

## Summary Notes of (ORDINARY) Parish Meeting for April 2021

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As a point of procedure, it is noted that the **April 2021** meeting of Camblesforth Parish Council was held as a remote meeting managed by Zoom, due to ongoing restrictions because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Date of Meeting                      Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021  
Time of Meeting                      1900

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Parish Cllrs     Cllr Neal Yates (Chair): Cllr Denise Kempton: Cllr Neil Ball: Cllr Kevin Wild: Cllr David Falcus:  
                         Cllr Steph Coleman.  
District Cllr     Mike Jordan  
Parish Clerk     Andrew Crabbe

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### 1. Present and Apologies (Clerk to advise apologies, Chair to confirm quorum)

Clerk confirmed no apologies and noted that Cllr Boyes had been trying to access the meeting but was obviously struggling.

**Resolved** – Chair confirmed quorum for meeting.

### 2. Declarations of Interest – relevant to the agenda for the meeting (Chair)

Cllrs confirmed there were no declarations of interest relevant to the agenda for the meeting.

Clerk noted that he had contacted Cllr Neale with regard to a planning application in Barn Elms, but this was not connected to him, so there was no declaration required.

### 3. Chair to check Cllr agreement of previous minutes / approval of minutes (Chair)

Cllrs confirmed receipt of the summary notes / minutes of the previous meeting and that these were a true record of the March 2021 meeting.

**Resolved** Chair duly signed the minutes as approved.

### 4. District Cllr Report and session for members of public to speak (District Cllr Jordan)

Clerk noted no members of the public were in attendance.

- Cllr Jordan noted that the A19 was still on target for reopening in June – the whole site would resurface in single go with no joins and planting of verges was ongoing.
- Road surface redressing was ongoing, and this could be seen on the NYCC website for location and dates.
- Cllr Jordan finished by thanking all the Parish Council for their hard work and commitment which was often a thankless task

### 5. Financial Report for January 2021 (Clerk)

Clerk referred Cllrs to the Financial report which can be found as Appendix 1.

Clerk reported no concerns or threats and that finances remained solvent and stable.

**Resolved:** Cllrs approved cheques presented at the meeting

**6. Any correspondence requiring discussion. (Clerk)**

Clerk advised he had not received any correspondence.

**7. Planning applications (Clerk)**

Low Farm Barn

Cllr Wild noted that although he had no issues with the planning, he was concerned at the impact on traffic on Camela Lane with additional cars resulting from the conversion of the barns to residence(s) – the original planning application for barn conversion had stipulated conditions that ‘passing places’ had to be put in to manage increased traffic.

**Resolved** Cllrs agreed this should be placed in the Parish Councils observation

3 Barn Elms

Observations by the Parish Council. Cllrs agreed there were no concerns from the Parish Council, noting none had been raised by residents.

**8. Matters arising – to consider new and on-going issues and decide further action if necessary:**

**Ongoing Matters**

**8.1 Approval of 2021/22 budget– Cllrs to make any final changes to budget and approve for new financial year (All)**

Clerk asked Cllrs to consider several items on the draft agenda and specifically suggested improvements to the floral displays in the village – Adams Nurseries were looking at working with the Parish Council to install a 3 tier planter on the entrance to the village – Adams would provide the flowers free of charge if the Parish Council would purchase the planters.

Cllrs also discussed increasing the number of lamp post baskets with a proposed doubling of the number of baskets. Cllr Wild expressed concern with the cost and maintenance of the doubling of the baskets, noting that the Parish Council were likely to be facing increased spending on the park going forward.

Clerk advised Cllrs that as Financial Officer that the current financial situation meant that the Parish Council could afford the full additional baskets if Cllrs wanted to do this.

**Resolved** Following a vote it was agreed to purchase an additional ten baskets and two 3-teir planters for the village and the Clerk was instructed to implement this.

**Resolved** Cllrs viewed the final draft of the 2021 / 22 budget and this was agreed and can be found as Appendix 3.

**8.2 Update on Drax matters (Energy Walk, Green Work on A645) (Cllr Coleman)**

Cllr Coleman advised that the Energy Walk had been reopened and Drax would ensure the dog bins would be checked / emptied once a month going forward. Any further problems residents could contact Drax using the ‘What 3 Words’ app.

Drax had now committed to maintaining the hedges and trees along the A645 (Drax roundabout to Carlton roundabout) using SDC to carry out the actual work - however at the moment with it being nesting season, no work would be carried out immediately – going forward they would do this in August, and then annually it would be January and February.

Drax had agreed with Selby DC that the authority would be responsible for cleaning up the A645 (from the Snaith roundabout to the Drax roundabout) going forward – it was noted that this had been cleaned up, however it was beginning to fill up with rubbish already.

