

Minutes

Constable Burton and Finghall Parish Council Meeting

on 27th November 2023

held in The Queens Head, Finghall at 7p.m

7-7.30 open discussion.

No minutes taken

Agenda.

23:32 Reminder by the chair of the council's expectations for the audio or visual recording of this meeting.

Rules read out.

23:33 Apologies and reasons for absence

All Parish Councillors present

23:34 to receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the council's code of conduct.

No declarations of interest.

23:35 Minutes

Confirmed and accepted from 21st Aug 2023.

23:36 Clerk report

To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.

1 Defibrillator at Constable Burton

Grant funding now available. Advice that the 14 year old defibrillator in C/B is ready to be replaced. Brief discussion about funding. The Barrel Push committee offered to bankroll the PC as grants have to be paid up front first.

Decision: Apply for grant funding for two defibrillators, one for C/B and one for Hauxwell.

2 Notices on play equipment and benches

Design completed.

Action: Awaiting quotes from suppliers

3 Speeding control measures

Quotes coming in for these.

Will need approx £2500.

Increase in precept would mean the PC could afford this.

Action: Clerk-gather more quotes, identify places to put it, contact Highways

6 Emergency water supplies

Both Fire Hydrants have been tested, by the Fire Service Hydrant Technician and found to meet legal requirements. It may have been that they couldn't fully open the hydrant. Recommended that the hedge be cut round the hydrant for good access.

Action: Have the hedge trimmed

7 Leyburn Town council charter effect on parish events.

No response from Leyburn as yet.

Action: Clerk- Contact them again

8 Extension of speed limit in Finghall

The west end of the village is in process of having the 30MPH signs replaced further round the corner for safety reasons.

A parishioner brought up that the east exit of the village down the bank was also hazardous.

Action: Cut the hedge back, Chairman Howard

Clerk- Apply to move the 30mph signs to the other side of the level crossing.

9 D day remembrance

If there is funding for this then something could be arranged

Action: Clerk- Enquire about funding

10 Lawnmowers.

Both Lawnmowers now deemed to be no longer fit for purpose. The disposal policy will be implemented for both. Grass cutting in the areas that the PC is responsible will be done by contractors next year

Action: Clerk- Follow the disposal policy. Get quotes for grass cutting for next year.

23:37 Planning Applications.

To consider and decide upon the following applications:

- 1) PROPOSAL: Full Planning Permission for Alteration to Front Boundary Wall and Railings to form Parking Area and New Gates LOCATION: The Old School Constable Burton Leyburn North Yorkshire APPLICANT: Mr And Mrs John Edington

Highways are doing a survey of traffic in the village
No comments by the Parish Councillors.

2) PROPOSAL: Outline Planning Permission with all Matters Reserved for 12 No Dwellings Using Previously Approved Accesses LOCATION: Land At Blewhouse Lane Finghall North Yorkshire APPLICANT: Mr and Mrs Blackburn

Points raised in the meeting:

- 29 houses back onto this field. Impacts every one of them- privacy and outlook, mental health and well being.
- 12 houses is a minimum of 24 cars. Everyone needs a car in this village so space to park is essential.
- No detail as to how big the houses are so probably more cars rather than less.
- Access to this field is down a narrow road that is used regularly by large farm machinery. Farming is an essential part of our economy. The entrance and exit of 24 plus cars onto this narrow road will be problematic and further destroy the verges.
- Previous planning permission for three houses on Blewhouse lane continued the linear development of the village which was acceptable, allowing reasonable development with bungalows that fitted into the vernacular of the village.
- The evolution of online shopping has increased the number of delivery vans in rural areas onto small roads like Blewhouse lane.
- Rainfall brings flooding to Blewhouse Lane as the water runs off the fields and onto the road making it impassable for pedestrians
- this field stands on bedrock which does not absorb rainfall well- contributes to the water flooding the road.
- The water table could be affected
- Drainage and sewage would need to be improved a lot to absorb such a large development
- Roughly 80 homes in the village. 5 are being built, a further 4 have planning and then these 12 would mean that the village has expanded by 27.5%- huge increase that will change the character of the village
- This planning application is going to delegated powers. Too big a development to not go to the full planning committee
- The access road to these proposed house does not allow for easy access for emergency vehicles.
- The village is conserved in the centre for its unique and quaint houses. Every house in the village is unique, any development needs to continue to enhance and fit in with the uniqueness of the village. 12 identical houses is too many properties for this site, and they are all drawn the same size. Even affordable housing can be attractive and well designed.
- The existing shed on the field would need to be checked for bats, other protected wildlife in the field and surrounding gardens.
- Concern about the existing water pressure
- Height and density of building
- No shop or children's facilities in the village
- Increased volume of traffic
- The centre of the village is a conservation area, and much of the land around the village has medieval evidence

The overall feeling was against this planning application. 71 villagers attended this meeting to put their concerns across to the parish council. The issues with Blewhouse Lane, the size of the development and the impact on the privacy and outlook of the surrounding 29 houses led the Parish Council to the view that they would recommend refusal of this application.

Action: Letter of strong objection and request that this planning application is refused

23:38 Matters requested by councillors

- 1 **Speeding control measures.** Already covered in the clerks report.

23:39 Financial matters:

1 to receive the bank account balance up to 27th November 2023

2 to approve the following accounts for payment:

Clerks wage to be paid biannually. **Approved**

Room Hire Constable Burton £25 (21st August 2023) **Approved**

3 to decide the budget requirements for the precept 2024/25

Brief presentation of projected spending in the parishes.

PC Unanimously agreed to put the precept up to £10,000 to pay for defibrillators and speeding warning signs, and to build a reserve fund to access further grants

Action: Return precept requirement forms to North Yorkshire Council

23:40 To consider the following new correspondence received and decide action where necessary:

1) **Lighting outside the Friars Head, Akebar**

Action: Enquire with Highways

2) **Minutes of the fly meeting**

Summarised, new chemical in use, ready for next year.

Resolved

23:41 To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.

Nothing yet

23:42 Next meeting: 19th February 7.30 venue to be decided