Minutes of meeting H c W Parish Council Tuesday 16.11.2021

Before the main meeting there was an update from the National Trust at Brimham Rocks from the site manager and ranger.

During 2021 there had been a 21% increase in visitors assumed to be due to 'stay at home'. The overflow car park at the field has worked well in keeping traffic from parking on Brimham Moor Road.

There is an ongoing programme of road repair and white lining on Brimham Moor Road by Area 6 Highways to further reduce parking on the road.

Brimham Rocks is now gradually getting back to normal, and management is starting to look at bigger projects.

They are continuing to control small birch trees on the north and south of the moor. Bracken control is still an issue.

They have a meeting with Natural England during the next week to have the final say on introduction of cattle to the moor. Due to government changes the National Trust are updating their Agri-environment plan.

The National Trust agreed to inform the Parish Council of any decisions early in the New Year.

Actual meeting

1. Apologies: Tracey Dawson, Roger Titchmarsh, Michael Harrison (NYCC)
2. Declaration of interest: None

3. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of last meeting were agreed correct, Prop BT, Seconded Howard Benn, Carried by all.

4. Clerk's report read and noted

5. Chair's report

The Remembrance Sunday meeting went well. Residents were very pleased with the area round the war memorial and there was a large turnout.

New litter bins with sensors indicating when full will be supplied by HBC. This is likely to lead to fewer bins in the Parish.

Hedge at the Crescent and at The Whinfields have been cut.

Drainage in Parish. Problems at the bottom of The Whinfields (B6165). Area 6 Highways Officer to be contacted

The Chair received a complaint from a farmer about his wall at the bottom of The Whinfields (B6165) which had been knock down. Area 6 to be informed as it is a retaining wall.

6. External reports

NYCC. None

HBC_ Big Increase in planning applications over the first part of this year which are now coming back to a normal level.

Local government review is likely to suggest 90 councillors for the new council to cover the whole area of the new unitary authority of North Yorkshire.

Availability of affordable housing in AONB is critical. Five local council houses have recently changed hands under the 'Right to Buy' scheme.

DHPFA. Letter from the Treasurer to be discussed at a future meeting

DHVH. No update

Nidderdale Strategic Partnership. No update

Nidd Safer Neighbourhood. Meeting planned in one weeks' time. JS sent apologies.

7. Planning applications

- a) Clough Gill 21/04459/FUL. No Objections. NM, BT, JS
- b) 21/04451/FUL. Barn at Bank Wood Farm. Letter from AONB noted. No objections, NM, BT
- c) 21/0434/COU, Blaireaux Gill, Don't Support or object. NM, JS, BT. Comments made on poor access and narrow village road making any on street parking very difficult.
- d) 21/04821/COU. Unanimous support. Had been present for several months without issues, good for the valley.
- e) 21/03855/FUL. Decision noted

8. Parish Council updates

- a) Caretaker is grass cutting Hartwith Bank and cutting back ivy near millstone near bridge and at Whinbush Lane
- b) Grass Cutting. Out to tender.
- c) Streetlights. Several not working in Summerbridge and Low Laithe. Discuss at next meeting.
- d) Drainage issues. Discussed in Chairman's report.
- e) Poppyfields. Digger offered for ground works and to be accepted. 1 ton of top soil available locally.
- f) Memorial Plaque. Chair to submit list of names to Cryers. Supported NM, HB, JS.
- g) Christmas trees and lights. Treasurer to order 1 big and 25 small trees for Sunday 5th December
- h) For discussion at Jan meeting.
- i) Bus shelter at Low Laithe. Chair has a bookshelf for storing the books currently in the shelter. TW and HB to action. Any spare books to be offered to Brimham Rock volunteers for BR volunteers to collect.
- j) PTC briefings. Noted
- k) Noted
- l) YCLA training. Noted - If interested let the Chair or Clerk know.

9. FINANCE

9.1 Cllr Milnes proposed the following accounts be approved for payment, seconded Cllr Benn, carried.

9.1.1	R Langley Caretaking A2024	15.00
9.1.2	PAYE & NIC November	50.00
9.1.3	Donation to Royal British Legion	50.00
9.1.4	P Watson expenses claim Christmas lights	42.25

9.2 Clerk's salary 1-30 November 2021 noted.

9.3 Accounts and bank reconciliation to 31st October 2021 received.

9.4 The Council considered the draft budget for 2022/23 and discussed the precept increase. Cllr Milnes proposed an increase of 3.2%. seconded Cllr Stanton, carried.

10.1 No Correspondence received.

10.2 Information exchange None

11. One new matter for inclusion at next meeting - Thank you letter to firemen for cleaning war memorial. We need a cheque for the work.

12. Agree dates of next meeting. January 2022 (Leave date open for planning applications)

Meeting end declared 20.25

Joy Stanton