

Camblesforth Parish Council

Looking after your village, together

Parish Chairman: Neal Yates

Parish Deputy Chair: (Vacant)

Date of Meeting Wednesday, 21st July 2021

Time of Meeting 1900

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parish Cllrs Cllr Neal Yates (Chair): Cllr Denise Kempton: Cllr Steph Coleman: Cllr Neil Ball and Cllr Dave Falcus

District Cllr Mike Jordan

Parish Clerk Andrew Crabbe

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

Clerk noted that Cllrs Boyes and Wild had sent in their apologies which were duly noted.

Resolved Chair confirmed quorum for meeting.

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

Resolved Cllrs confirmed there were no declarations of interest relevant to the agenda for the meeting – however it was noted that Cllr Wild had advised an interest in the planning item concerning the proposed solar farm and would take no part in any discussions or decisions relating to the matter.

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 June 2021 meeting.

Resolved Chair duly signed the minutes as approved.

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

Cllr Jordan advised Cllrs that a new Local Plan was in the process of being put together following the outcome of previous consultations with the removal of some areas for development and the introduction of new areas. Cllr Jordan confirmed that there was no development planned for Camblesforth under the new plan.

Cllrs also discussed the ongoing situation with regard to local government reorganisation in the area, with two models being proposed – a single large authority (North Yorkshire County Council) and the ending of district Councils or an East & West model of local government with the six district and borough councils of Craven, Harrogate, Richmondshire, Ryedale, Scarborough, and Selby.

Post meeting it was advised that the Government had decided to adopt the single large authority model. More information would be provided in due course on this.

5. Financial Report and Accounts (Clerk)

Clerk referred Cllrs to the Financial report which can be found as **Appendix 1** Clerk reported although the Council was still seeing increased spending compared with previous years, there were no concerns or threats and that finances remained solvent and stable.

However it may become necessary to look at transferring some funds from the reserve to pay for the proposed new playground roundabout at a cost of circa £10,000. Clerk referred Cllrs to earlier email containing an additional quote following concerns that the cost of the roundabout seemed excessive.

Cllr Coleman advised that she thought that this had been signed off at a previous meeting.

Resolved Cllrs agreed to purchase replacement roundabout as quoted by Sutcliffe's and approved a budget of £10,000.

Resolved: Cllrs approved cheques presented for July 2021 at the meeting

6 Any correspondence requiring discussion / Comments from Members of Public in attendance. (Clerk)

Clerk noted no correspondence which had not been dealt with during the process of the previous month. No members of the public were in attendance.

7 Planning applications (Clerk / all)

Cllrs noted the receipt of the following planning application

PROPOSAL: Development of a ground-mounted solar farm, including associated infrastructure

LOCATION: Land North and South of Camela Lane Camblesforth

Chair welcomed Sarah Clinch from Lanpro Services (Agents for the Project) Phillip Elbourne from P3P (The Developer for the project) and Lesley Giles from Island Green Power (Company advising / providing the solar panels). Summary notes of this consultation can be found as **Appendix 2**

Resolved: Cllrs agreed to support the application and the Clerk was instructed to advise SDC accordingly

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

Ongoing Matters

8.1 Update on new AED defib in the village (Clerk/All)

Clerk referred Cllrs to an earlier email which had advised that the Parish Council had received confirmation from Drax PowerStation that they were awarding £500 towards the proposed new defib – Clerk continued only matter outstanding was permission from owner of the village shop to the AED on the external wall.

Ongoing Clerk to contact shop and order new defib prior to next meeting.

8.2 Update on new noticeboard for Brigg Lane (Clerk/All)

Referring to the item raised at the June meeting that the Parish Noticeboard on Brigg Lane was in a very poor condition, Cllrs were advised that the person who had made the board now in the Memorial Garden was unfortunately ill and therefore not available to work on another board.

