

MARSKE AND NEW FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ST EDMUNDS CHURCH ON Thursday 4th May 2023

Present: Councillor Naomi Meredith (Chairman), Councillor M Wallis, Councillor R. Ridley, Councillor L Ibbotson, Councillor Y Peacock and Lisa Bridge (Clerk).

Election of Officers.

- 1.1. The election of the Chairman was put to the vote and Councillor R. Ridley proposed Councillor N Meredith which was seconded by Councillor M Wallis, with all voting to approve.
- 1.2. The election of the Vice Chairman was put to the vote and Councillor Ibbotson was proposed by Councillor Wallis and this was seconded by Councillor Ridley, with all voting to approve.

2. Appointment of a Councillor as voting representatives of the Parish Council, at the YLCA Branch meetings in their area.

- 2.1. Councillor Ibbotson volunteered for this position and all councillors supported this.

3. Declarations of Acceptance and Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

- 3.1. The Declarations and Registration of Interests documents were completed by the Councillors.

4. Co-opting a new Councillor

- 4.1. The councillors were asked to consider the application from Lynne Wallis for the position of Councillor. This position had been advertised on the website, on the notice board and via news email but no other expressions of interest had been received.
- 4.2. Councillor Ibbotson proposed that Lynne Wallis fill the vacancy and this was seconded by Councillor Wallis.
- 4.3. All voted to approve this.
- 4.4. Councillor L Wallis completed the Acceptance of Office and Declaration of Interests forms.

5. Apologise for Absence – There were none absent at the meeting.

6. Declarations of interest - None

7. Appointment of the Clerk.

- 7.1. The clerk was re-appointed to her role.

8. Minutes of the last Annual Meeting

- 8.1.** All Councillors voted that the Minutes were a true and accurate record of the previous Annual Parish Council meeting in 2022, proposed by Councillor M Wallis and seconded by Councillor Ibbotson.

9. Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting

- 9.1.** All Councillors voted that the Minutes were a true and accurate record of the last Parish Council meeting on the 9th March 2023, proposed by Councillor M Wallis and seconded by Councillor Ridley. Councillor Ibbotson requested that a paper copy of the minutes and agenda be available at meetings – useful for keeping notes, especially for those without a printer.

10. Public Session.

- 10.1.** Graham Villiers, Stephen Clark and Peter Coates attended the meeting.

11. Annual Governance and Accountability Return:

- 11.1.** The Statement of Accounts to 31st March 2023 was approved, signed by the Chair and Clerk and the Certificate of Exemption was supported by all Councillors.
- 11.2.** The Annual Internal Audit Report for 2022/23 included at page 4 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23 was noted.
- 11.3.** Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 was signed by the Chair and Clerk and supported by all Councillors.
- 11.4.** Section 2 of the Accounting Statements 2022/23 was signed by the Chair and was supported by all Councillors.
- 11.5.** The period for the exercise of Public Rights was decided, as commencing on 5th June 2023 and ending on 14th July 2023, by all Councillors.
- 11.6.** The publication of documents as required by Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 on the public parish website www.marskeandnf-pc.org.uk, was proposed by Councillor Ibbotson and seconded by Councillor L Wallis and supported by all Councillors
- 11.7.** All the Councillors gave their thanks to Pam Braithwaite for carrying out the Internal Audit.

12. Ongoing matters.

13. Public Footpaths

- 13.1.** It was noted that the latest update from NYC was that the paths people would inspect the gate on Pillimire Bridge again, however, this was normally the responsibility of the land owner. Councillors commented that as this was a public footpath route and it seems unfair that the onus of repair was put on the landowner.
- ~~**13.2.**~~ The Chair gave her report on the meeting about the C 2 C route on 24th April 2023, please see the end of minutes to read this. This was then discussed by the Councillors who requested that the Parish Clerk ask Highways for a map and a list of suitable signs they could use. Councillor L Wallis commented that the grass verges are in a poor state with potholes.
- 13.3.** The Public Path Diversion Order for footpath No. 20.43/8 (Packhorse Bridge) was noted.

14. Marske Speeding Issues

- 14.1. As there had been a request for volunteers for a number of weeks but as not enough had been received, it was decided that this item would be closed. This would be dealt with when considering improvements to the C 2 C route.

15. Requesting a review of the Marske Conservation Area

- 15.1. After a request from a parishioner to review the Marske Conservation Area, the matter was discussed. It was decided that both NYC and YDNPA would need to be involved as the current boundary of the Conservation Area is defined by the boundary between the two planning authorities and this divides the village and makes no sense from a heritage point of view. The councillors will contact both authorities and will find out what added protection a conservation area would provide beyond that provided by National Park planning constraints.

16. Planning Applications.

- 16.1. The planning application for full planning permission to convert a traditional dales barn to provide 2 bedroom, living accommodation with a separate garage and outbuilding at Orgate Farm, Orgate Track, Marske, was considered. The councillors enthusiastically supported this as it provided additional living accommodation which allowed a younger generation of the family to come into the parish while putting a historical building to good use. In addition, the site already has its own access way and existing supplies of water and power which would only need extending slightly, if at all. Finally the building would be in keeping with the area in style and materials.

