

Conisbrough Parks Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON APRIL 29th 2021.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Cliff, Manning, Gran, Leigh & Peat

Also present: the Clerk to the Council P. Wilkinson

1. APOLOGIES

DMBC Cllr Pearson submitted his apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

None

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th MARCH 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10th March 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman at the earliest opportunity.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Minute No.4. *Cllr Cliff agreed to look at what work was required to refurbish the noticeboard outside the church and he will also seek a quotation from a local joiner for future consideration.*

Minute No.4. *Cllr Cliff informed Councillors that the bin in the play area had now been emptied*

Minute No.4. *The Clerk informed Councillors that Yorkshire Water had been reminded yet again about the need to repair the bollards around the water pump on Beacon Lane.*

Minute No.4. *Cllr Peat agreed to put up the 'No Dogs Allowed' sign in the play area.*

Minute No. 4. *Cllrs Cliff and Manning met with the DMBC Officer to discuss the grounds maintenance schedule for Clifton and they will produce a list of the issues/actions that were agreed.*

Minute No.8. *The Clerk informed Councillors that the following weight limit signs had been requested: Junction of Denbrook Lane & Carr Lane (Ref. 1526524); Junction of Beacon Lane & Ruddle Lane (Ref. 1526534); and Junction of Shipman Balk & Ruddle Lane (Ref. 1606133).*

Minute No.10. *The Clerk informed Councillors of information received from the DMBC Tree Officer i.e. Trees in a conservation area that are not protected by an Order are protected by the provisions in section 211 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. These provisions require people to notify the local planning authority, using a 'section 211 notice', 6 weeks before carrying out certain work on such trees, unless an exception applies. The work may go ahead before the end of the 6 week period if the local planning authority gives consent. This notice period gives the authority an opportunity to consider whether to make an Order on the tree. People are not required to submit a section 211 notice to the local planning authority for:*

- the cutting down, topping or lopping or uprooting of a tree whose diameter does not exceed 75 millimetres; or*
- the cutting down or uprooting of a tree, whose diameter does not exceed 100 millimetres for the sole purpose of improving the growth of other trees.*

Signed.....Chairman

In either case, the diameter of the tree is to be measured over the bark of the tree at 1.5 metres above ground level. These exemptions do not apply in circumstances where a tree has more than one stem at a point 1.5 metres above the natural ground level if any stem when measured over its bark at that point exceeds the relevant minimum.

Minute No.11. *The Clerk confirmed that a cheque for £999 had been sent to the Yorkshire Ambulance Service Charity as part of the agreement for the supply of a defibrillator and cabinet. Councillors confirmed agreement with the design of the front of the cabinet and delivery will be 4 to 6 weeks.*

5. POLICE AND CRIME REPORTS

There were no reports.

6. REPORTS FROM DMBC WARD COUNCILLORS

There were no reports.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

In advance of the meeting the Clerk had circulated to Councillors the bank reconciliation at 31st March 2021; the income & expenditure for the year to 31st March 2021; and the bank statements showing the bank balances at 31st March 2021. He explained all the figures and confirmed that the total of the bank balances at 31st March 2021 was £9,879.51.

RESOLVED: That the Bank Reconciliation at 31st March 2021 be approved.

The Clerk had also circulated copies of the draft Annual Accounts for the year to 31st March 2021 and explained that these were for information only as they had not yet been audited.

8. PAYMENTS DUE

The Clerk informed Councillors that the following payments were due:

£138 for YLCA membership in 2021/2022.

£373.27 for the insurance premium for the year to 31st May 2022 – this is the same amount as in the previous two years and it was market tested for competitiveness in 2019.

Councillors discussed these payments.

RESOLVED: That the above payments be approved.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS/ISSUES

20/03086/FUL (The Bungalow, Common Lane) – Councillors noted an amended plan had been submitted. They also expressed serious concerns about the amount of work that was taking place on the site and in the adjacent fields despite permission not yet having been granted. The Clerk will request an urgent site visit by DMBC Planners at which Councillors can be present in order to ensure that the proper planning process is being followed.

19/03028/FUL (Beacon Ridge) – Councillors noted no decision yet made.