Chair advised that he look at this as a possible project and inform Cllrs over the forthcoming weeks with regard to materials costs, with a view to him possibly building the noticeboard

Ongoing: As above

8.3 Update on floral displays in village / Royal British Legion Boxes for Memorial Garden (Clerk/All)

Clerk confirmed that he had heard from Adams Nurseries and the two-tiered planters, and the new floral baskets were all in place throughout the village.

Cllrs also discussed a proposal for two flower boxes in the memorial garden from the Royal British Legion and agreed this was a good idea, however someone would need to maintain the boxes once they were bedded.

Resolved Cllrs agreed to purchase the two flower boxes and ask for volunteers to maintain these.

8.4 Update on waste placed on Drax Golf Course (Clerk/All)

Cllrs were advised that the Clerk had still not received any response from the Environmental Agency with regard to the topsoil waste which had been placed on the golfclub last year and was the cause of foul smells across the village – Clerk had contacted Drax for a contact to discuss and if still resolved suggested it should be raised at the next liaison meeting.

Ongoing Updates to be provided to Cllrs at next meeting

8.5 Update on Safer Streets Project by Police & Crime Commissioners Office (Clerk/All)

Cllrs were advised this was ongoing and initial signs were good that residents were taking an interest in the project. Clerk advised he had just received some information from the PCC's office which he had posted on social media and the Parish Council website.

Ongoing Clerk to keep Cllrs up to date on the project and its rollout in Camblesforth

8.6 Update on possible alternative venue for Parish Meeting (Clerk/ All)

Clerk advised he had spoken to Camblesforth Hall who were interested in the Parish Council holding meetings at one of their new 'barns' – at a cost of £25 per meeting, this would allow the Parish Council to have web facilities and show meeting documentation on screen – Cllrs also agreed the venue might attract a higher attendance of residents at meetings.

Ongoing noting that the facility would not be available until September a final decision would be postponed until the September meeting

New Matters

There were no new matters listed for the July meeting

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

9.1 Chair noted that he had received complaints from a resident on Oaklands that the park fence adjoining their property had been broken down and youths were using as access to their garden

Ongoing Clerk to contact Dave Marshall for a quote to replace the vandalised fencing

9.2 Cllr Falcus asked for an update on the agreed dog bin on Hardenshaw Lane to be placed on the new lamppost

Ongoing Clerk to contact SDC to request a new bin (as above)

9.3 Cllr Ball reported a manhole was in a poor condition – opposite 1 Pinewood Drive and also there were several hedgerow overgrowing onto pavement – addresses were provided by Cllr Ball

Ongoing Clerk to contact Highways and report the issue. Also to post a notice on social media asking residents to keep hedges maintained and stop them from intruding onto pavements.

Cllr Ball noted that the issue of the safe belonging to the Parish Council which was still in a resident's garage remained outstanding.

Ongoing Cllrs agreed tis matter should be listed and referred to the August meeting

Cllr Falcus raised continued concerns for speeding vehicles both on Brigg Lane through the village and also Selby Road. Clerk advised he was aware that in East Riding, Parish Councils could request a traffic survey on roads of concern and suggested he contact NYCC Highways to ask if this was something they carried out at the request of the Parish Council

Ongoing Cllrs agreed to this suggestion and asked the Clerk to contact highways accordingly

Noting the Clerk was on holiday on the date of the next scheduled meeting, Cllrs agreed to move this meeting to Wednesday, 25th August 2021. Chair advised he would be on leave then, but if the Standing Orders could be amended as agreed at a previous meeting, then Cllr Coleman to stand in as Deputy Chair.

Resolved As above.

There been no further business, Chair confirmed the end of the meeting at 2130.

Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday, 25th August 2021 – to be held at the village hall.

