

Camblesforth Parish Council

Looking after your village, together

Parish Chairman: Neal Yates

Parish Deputy Chair: (Vacant)

Date of Meeting Thursday, 18th January 2023
Time of Meeting 1900

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parish Cllrs Cllr Neal Yates (Chair); Cllr D Kempton Cllr Neil Ball; Cllr David Falcus;

Parish Clerk Andrew Crabbe

District Cllr Mike Jordan

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

Chair noted the apology of Cllrs Boyes and Wild.

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*)

Noting there was no meeting in December, Chair asked Cllrs if they had read and agreed with the summary notes of the November 2022 meeting.

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

4. Financial Report and Accounts (*Clerk*)

Clerk noted that as there was no meeting in December, there were two months of cheques to be approved. The financial report for November and December 2022 and cheques to be approved in January 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 January meeting were approved by Cllrs and duly processed.

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

No members of the public were in attendance.

Chair welcomed District Cllr Jordan to the meeting, who made the following report:

5.1 A lot of work was being carried out to catch up with housing voids programme and £2million of CiL funds had been signed off to deal with this – this may see some work being carried out in Camblesforth.

5.2 The Locality Budget had been spent for this year – Cllr Jordan was asked would there still be District Cllr grants available in the new Council structure – Cllr Jordan replied it was proposed (but not approved as yet) that Area Committees would have £50k for local community development.

5.3 Cllr Jordan was asked what would happen to the approx.. £50million awarded by Drax to Selby District Council. Cllr Jordan advised this would likely go into NYCC reserves – Cllr Yates advised that he felt it was entirely wrong that none of this money was awarded to the local Parishes neighbouring the power-station – Cllr Jordan replied that the money had been used to keep rates down.

Cllr Jordan was asked to approach NYCC in his capacity as District Cllr to ask if some of this money could be allocated to local Parishes – Cllr Jordan advised that he had tried this previously and received either no response or was told that other areas had to be considered. Cllr Yates replied that other areas were not affected by Drax, the disturbance from lorries, dust and noise etc.

Ongoing On the point of rates paid to SDC by Drax, Cllrs agreed this should be added to the agenda for February and discussed at length and agreed action taken.

6 Any correspondence requiring discussion. (Clerk)

Clerk noted a letter from Landpro / P3P with regard to a proposed planning application for a solar power farm at Carlton and asking if they could attend a future parish meeting to meet Cllrs and present their plans.

Resolved Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should invite Landpro to the February meeting

7 Planning applications (Clerk / all)

Clerk noted one planning application

PROPOSAL: Hybrid Planning Application comprising two parts: (Part 1) Outline planning permission (all matters reserved) for the construction of a converter station at Drax, Selby; (Part 2) full planning permission for the installation of high voltage direct current (HVDC) underground cables from the River Ouse to the converter station and high voltage alternating current (HVAC) underground cables from the converter station to the existing Drax Substation as well as all associated temporary works including compounds, accesses and bellmouths as part of the construction of Scotland-England Green Link 2 (SEGL2), a two gigawatt (GW) reinforcement of the electricity transmission system between Peterhead, Scotland and Drax, England. [Installation of underground HVDC cables from Mean Low Water Springs (MLWS) at Fraithorpe, East Riding to the River Ouse and associated temporary works relating to land in an adjoining authority]

LOCATION: Land To East New Road Drax

Resolved Cllrs noted the strategic infrastructure of this application and no objections were made

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 (All)

Cllrs noted that the playground surface was once again becoming covered in slippery algae. Cllr Yates advised that it was his view the surface was becoming increasingly impossible to keep clean and maybe some of the grant money needed to be spent on replacing the surface with something like safe bark.

Ongoing Clerk to obtain quotes / options for new playground surfaces and report back to Cllrs. Cllr Yates also advised Cllrs that longer term, he would like the Council to look at investing in a small hydraulic tractor (with a frailer) for grass cutting.

8.2 Update on improvements to the Memorial Garden (All)

Cllr Kempton advised Cllrs that there had been dog mess in the garden – Cllrs expressed disappointment that someone would allow the dog to foul an area devoted to those who had given their lives during conflict. Noting there was no longer a gate on the garden, Clerk was asked to price a new one as this may be allowing dogs to wander in – the ‘No Dogs’ sign had been on the old gate, now removed.

Ongoing Clerk to provide quotes for a new gate in time for the February meeting.

Cllrs discussed the previous proposal for a flag pole for both the Memorial and Millennium Gardens.

Ongoing Clerk was asked to resend the quotes and also source a 'tamper proof flag pole'

Cllrs discussed previous proposal for painting the scaffolding in the Memorial Garden

Ongoing Clerk was asked to speak to the painter who had painted the playground for a quote in time for the February meeting.

