



KILLINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held Monday 6th February, 2023 commencing 7.30pm in Village Hall, Otley Road (Small Hall)

Introduction from the Chairman and a reminder of the Council's expectations for the audio or visual recording of this meeting; also advised those present of the Standing Orders referring to members of the public wishing to speak on topics identified on the Agenda for the Meeting.

- 2023/018** To record those present and to receive apologies and approve reasons for absence:
Present: Cllrs A Holdsworth (Chair and Acting Clerk), J Moretta (Vice Chair), Rev T Dixon, A Beal, M Donnelly, C Dunn, District and County Cllr M Harrison and 29 members of the public.
Absent: The clerk
Apologies: There were none.

- 2023/019** **Declarations of interest**
(a) To receive any declarations of interest under council's code of conduct or members register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
There were no declarations.
(b) To receive, consider and decide upon any applications of dispensation.

There were no applications.

- 2023/020** **To consider for acceptance and/or amendment:**
a) Minutes of Meeting held 9th January 2023
b) Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held 24th January 2023.
Both sets of Minutes were accepted.

- 2023/021** **Receive report of County Councillor Harrison.**
Concerns regarding withdrawal of the No.24 bus service (route includes Killinghall, Hampthwaite, Birstwith, Darley, Dacre, Summerbridge and Pateley Bridge) had been assessed having previously been a commercial service it was at risk of being reduced to 2 services a day. Not being prepared to run at a loss, the NYCC intervened and are now set to subsidise the 24 route from 1 April 2023 not willing to run at a loss NYCC now subsidising this bus until end of March 2024. Caution is being expressed as the service has only been seeing high passenger numbers travelling on the first and last run of

the day, the remaining runs being subsidised at an anticipated cost of a six figure sum. Some Cllrs representing areas concerned are being asked if they can find funding on the basis of use it or lose it.

Consultations are taking place on the possible formation of a new Harrogate Town Council. It is moving forward to see if un-parished parts of the outgoing District areas wish to do to proceed. Changes to the geographical boundaries are not being proposed. The anticipated Town/Parish rate may be between £40 and £60 per year.

In the last month of the financial year, any funds remaining from Co Cllrs funding allowance are in need of distribution. Cllr Harrison has instructed his remaining fund of £500.00 be left to be spent in KPCs in its public realm.

Co.Cllr Harrison notified those present that he attends Parish Council meetings to transfer information and at a recent meeting he referred to an item of interest concerning the diversion of a public footpath. Resulting from that meeting, someone has challenged him under the Freedom of Information Act (FIA) and seeking more information.

The Chair thanked Cllr Harrison for his generous offer of £500 which would be considered for expenditure in some tangible manner. The Chair also expressed regret that someone had found it necessary to make a challenge under the FIA and would hope that no member would find such a challenge to be necessary and would expect an individual to approach any Cllr with a view to seeking information.

2023/022

Receive Acting Clerks Report:

A brief report indicating: Circulation of communications from YLCA including a number of new training sessions available, planning details, the Glebe Inspection Report, processing daily incoming emails; fielding telephone enquiries from members and public; attempts to resolve banking issues; local authorities etc. Seeking advice and in the absence of the Clerk the need to locate missing information.

2023/023

Finance:

a) Accounts for Payment (Appendix 2)

b) Financial Arrangements

c) Request for financial support – Nidd pollution testing

Item a) Accounts for Payment were noted by members...

Item b) Financial Arrangements: These had yet to be completed following submission of a new Mandate in accordance with members' wishes.