Signed as a true record *Neal Yates* Date *August 2021*

Neal Yates – Parish Chairman

Camblesforth Parish Council

Presented at July 2021 Meeting For the Month of

Jun-21

From: Parish Clerk
To: Parish Council

Box 1

Community Account (666)

Opening Balance as of end of May 2021 (Statement No. 221) **£34,117.55**

Transactions in June 2021

Debits				
Date Cashed	Cheque No.	Paid to	Reason	Amount
07-Jun-21	694	Eon UK - Electricity Charges for April 21 - Street lighting		£93.26
07-Jun-21	695	Eon UK - Electricity Charges for April - Standing Charges		£5.85
11-Jun-21	696	Peter Brown - Repairs to the All-Weather Pitch Fence		£294.00
23-Jun-21	697	Andrew Crabbe - Salary for June 21		£282.00
25-Jun-21	698	Eon UK - Electricity Charges for May - Standing Charges		£96.37
25-Jun-21	699	Eon UK - Electricity Charges for May 21 - Street lighting		£6.05
25-Jun-21	701	D Marshall - Grass cutting May 21 (Invoice No.24)		£380.00
25-Jun-21	702	D Marshall - Grass cutting inclu. Highway cut June 21 (Invoice No.25)		£520.00
25-Jun-21	703	D Marshall - Grass Cutting April 2021 (Invoice No.22)		£380.00
28-Jun-21	704	D Marshall - Grass Cutting May 21 incl. Highway Cut (Invoice No.23)		£520.00
28-Jun-21	700	Rackhams Accountants - Fee for Internal Audit 2020-21		£372.00
30-Jun-21	706	North Yorks CC - replacement for street light		£3,558.37
30-Jun-21		Bank Service Charge		£18.00

Credits				
Date of Credit	Reason			Amount
	Summary =	Balance as of end of May 21 (31st May) =		£34,117.55
		Total spend in June 2021 (presented) =		£6,525.90
		Credit Received in June 2021 =		£0.00
		Standing bank balance end of June as per Bank Statement 221 =		£27,591.65

Box 3

New Cheques Issued at July 2021 Meeting for Cllr Approval

	Amount
Andrew Crabbe - Salary for July 21	£282.00
Eon UK - Electricity Charges for June - Standing Charges	£93.26
Eon UK - Electricity Charges for June 21 - Street lighting	£5.85
Diane Westwood - annual payment for CCTV server storage	£264.00
Autela Accounts - Payroll Admin for April, May & June 2021 (Q1)	£50.40
Adams Nurseries - Replanting of hanging baskets (30) in village	£1,800.00
Came & Co - Parish Council Insurance premium for 2021/22	£1,122.25
Marshall, D Grasscutting (June 21) Invoice No. 26	£380.00

Total cheques to be issued & approved at the July 21 Meeting = £3,997.76

Box 5

No.2 Account: High Interest Account (682)

Last Statement received in May 2019 = **£17,354.28**

Box 2

Outstanding Cheques

	Amount
Diane Westwood - annual payment for CCTV server storage-	£264.00
Eon UK - Electricity Charges for July - Street lighting	£96.37
Amberol - Additional 10 Baskets & Brackets and 2 Sprial Planters	£1,400.74

Outstanding cheques to be cashed / presented = £1,400.74

Note : D Westwood has advised she has not received the annunal payment for CCTV router - so above cheque is replaced with (see table 4)

Box 4

Summary of PC Accounts until end of July 2021 (Actuals & Forecasts)

No.1 Account: Community Account (666)

a	(Actual) Bank Balance at end of May 21 (verified by Stats 221) =	£34,117.55
b	(Actual) Total Spend in June 21 (cashd) =	£6,525.90
c	Uncashed Cheques from June 21 (Actual)	£1,400.74
d	New Cheques issued at July 2021 meeting (Actual)	£3,997.76
e	Forecast total spending for end of July 21 (which is box b, c and d added) =	£11,924.40
f	Credit Payments made in June2021	£0.00
g	Forecast of Balance for end of July 2021 (which is box e deducted from box a, added to box f) =	£22,193.15

Camblesforth Parish Council

Summary points from a meeting between Camblesforth Parish Council and Representatives of the proposed Solar Farm off Camela Lane at the Parish Meeting of 21st July.

