

# Camblesforth Parish Council

Looking after your village, together

**Parish Chairman:** Neal Yates

**Parish Deputy Chair:** (Vacant)

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**Date of Meeting** Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Time of Meeting** 1900

## IN ATTENDANCE:

**Parish Cllrs** Cllr Neal Yates (Chair); Cllr Neil Ball; Cllr Kevin Wild; Cllr Denise Kempton; Cllr Dave Falcus; Cllrs Joyce Boyes.

**Ward Cllr** Cllr Mike Jordan

**Parish Clerk** Andrew Crabbe

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

Chair noted no apologies and that there was full attendance of Cllrs.

**Resolved** Chair confirmed quorum and welcomed everyone to the meeting

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

**Resolved** No declarations were made by Cllrs relevant to the meeting

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

Chair asked Cllrs if they had read and agreed with the summary notes of the February 2023 meeting.

**Resolved** No amendments were requested by Cllrs, and the minutes were duly signed by the Chair.

### 4. Financial Report and Accounts (*Clerk*)

The Accounts Spreadsheet and Financial Officer Report had already been presented to Cllrs and Clerk asked if there were any questions from Cllrs – none were tabled. The financial reports can be found as **Appendix 1** and **Appendix 1a**

**Resolved** Cheques presented at the March meeting were approved by Cllrs and duly processed.

### 5. Session for members of public to speak / District Cllr Report

**Resolved** Chair noted a number of members of public in attendance although no issues were raised.

Cllr Jordan advised that the last full Council Meeting would be held on 21<sup>st</sup> March and the new Authority would commence as of 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Cllr Jordan continued that tonight's meeting would be the last he would be attending as a Selby District Council Cllr and as of April he would be attending as a North Yorkshire County Council Cllr.

Cllr Jordan advised that his Locality Grant would still be available after the creation of the new authority and applications for funds to benefit local communities were welcome.

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

Clerk referred Cllrs to a letter from a Company who provided 'speed signs / stickers' to be placed on wheelie bins and asked if they would be interested in these, particularly the '20 is plenty' version. These were not legally enforceable but there was some evidence to show the signs did influence driver's speed especially on through roads in villages, such as Brigg Lane, although they also worked on school roads.

**Ongoing** Cllrs asked the Clerk to obtain resident feedback on the idea and if they would be prepared to use the stickers – Clerk to report back to the April meeting.

## 7. Planning applications (Clerk / all)

The planning application report for the March meeting can be found as **Appendix 2**. Cllrs discussed the following application:

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

**LOCATION:** Land South Of A645, Wade House Lane, Drax

Cllrs noted that this planning application had only been received on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March and they had not had time to consider all the documentation relating to the application. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should not submit an observation at this time and to request an extension until the April meeting. Clerk noted that at this time his advice to Cllrs would be to issue a neutral observation – this was based on the fact that previously the Parish Council had invited residents to advise in writing if they supported or opposed the solar farm applications, and to date only two residents had advised they opposed the solar farms. Therefore, the Parish Council could only act on the information it had received.

A discussion took place with a resident in attendance with regard to the process for advising the Parish Council of views and also how residents advised Selby District Council if they opposed or supported a planning application.

**Resolved** Cllrs agreed that the Clerk would post information again on the above on social media, its website and noticeboard.

**Ongoing** Clerk to request an extension from Selby District Council on the Parish Council submission of observations

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

### Ongoing Matters

#### 8.1 Update on ideas / projects for the CiL award / P3P Gift including update on improvements to the Memorial Garden – installation of an iron fence / benches / new flagpole (All)

Clerk advised Cllrs the two new flagpoles were on order and would hopefully arrive in time for the coronation weekend. Cllrs agreed that placing a pole behind the Memorial would be ideal.

Cllrs agreed that a metal gate would be appropriate and in sync with the proposed metal fencing.

**Ongoing** Clerk to provide quotes by April meeting for final decision

**Ongoing** Installation of bench outstanding

#### 8.2 Update on issue of trees on A645 and responsibility for maintaining these – following request from PC for DRAX to provide minutes of Liaison Meeting (All)

Cllrs Boyes and Ball reported from the Drax Liaison Meeting that Drax would carry out cutting back of trees on the A645 but were unable to cut back any trees overhanging gardens on Pinewood Road. Apparently, some years prior they had done this and been sued by a resident for damage to a shed, so now Drax's insurance would not cover this.

Cllrs Boyes and Ball also reported that at the Liaison Meeting they had asked for a copy of the minutes and were advised that these would be sent to the Clerk.

**Ongoing:** Clerk to advise as and when these were received and to pass onto Cllrs.

Cllr Ball advised he remained concerned with regard to the situation of waste on the Drax Golf Course and the possibility of contamination... this issue was still unresolved after three years.