21/00333/FUL (Beacon Ridge) – Demolition of existing outbuilding, part demolition of wall and erection of new dwelling. Councillors raised concerns and the Clerk will ask DMBC Planners for a site visit at which they can be present in order to clarify a number of issues.

Signed.....Chairman

The Clerk made Councillors aware of correspondence from Braithwell & Micklebring Parish Council regarding the amount of excavation work that was apparently taking place at Long Leys Poultry Farm on Long Leys Lane. There was discussion regarding which Parish Council area the farm fell into, but the Clerk had ascertained from DMBC Electoral Services that the precept was paid to Braithwell PC. Cllr Cliff agreed to liaise with the Clerk at Braithwell and Micklebring Parish Council to determine if there was a need for any action by one or both Parish Councils.

10. COMMUNITY FIBRE SCHEME

Councillors noted that the next step in progressing a possible community fibre partnership with BT Openreach for a broadband upgrade was to see which addresses in Clifton were interested in being involved. Once the addresses were submitted BT will work out an approximate cost for each household. Councillors felt it would be beneficial if they had access to a generic information leaflet which promoted the scheme to the public. The Clerk will contact BT Openreach.

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Councillors reflected on the issues discussed in the meeting with DMBC Planners regarding the benefits of drawing up a neighbourhood plan. It was noted that there were no plans for development for Clifton in the DMBC Local Plan and in addition the village was largely protected by being in a conservation area and surrounded by green belt land. As a result, the time, effort and cost of formulating a plan may not be worthwhile. Councillors were also of the opinion that effective enforcement of the existing planning process was another way of protecting the character of Clifton and reaffirmed their role in monitoring all future planning applications.

RESOLVED: Not to progress with a neighbourhood plan in the short term and to monitor the situation in the future with a view to further consideration of the issue should the need arise.

12. COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

Councillors discussed the idea and were positive about it. However, it was felt that due to the current Covid restrictions it would be best to wait until after 21st June to see what the government guidelines advised.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had forwarded the following items of correspondence to Councillors since the last meeting:

YLCA – White Rose Updates x 3

YLCA – Training Bulletins x 2

YLCA – Code of Recommended Practice on LA Publicity During Pre-Election Period

YLCA – Future of Remote Meetings and Annual Meeting in May

YLCA – Remote Conference 21st/22nd April 2021

YLCA – Death of Duke of Edinburgh

YLCA – SY Branch Nomination Paper for Election of Reps to Joint Executive Board

YLCA – Advert for Independent Member of the SY Police & Crime Panel

YLCA – Wildscapes Pond Creation Fund

YLCA – NALC Chief Executive Bulletin

YLCA – High Court Judgement re. Remote Meetings. Future meetings will be in person.

DMBC – Parish Councils JCC 24th March 2021

Signed.....Chairman

DMBC – Notice of Election

DMBC – Information and Documents Relevant to the Elections on 6th May 2021

DMBC – Notice of Uncontested Elections for South Ward & North Ward. All existing Councillors elected.

DMBC – Notice of Amended Plans re. Beacon Ridge New Dwelling

DMBC – Information on Candidate Spending for Election

SY Police & Crime Commissioner – Blogs x 2

SY Ambulance Service Charity – Successful Application for Part Funding of Defibrillator

SY Ambulance Service Charity – Proposed Design of Front of Defibrillator Cabinet. Design agreed.

Yorkshire Water – Response to Reminder About Damaged Bollards

Resident – Enquiry re. Nearcliff Woods. DMBC Councillors seeking information on issues raised and feeding back to resident.

Resident – Request for Playground Upgrade. Cllr Manning will discuss the matter with the resident.

Braithwell & Micklebring PC and Stainton PC – Extension of Stainton Quarry. No objections

Breedon Group – Offer to Discuss Implications of Extension to Stainton Quarry. Agreed

Wednesday 5th May at 6.30pm

14. PARISH COUNCILLOR ITEMS/ISSUES

No issues raised.

15. DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 6.30pm on 18th May 2021 in the Church Hall, Church Lane, Clifton followed by the Ordinary Meeting at 7.00pm

Signed.....Chairman

