

APPLETREWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting Tuesday 23rd October 2018 at 7:30 PM Appletreewick Village Hall

Present: Cllrs P. Walker (Chair), T. Spratt, N. Davison, M. Wright, S. Morgans, D. Pighills (CDC), A. Langley (Clerk).
Parishioners: W. Sutcliffe, P. Wetherhead

The Parish Chairman welcomed Sophia Morgans as the new councillor.

1. **Apologies** - R. Heseltine (NYCC),
2. **Minutes of last meeting** – reviewed and signed by chair as a correct and true record, other than AL pointed out that the date on the finances was incorrectly entered as 1st January but should have been 1st June.

3. Update on Matters Arising and Actions from last meeting

a) Overhanging Trees near the Campsite

ND informed the meeting that this was to be done during the first week in November.

b) Build up of grit at the entrance to Reynoldson's driveway.

Martin Tyson has cleared this, however, Skyreholme parishioners commented on the appalling state of Skyreholme lane particularly around the schoolhouse corner. Simon Fearnley has met with Highways regarding this, David Pighills will remind R. Heseltine that this is still an outstanding issue.

c) Appletreewick Notice Board

It was agreed at the last meeting that this would be replaced. David Pighills confirmed that he had some grant money available and that A.Langley should apply to CDC.

4. Financial Matters

Available funds as of 1st October 2018::

Parish Council Current Account	£5,042.63
Village Hall Current Account	£7,431.97
Skipton Building Society	£21,192.88

5. Affordable Housing

Kester Horn, a Hebden resident, attended the meeting to discuss this subject.

Kester has 2 children at Burnsall School and he discussed the fact, already known to PC members, that the school was currently 3 or 4 pupils down, thus currently being financially propped up by local fund raising. He suggested one of the reasons for the lack of pupils was that there was a lack of affordable housing, thus young people and young families are forced to live with parents or move away from the National Park to cheaper housing areas. Kester thus asked that the parish council considered the possibility of affordable housing as a solution to the school low numbers.

Kester gave a comprehensive presentation on the subject of affordable housing, which is attached to these minutes, and asked the parish council to consider the problem of availability of suitable land in the village, suggesting that there were plots suitable for in-fill in Appletreewick, such as the land next to the Village Hall.

PW suggested that rather than build new houses the Parks authority should take a more lenient approach to the conversion of field barns.

Kester asked that moving forward Appletreewick parish council consider appropriate solutions, suitable plots of land and how any house building could be funded. Burnsall and Hebden have committed that they will be considering available suitable sites. Please see attached presentation.

6. Correspondence

AL informed the meeting that just about all correspondence related to the parish is now in electronic format, all that is felt informative and pertinent is forwarded to the councillors.

- 1) Request for barn conversion on Cracked Castle Barn – the Parish Council have commented with no concerns other than all YDNP regulations for such conversions are adhered to – the council have no further update on this
- 2) Request for barn conversion at Grimwith reservoir. – the council have no further update on this
- 3) The PC has made an application for a walling grant for Poor Grass – This has been agreed. PW has talked to various parties about doing the work. This needs completion by summer 2020.
- 4) Review of Polling districts – this has no impact on us, but does impact Barden
- 5) B6160 campaign – the PC has been contacted by the campaign group asking for support for their campaign to improve safety for pedestrians where the Dales Way crosses the footpath – the council agreed to support this as the current crossing is very dangerous.
- 6) Local Councils Association communication re Risk Assessment on Trees – The PC had received a communication about a local council being heavily fined when a tree(found to be diseased) came down and hit a bus. They were told their 3 yearly inspection cycle was inadequate.

7. Village Hall Matters

Village Hall Burst Pipe – The parish has received settlement from the insurance company for the cost of the repairs and redecorating, they paid in full other than the excess.

The repairs and redecorating have been done and the hall looks good.

WS had arranged for an expansion vessel which will take the cold water pipework below the ceiling to reduce the risk of freezing up in the future.

This has been done and is a very neat job

8. Parish Matters

PW reiterated the problems with New Road, the potholes had been marked out for some time but nothing had been done, in addition trees are growing out into the road on the tight corner forcing people into the middle of the road. David Pighills asked if we could follow up and get the name of the person from Highways who spoke to Simon Fearnley, so that David Pighills can get Robert Heseltine to definitely push this.

AL mentioned the large tree recently brought down in the gale, there were questions from the camp site as to whose land it was on – parish or campsite, ND has removed the tree from the path, but the rest needs moving. ND will follow up – PW will take a look to verify whether it is on parish land.

9. AOB/Questions

Going back to the correspondence re tree risk, and also the fact that a large tree came down on the footpath recently, ND suggested to the meeting that once the tree work is completed opposite the camp site, we should have a review of all trees on parish land. This was agreed.

The meeting was asked if anyone there could clarify whether if we pushed for a 30 m.p.h. speed limit through the village we had to have street lights. P. Wetherhead thought based on a driving safety course he had done this was the case.

PW asked the meeting if they had seen the piece in the Craven Herald about the Dibbles Bridge campaign for a memorial to be erected, the PC had previously received communication about this. AL will follow up with the campaign organiser.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - January 29th at 7.30 P.M.