**Ongoing:** Clerk was instructed to draft a formal letter of complaint to the Environment Agency on this matter.

### **8.3 Update on any changes to the draft budget for financial year of 2023/24 – final opportunity for Cllrs to consider prior to new financial year (All)**

Chair referred Cllrs to the draft and reminded them that this was the last opportunity to make changes - Cllrs were asked to give one final review prior to the new financial year in April at which time the budget would be signed off.

**Ongoing** Cllrs to advise of any amendments to the draft prior to the April meeting at which time the budget would be signed off and the Parish Council would adhere to the agreed budget for the financial year of 2023/24

### **8.4 Update on any proposals for the Kings Coronation (All)**

Clerk advised Cllrs had agreed to leave this item on the agenda for the next few months for any updates and developments. Cllrs discussed how the Parish Council might support planned activities by the Village Social Committee, (two members of which were in attendance at the meeting) and Cllrs agreed that any requests for financial support should be made under the Community Grant Scheme.

**Resolved** The representatives of the Committee were signed posted to the Parish Council website for details and application form for the Community Grant Scheme and advised to contact the Clerk if they had any problems

### **New Matters**

#### **8.5 Cllrs to consider applications for grants under the Community Grant / Edward Atkinson Fund (All)**

**Procedural Note:** As this item concerned financial details of an application, Chair advised this was a closed session and members of the public were duly asked to leave the meeting which was actioned.

Cllrs considered and discussed an application from the Messy Church / Children's club at the Church and agreed that the application fully met the criteria of the Edward Atkinson Fund.

**Resolved** Cllr Wild tabled that an award of £400 should be made and this was passed unanimously. Clerk was instructed to contact the Church Warden and advise of the above and arrange for a cheque to be raised.

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

Cllrs raised concerns over the delay in SDC providing a requested dog waste bin on Camela Lane – SDC had advised the requested location was inappropriate for the waste vehicle to collect from. Cllrs agreed this was absolutely not the case and the location was a large turning area. Cllr Falcus advised he would send a photo of the location and that the Clerk would forward this to SDC asking why this was a problem. In addition the Clerk was asked to post on social media advising residents of the situation.

No other matters being raised the Chair closed the meeting at 8.10pm

**Date of next meeting** Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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Signed as a true record... *Neal Yates* Date... *April 2023*

Neal Yates – Parish Chairman

## **Appendix 1 Financial Officers Report for the March 2023 Parish Meeting for Camblesforth**

### **Headlines**

At the end of January 23 our bank balance was £17,037 and at the end of February 23 the balance (after all banked transactions), had decreased to £15,989. Taking into account all liabilities, (cheques to be approved at the February meeting – there are NO uncashed cheques) our forecast balance for the end of March 23 is £14,779. This will be our position at the end of the financial year of 2022-23 and means (as with all reporting months in the past year), our finances are in a robust, stable and solvent position, with no identifiable risks or threats and on target for the surplus forecast at the setting of the budget in April 2022.

### **Cheques to be approved at the March 2023 Meeting**

There is little to report in the March cheque issue – all is budgeted for and expected.

### **Reserve Account**

The reserve account stands at £13,365 with no change since December 2022. This of course includes £2,831 which is the Edward Atkinson Fund.

### **Summary**

Cllrs should be proud of the fact our finances are so healthy despite the fact the Parish Council has continued to spend on improvements in the community as well as not increasing the precept for three years running. The stable financial position is entirely down to careful financial management and observance of the budget, and brings into focus the importance of the forthcoming budget discussions.







## Appendix 2

### Planning Application Report for the March 2023 Meeting

For full details of applications, use the public planning portal at SDC

<https://www.selby.gov.uk/view-applications-public-access>

Location & Applicant:	Planning Ref:	Observations / Comments:	Observations
Land South Of A645, Wade House Lane, Drax	2023/0128/E IA	Development of a ground-mounted solar farm including associated Infrastructure	 Land South Of A645, Wade House Lane, Dr.
<b>Applications Decided (Refusal / Granted)</b>			
18 Croft Road, Camblesforth, Selby Applicant Mrs Linda Johnson	2022/1310/ HPA	Erection of single storey side extension with mono-pitched roof following demolition of existing conservatory and erection of front oak porch	 18 Croft Road, Camblesforth NOD,p GRANTED
48 Brigg Lane, Camblesforth Applicant – Mr Chris Knight	2022/1158/ HPA	Erection of front extension, dormer roof conversion, internal alterations and erection of boundary wall	 48 Brigg Lane NOD.pdf GRANTED
Home Farm, Barlow Road, Barlow Vox Born	2022/1257/F ULM	Erection of battery energy storage system and associated external works	 Home Farm, Barlow Road, Barlow.pdf REFUSED