Cllrs welcomed Sarah Clinch from Lanpro Services (Agents for the Project) Phillip Elbourne from P3P (the Developer for the project) and Lesley Giles from Island Green Power (Company advising / providing the solar panels).

The meeting took the form of a question-and-answer session with a number of questions provided by Cllrs to the representatives.

1 Will there be any re-routing of any public rights of way.

Cllrs were advised that there would be no re-routing or changes to public rights of way during and after the construction period. In-fact, the developer will be increasing countryside access with the introduction of new woodland and meadow areas and trails / walks which will enhance and build upon existing countryside access. The developer was keen to ensure existing rights of way were maintained and that the development would be an opportunity to improve 'green recreational' facilities for the community.

2 What if any provisions will be put in place for the deer and the wildlife that cross the land to be used.

The project had appointed an ecologist team and a number of measures would be implemented to not only support existing wildlife, but also encourage the introduction of new wildlife, by the creation of suitable and sustainable environments as part of the development – new woodland and meadows would be linked by 'green corridors' for wildlife such as deer which will encourage them to avoid roads and built-up areas and it was proposed the new woodland areas would be linked to existing nature reserves / green areas by walking paths and trails for the public.

There will be special fencing around the solar farm to prevent deer from accessing the site and injuring themselves.

Other measures include creating habitat and wildflower areas for nesting birds such as skylarks as well as bird and bat boxes.

3 Will access to Camela Lane be minimised during the construction. What routes will be used to access the site during construction and what plans are there to minimise disruption to the village.

There are already serious traffic concerns in the village (volume and speeding) as well as the condition of the roads, so HGV and construction traffic will arguably aggravate this. Camela Lane off Brigg Lane is unsuitable for large vehicles.

Cllrs were advised that there would be no restrictions to access of Camela Lane and that construction traffic will not access or leave the site via the village (Brigg Lane entrance). The actual construction period is estimated to be six months with a number of months remaining with regard to consultation and construction will only take place during the day at specific times – construction traffic will avoid peak road times (such as rush hour).

Post construction vehicles accessing the site will be small (such as quad bikes) for the purposes of maintenance

The developers were asked to ensure construction vehicles did not block up the road whilst waiting for access to the site, a problem seen elsewhere.

In addition developers were asked to liaise with Highways with regard to speed issues / dangerous overtaking on the Selby Road ('Cammie Straight') as Cllrs were concerned re: this existing problem which had resulted in numerous accidents and maybe aggravated by an increase of HGVs on the roads around the proposed site. Effective road sign warnings would need to be implemented as a minimum.

Questions were asked with regard to noise from the solar farm once up and running and Cllrs were advised that full noise nuisance assessments had been carried out as part of the project and there will be no / minimal noise from the panels once operating.

Cllrs asked if it was proposed that any other buildings would be built on the site – it was advised that there would only be a small 'utility' type building on the site.

4 Concerning the maintenance of the site once completed, will this include the grass verges on Camela Lane & the hedge row that you intend to plant.

Cllrs were advised that the site will be fully maintained once constructed – sheep will also be allowed to roam around the panels and experience had shown at similar sites, this was an effective way of keeping the grass maintained.

Cllrs were advised that although P3P will retain an interest in the site and overall responsibility for maintenance etc, another organisation may manage the day to day running of the site – it was confirmed the Parish Council would be provided with contact details for any matters which needed raising.

The lease of the land was currently for 40 years, after which there were a number of options including an extended lease or returning the land to agricultural use

5 What type of solar system will be used. Stationary panels or tilt panels.

The solar panels would be tilting and will rotate east to west – it was calculated that the panels would power up to 15,000 homes per days.

6 Can you give early indications of the level of CIL money which will be provided to the village / What if any benefits (financially, socially & recreationally) will there be for the community of Camblesforth.

Cllrs were advised that as CIL only applied to residential development this was not applicable, however the developers were keen to support community projects for the village and asked Cllrs to provide ideas which they felt would benefit the Camblesforth community – Cllrs agreed to consider possible projects and forward to the Clerk who would collate for discussion at the August / September meetings