Drax were also proposing to install equipment to help the plant achieve carbon neutrality – in the short term the village would see some disruption with regard to construction and movement of large equipment, although Drax would keep the village updated on this.

Cllr Ball raised concern with the issue of the tipping of the waste / earth on the Drax golf course last year which had caused a smell nuisance at the time – Cllr Ball advised he was concerned that no one knew exactly what this waste was and that there was real potential for contamination of water courses – it was rumoured that this was waste from a refuse site in Gilberdyke – Cllr Ball continued that he understood that the waste had been subsequently covered up with a thin layer of topsoil.

Clerk noted that although the Drax Golf Club had responded at the time to correspondence from the Parish Council, it had never been fully explained why this had happened and what was the purpose of the waste / earth.

**Ongoing** Cllrs instructed Clerk to write to both Drax Golf Course Management and the Environmental Health Agency to request an update and exactly what the material is.

### **8.3 Update Park Matters (decision on repairs to all weather pitch / fencing) (All)**

Cllr Kempton advised that she had put a new claim in for lottery funding for a new skateboard park – she would be also approaching a number of other funding options including funding from District Cllrs..... Cllr Kempton continued that any further update would likely be later in the year due to the amount of time the lottery application took.

Cllr Wild advised that he had contacted the tradesman who had repaired the fence last year and he would be attending site shortly to provide a quote for Cllrs to approve.

Cllrs discussed the vandalism in the park where youths had taken up the surface around some equipment – this was already cracking but now had been removed in some places – this would need replacing as it was a trip hazard at the moment..... Chair did not think that there was a case for vandalism as the edging of the surface was already wearing away and it was more a case of wear and tear – Chair continued that he could not see any footage of the youth actually pulling out the tarmac.

**Ongoing** Clerk to continue with obtaining quotes for the replacement of equipment and now to include ground replacement

**Ongoing** Cllrs agreed to placing new signage banning dogs in the park following a recent incident where a dog in the park actually bit a child - also additional CCTV notices to hopefully deter anti-social behaviour.

Cllrs discussed the trees which had been identified for removing due them obstructing the view of the CCTV. Cllrs agreed to wait until autumn to carry out this action to avoid disruption of nesting birds.

### **New Matters**

#### **8.4 Discussion on risk assessment and arrangements for May Meeting in light of ending of Remote Meeting legislation (All)**

Clerk confirmed that the Government had removed the legal authority of remote meetings (Zoom) and therefore as of May 2021 Parish Councils had to return to face-to-face meetings. However, the risks from Covid were still prevalent and Parish Councils needed to put a risk assessment in place in order to protect the public and Cllrs themselves.

Clerk presented a draft risk assessment for the return to face-to-face meetings and Cllrs agreed to implement this with effect from the May meeting. This can be found as appendix 1 and will be added to the Agenda for May. Cllrs discussed how many members of the public should be allowed to attend the meetings, noting the current suggestion was up to 5 people. Chair suggested that the attendance restriction could be in relation to ‘bubbles’ rather than individuals – this would allow partners to attend.

Cllr Kempton advised that her experience was that premises had to measure out the 2-metre distance to ensure compliance and it would be useful to speak to the Hall to understand how many people would be allowed in.

Clerk noted it was likely that the risk assessment would be in place until the Government confirmed the removal of all restrictions, at this time scheduled for June 2021, although he understood even then some control measures may still remain in place.

**Resolved** Parish Council would implement the agreed Risk Assessment and ensure this was placed on the website for public awareness.

**9. Any other Business / Matters raised by Cllrs (not to be voted on) (All)**

Cllrs discussed alternative options for a venue if the village hall was not able to provide Covid compliance. Various venues were discussed as a possible option for holding parish meetings in the future. Further discussions on this matter would be held at future meetings.

Cllr Falcus advised that he had spoken to local police contacts from his previous employment asking if they would attend parish meetings / produce a newsletter / update for residents – however they had declined stating they were too busy. Cllrs advised that they had asked for a police presence several times and had received the same response. Cllr Falcus continued that he would persevere with this and contact senior police management.

Cllr Wild advised that he was concerned about the state of Camela Lane with more and more potholes and cracks – he asked if the matter could be referred to NYCC Highways – Chair agreed and stated that he actually avoided the road in his vehicle due to its condition.

**Ongoing** Clerk was instructed to contact NYCC with regard to the road.

There been no further business, Chair confirmed the end of the meeting at 2100

**Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – to be held at the village hall

Signed as a true record ..... *Neal Yates* ..... Date ..... *19th May 2021* .....

Neal Yates – Parish Chairman