Item c) Request for financial support – agreed to defer until next meeting

2023/024

Planning Applications received:

The Vice Chair presented planning applications for consideration:a

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a) APPLICATION NO: 6.93.256.B.FUL 22/04901/FUL

PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing cricket pavilion and construction of new 2 storey pavilion for Killinghall Cricket Club.
LOCATION: Killinghall Cricket Club Cricket Ground Otley Road Killinghall
North Yorkshire

Agreed: No objections

Observation: The provision of a Highway Impact Report didn't appear to have been sought by Planning Office and suggested that it would have been helpful in the consideration of the application in view of concerns of increased numbers attending possible functions in the future.

b)APPLICATION NO: 6.93.122.A.TPO 22/04854/TPO
PROPOSAL: (Section 1) Poplar trees within G1 of Tree Preservation Order 30/2019 - Lateral reduction up to 3.5m of the branches that overhang 5 Cautley drive.
LOCATION: 5 Cautley Drive Killinghall North Yorkshire HG3 2DJ
Agreed: No objection

c)APPLICATION NO: 6.93.781.TPO 22/04855/TPO
PROPOSAL: Section 2 (Poplar) within G1 of Tree Preservation Order 15/2003 - Lateral reduction by up to 4m off the branches that overhang 9 Cautley drive back garden.
LOCATION: 9 Cautley Drive Killinghall North Yorkshire HG3 2DJ
GRID REF: E 428502 N 458727
APPLICANT: Mr Bashforth
Agreed: No objection

d) APPLICATION NO: 6.93.782.FUL 23/00189/FUL
PROPOSAL: Erection of single storey rear extension.
LOCATION: 2 Cornflower Way Killinghall Harrogate North Yorkshire HG3 2WL
GRID REF: E 427780 N 456544
APPLICANT: Mr and Mrs Donaldson
Agreed: No objection
Observation: Didn't find the plans very clear regarding distinction between existing and proposed works to be carried out.

e)APPLICATION NO: 6.93.783.FUL 23/00359/FUL
PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing garage and construction of new detached garage.
LOCATION: 13 Castle Road Killinghall Harrogate North Yorkshire HG3 2DU
GRID REF: E 428389 N 458421
APPLICANT: Mr Alan Chalk
Agreed: No objection

2023/025 Planning Decisions received

22/04425/FUL PROPOSAL: Remodelling of existing dwelling to include the partial demolition of the existing dwelling and erection of a single-storey side extension and two-storey extensions to the front and side. Alterations to external materials, roof and fenestration. Reorientation of plot, due to adjacent developments.

LOCATION: Rowan Garth Ripon Road Killinghall North Yorkshire HG3 2DH
GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.

2023/026 Planning Enforcements

There were no new notices received.

2023/027 New business for consideration

Highways:

a) Grainbeck Lane flooding

Co Cllr Harrison gave an update on this issue.

Flood waters had reached new housing on Grainbeck where historically flooding has occurred. The Culvert under the lane from the topside of the new entrance and should flow freely but confirmed that someone had though a good solution would be to dig a new channel and then created a new problem; this action compromised access to land facing new estate. Discussions are taking place between the developer and NYCC with a view to an agreement to be sought. End result awaited and report of ingress of foul water to be investigated.

It was further noted that difficulties had also been experienced with flooding at Myers Green and had been reported to Highways. It was believed that the problem was the responsibility of the adjacent landowner.

b) Skipton Road, Otley Road Traffic Management

(Curious Cow cross roads/roundabout)

Considerable inconvenience was being caused to village residents and road users alike with long waiting times causing delays. The Traffic Lights being stuck on and not monitored as they should have been. NYCC notified. Co Cllr Harrison noted that the anticipated the works were scheduled to be completed by 17th February 2023 but there was a possibility continuity of two way lights may be necessary.

At 8.05pm Members agreed to an adjournment to allow members of the public to give their views on Items c) d) and e) below:

c) Public concerns expressed : Highway Safety Issues

d) Road/Otley Road Junction Crossing

e) Resident request for provision of Crossing A61 South of Village and.....

At 8.25pm Members resumed consideration of remaining items on the Agenda.

Co Cllr Harrison offered to sum up the issues raised by public. Unfortunately there is no quick solution to so many conflicting issues and that NYCC are doing all they can to prepare suggested plans for improvements. Highways will be carrying out a full safety assessment which will take 3 months. These will be communicated as soon as available for public consultation. He also added that the original by pass plans had been objected to by the public when surveyed. He agreed the short period of time the crossing lights were set at red having timed them to check. No more than 5 seconds.