17. Planning decisions received.

- 17.1. It was noted that planning permission was granted to Telfit Farm for an open fronted farm building over an existing sheep handling area.

18. Matters requested by Councillors

- 18.1. It was considered if Councillors need to have their personal details on the North Yorkshire Council website and review contact details on the parish website. Councillor Peacock confirmed that they did not need to have any contact details on the NYC website bar their names and basic location. The Councillors decided unanimously that they would not be completing the forms for NYC and to reduce the Councillors details on the parish website to basic location only. All contacts for the Councillors via the parish email address. Councillor Ridley wanted his phone number leaving on the website.

19. Matters requested by the Clerk.

- 19.1. The councillors considered adopting the North Yorkshire Councils Code of Conduct and Complaints procedures, and all approved adopting this.

20. Courses - None

21. Financial matters:

21.1. It was considered whether to pass on the Coronation Grant money of £174 to the Marske Village Hall Association who were organising the Coronation party and all approved this item.

21.2. To resolve to make the following payments which were proposed by Councillor Ibbotson and seconded by Councillor M Wallis.

L. Bridge	Salary May, June and July	£151.19 x 3
L. Bridge	Expenses	£0.95
YLCA	Membership subs. Invoice	£57.00

21.3. To note the following receipts

Richmondshire District Council	Coronation Grant	£174.00
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Balance at meeting 31 st March 2023	£1,200.19
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22. Highway matters:

22.1. The road closure notification from Highways about verge works from Marrick to Reels Head starting on 23rd March was noted.

23. Streetlights:

It was noted that there was nothing new to report.

24. Correspondence received:

24.1. The new Local Plan by Yorkshire Dales National Park was considered and due to the nature of the boundary the councillors found it difficult to make comments.

24.2. The Two Dales Police report for March 2023 was noted.

24.3. YLCA's training programs and various other emails were noted.

24.4. The various bulletins from NALC's Chief Executive were noted.

24.5. The date of the Upper Dales Partnership meeting at the Memorial Hall in Reeth was noted. Councillor Ibbotson had attended this meeting and the main conversation was about grants which had been approved.

24.6. The new YDNP Local Plan Consultation 6 was noted.

24.7. The meeting of the Richmondshire Area constituency committee was noted.

24.8. The Health Inequality in Rural Areas survey was noted.

24.9. The LGR update from NYC about continuation of services from 1st of April, was noted.

24.10. The reminder from NALC about their response to the DLUHC Infrastructure Levy was noted.

24.11. The Growing Community Connections and the Woodland Meadows Trust was noted.

24.12. The invitation from YDNP to the Parish Forum meeting was noted.

24.13. The councillors considered the request to add a link to the parish website for marskeswaledale.com and all approved this.

24.14. The North Yorkshire Community Awards launch was noted.

25. North Yorkshire Council Report

Councillor Peacock reported that currently there were lots of teething problems with phone calls and the website. Councillor Peacock would be having a Surgery on 21st July at Hudson House in Reeth between 10 am and 12 pm for anyone that wanted to drop in and see her.

26. Future meetings

The next meeting is on Thursday 3rd August 2023 at 7pm, in St Edmunds Church, Marske.

Meeting finished at 9 pm.

Notes on Coast to Coast meeting with YDNPA and Highways, 25/4/23

Present: Claire Prothero and Alex Gardner (Highways); Michael Briggs, YDNPA Ranger; Lindsay Ibbotson and Naomi Meredith (MNFPC)

The aim was to see if any of the funding for the Coast to Coast upgrade to National Trail Status could be used to help improve the C2C route through our parish, in particular road safety and facilities. We met and walked most of the section of C2C route that is on the road through Marske.

There is a possibility that C2C funding could contribute to loo facilities. Given that the church is starting to consult on a project that could include facilities inside the church, it would be a question of liaising with the church project.

On road safety, options to move the C2C off the highway were discussed, but Michael Briggs said again (as previously by phone) that any change to the C2C route would involve a great deal of deliberation and is unlikely in Marske as the reasons for doing so are not compelling enough. He also said C2C walkers appreciate sections on tarmac after miles of moorland.

He also said the C2C upgrade funding isn't intended to cover road safety improvements, because they have to defer to Highways on road safety issues.

Whilst pointing out that there is no history of accidents in the village, Highways acknowledged there is a problem with the combined impacts of increase in traffic, an element of rat-run, traffic speed, bends, lack of visibility, and pedestrians in road. They were helpful in discussing options. They can't move the 30mph signs further out of the village but they will look favourably on an application for warning signage around the point where the C2C joins the highway. Various signs could be considered. They will also look favourably on an application for a 20mph limit in the village and they have some funding ring-fenced for 20mph limits and zones.