2023/027 e.) contand Church Lane Surface removal (see Appendix 1)

It was explained that Church Lane was a public right of way and the section of the footpath was privately owned and therefore the responsibility of the owner to maintain the said section. The owner has expressed his apologies for over supply of gravelled surface; as yet no attempt to clear it has been carried out to satisfaction of pedestrians.

Agreed: Vice Chair would contact the owner suggesting work to be completed within 14 days.

2023/027 cont: f) Parish Council Charter with NYCC

An observation was to seek the inclusion of supply of annually updated list of contacts: their departments, email addresses and telephone numbers to enable direct contact avoiding delays in dealing and/or reporting urgent matters.

Agreed: The Charter was acceptable and the addition above by notified to NYCC in accordingly.

g) Coronation Celebrations

Agreed: to defer this item to the next meeting.

2023/028

Date and location of Future Meetings: To be decided

Agreed: That if available the next meeting is arranged on 6th March 2023 in the Methodist Church. Consideration of meeting arrangements to be added to the next agenda.

2023/029

To resolve to exclude members of the press and public due to the nature of the business to be transacted in the Item on staffing arrangements

Agreed: Members of public be asked to leave the meeting.

Public left the meeting at 9.25pm.

The following points/issues were raised during the adjournment and listed for information in no particular order:

A61/B6161 Junction has always been an issue.
Speeding and not abiding by rules of the road.
Proposed traffic lights will be an added cause of hold ups
Keep traffic flowing as standing traffic causes disruption to nearby residents
Regular driving through red lights
Concern traffic lights create more standing traffic.
The crossing is at wrong side of the Utley Road,
Motorist's eyes not focused on crossing whilst looking to the right before pulling out left and not stopping when crossing lights at red
Suggest CTV placed on the junction to monitor the issues
Spill over – Three horseshoes – sling shot (witticism!)
Need for attention to Road signing
Attention to repainting faded road signing i.e. the Yellow Box
Move the Bus stop
Traffic egressing from Tesco – BT (chest/unit) blocking view of road to the north
Speed sign Warren Bank obliterated – hedge needs trimming
Unlit Traffic islands and road signage filthy and dangerous
Concerns re school crossing
Speed limits on Otley Road inadequate: going from 60 at the Roundabout to 30mph before the School.
Police should monitor speed of traffic passing the School
Pedestrian island end of Church Lane now very difficult to use due to speed and visibility of traffic
Need for a crossing on A61 South of village – pedestrians from two new estates
Suggested 20mph through village or installation of humps!
Installation of a roundabout – works well at Bond End in Knaresborough
Compulsory purchase of Greyhounds pub to make way for a roundabout
Stop right turning traffic from Otley Road
The need to review pedestrian facility for crossing A61
A need to educate pedestrians to cross the road safely and not 'jay walk' particularly at school time and early morning bus passengers.

The adjournment was brought to a final after chair asked if anyone knew how the injured pedestrian was following surgery and advised (by a relative) the gentleman concerned was now home and recuperating from injuries to pelvis and ankle.

Appendix 1:

Re South Killinghall, A61 Ripon Road lack of pedestrian crossing, Church lane pebbles and Speeding vehicles, A61. Pedestrian Crossing

In March 2018 I wrote to Councillor Michael Harrison concerning the lack of a pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the Bus stops at Addison Villas/Crofters Green/Church lane.

5 years have now elapsed about my concern with the pedestrian road infrastructure, since then the dynamics have changed with many (150 plus?) new homes been built in South Killinghall.

There are considerably more pedestrians and schoolchildren using public transport needing to cross the ever busier Ripon Rd for bus stops and walking to/from Killinghall School (via Church Lane) Pedestrians include elderly people, disabled, wheelchair users, children, people with push chairs and babies etc. Speeding vehicles are a dangerous problem for pedestrians crossing the Ripon Rd with no suitable crossing place

In view of the large increase in pedestrian usage, please could a new pedestrian crossing (Zebra or traffic light crossing) be installed in the vicinity of Addison Villas/Crofters Green/Church Lane to ensure a safer method of road crossing for all.

Speeding vehicles

There is an ongoing and increasing problem of speeding vehicles on the A61 Ripon Road which is also associated with added danger to pedestrians crossing the Ripon Rd.

Could 2 active radar speed indicator display warning signs be installed (like on the Otley Rd) in the vicinity of Addison Villas/Crofters Green/Church Lane to help keep people safe and make drivers more aware of their speed.

Church Lane

There is an issue for elderly/disabled/push chair/wheelchair users on the Eastern end of Church lane with the addition of pebbles on the Public footpath causing great difficulties for mobility.

It is difficult to push a wheelchair/baby push chair, users have to drag and pull wheeled chairs, people with walking disabilities get unbalanced and unsure of footing with the moving pebbles.

The occupants at Church Lane who laid pebble stones over the entire area (a year ago?) are illegally causing obstruction and endangering public on the Public right of way by 'disturbing the surface of the public byway without permission'.

The solution is simple, restore and make a 1.5 metre (recommended width) smooth surface width by the entrance gate side of the wall, removing the pebbles by 1.5 metre away from the wall.

Government quotes for public rights of way, regardless if on private land or not:

As these are Public Rights of Way, **it is illegal to obstruct them**. If the path is blocked deliberately, it's a criminal offence under Section 137 of the Highways Act 1980, and farmers or landowners can face a fine and criminal record.

As the owner or occupier of land with a public right of way across it, you must keep the route visible and not obstruct or endanger users.

Obstructing a public right of way is a criminal offence. The highway authority has the right to demand you remove any obstruction you cause. If you don't, the highway authority can remove the obstruction and recover the cost from you.

You must not disturb the surface of byways, restricted byways and unsurfaced public roads.

Copy of my email 5 years ago on 14th March 2018 to Councillor Michael Harrison re pedestrian crossing

"Since the recent ban on heavy lorries on Otley road, all heavy lorries are now diverted and routed on the A61 Ripon Road causing a substantial increase in traffic movements of heavy dangerous lorries, often speeding.

Trying to cross the Ripon road at peak hour morning and evening times is increasingly more difficult and dangerous.

Without a clear pedestrian crossing on the Ripon road in the South part of Killinghall, this problem will cause the risk of accidents to increase greatly, especially with all the 200 plus homes being built and planned in South Killinghall.

With the dramatic increase of new house builds in Killinghall, the road infrastructure for the increase in pedestrians has to be quickly upgraded accordingly, and not have to wait for 12 years like the Otley road crossing, this is a matter of great urgency for the residents of Killinghall.

I am amazed and horrified that planning permission is given out for hundreds of homes without any action to improve the road safety infrastructure for village residents on such a basic simple issue as crossing a road safely.

I have spoken to the Police about the dangerous situation (who also agree the danger) but they state that the decision of zebra road markings rest entirely with Harrogate Council highways department."

Appendix 2:

Accounts for payment		Total	VAT
09.11.22	VisionICT	871.20	145.20
11.12.22	VisionICT	580.80	96.80
08.11.22	Annual Play&Safety Report	61.00	12.20
26.11.22	KVHall Trust rent	71.50	0.00
30.11.22	Killinghall Methodist Church x 7 mtgs	105.00	0.00
16.12.22	VisionICT	151.20	25.20
11.01.23	YLCA - training x 2	30.00	0.00
27. 1.23	Personal Advice & Solutions Ltd	60.00	10.00
		1930.70	289.40
Income			
	Paid In by Acting Clerk		
Chq 21.12.22	Northern Power	119.12	
Chq 21.09.22	Northern Power	5.44	
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In the absence of any other documents, at the time of writing, these are the only figures known by the Acting Clerk.