New Matters

8.3 Update from Cllrs Boyce and Ball from the Drax Liaison Meeting (specifically trees on A645) (All)

Cllr Ball advised that he felt there had been no progress with this issue and it was the case that Drax would not cut back the trees adjoining the houses on the A645. Cllrs agreed that this contradicted what the Parish Council was told in 2021.

Ongoing Clerk to request a copy of the minutes of the liaison meeting and the matter would be deferred to February for Cllrs to determine next steps.

8.4 Cllrs to discuss draft budget for financial year of 2023/24 (All)

Cllrs referred to the Budget Report sent previously by the Clerk who requested that Cllrs use the report to analyse spending and use as the basis to review the budget for the financial year of 2023/24

Ongoing Cllrs to review and consider the budget for the new financial year over the course of the next two meetings in time for a final decision at the April meeting

8.5 Cllrs to discuss any arrangements for the King's Coronation (All)

Chair advised that the Camblesforth Social Committee had already discussed this and had decided to postpone any meeting to see what Cllrs decided with regard to possible joint working again. At this stage, there was an idea to have a village event with a screen set up in the grounds of Camblesforth Hall to show the coronation. Cllr Falcus asked if the flower displays in the village could feature red, white and blue colours – Clerk replied this had been requested for the Queens Platinum however the plants were already ordered and being grown. Clerk continued he would check with Adams as this time the request may be in time.

Ongoing To be continued at the February meeting

8.6 Cllrs to approve Annual Meetings Calendar for 2023 (All)

Cllrs noted the dates of Parish Council meetings for 2023. Chair asked if an annual report on the Edward Atkinson Fund could be added to the Annual General Meeting and this was unanimously approved by Cllrs.

Resolved The 2023 Parish Council Calendar was approved by Cllrs, subject to a note that the AGM would include a report on the Atkinson Fund.

8.7 Cllrs to discuss Social-Media-Policy and proposal for pre-approval of posts (All)

Cllrs noted the latest post on the Parish Council Facebook page which had made potentially slanderous and offensive comments concerning farmers who were looking at allowing solar farms on their land. This post had been removed, however Cllrs felt that this latest posting justified the proposal to pre-approve any future postings on the site. Cllrs agreed that the Facebook page was primarily for residents to be kept up to date on Parish Council matters and not a forum for individuals to express their views.

Resolved Cllrs instructed the Parish Clerk to alter the permission on the social media page to pre-approve any future postings.

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

Cllr Kempton advised that Cllrs had previously agreed to purchase a new Christmas light for the Memorial Garden but this had been put on hold due to questions over connection issues. Cllr Kempton continued she had identified a new light with no such issues and asked if this could be purchased – Cllrs agreed (as the cost had been previously approved) and Cllr Kempton would send the details to the Clerk for actioning

No other matters being raised the Chair closed the meeting at 8.20pm

Date of next meeting 15th February 2023

Signed as a true record... *Neal Yates*

Date... *February 2023*

Appendix 1a Financial Officers Report for the January 2023 Parish Meeting For Camblesforth

Headlines

At the end of November 22 our bank balance was £20,838 and at the end of December 22 the balance (after all banked transactions), had decreased to £19,626. Taking into account all liabilities, (cheques to be approved at the January 23 meeting, and uncashed cheques) our forecast balance for the end of January 23 is £17,065. Spending in January is high as it also covers December when there was no Parish Meeting. With only two months left in the financial year our finances are in a robust, stable and solvent position, with no identifiable risks or threats and on target for the forecast surplus.

Cheques to be approved at the December 2022 Meeting

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

Reserve Account

A slight increase from the last report in November due to an interest payment of £41.71 and as of 31st December the balance is £13,365. This of course includes £2,831 which is the Edward Atkinson Fund.

Summary

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.

From:

Parish Clerk

To:

Parish Councillors

Box 1

Community Account (666)

Opening Balance as of end of Nov.22 (Statement No. 245)

Transactions in Dec.22

Debits

	Cheque No.	Paid to	Reason	Amount
	07-Dec-22	853	Dave Marshall - payment for replacing the edging in the Memorial Garden - Funded by Cllr Mike Jordan's C	£668.00
	08-Dec-22	Direct Debit	YU Energy - Standing Charge	£20.85
	08-Dec-22	Direct Debit	YU Energy - Electricity for Street Lighting	£139.94
	08-Dec-22	854	Mr & Mrs B Ward - Rental of Camblesforth Hall for Aug.22	£50.00
	08-Dec-22	855	Mr & Mrs B Ward - Rental of Camblesforth Hall for Sept.23	£50.00
	08-Dec-22	859	Mr & Mrs B Ward - Rental of Camblesforth Hall for Oct.24	£25.00
	28-Dec-23	852	PK Littlejohn - payment for Annual Return / Audit	£240.00
	31-Dec-22		Service Charge	£18.00

Credits

Date of Credit	Reason	Amount

Summary =

Bank Balance as of end of Nov.22 =

£20,838.70

Total spend in Dec.22 (presented) =

£1,211.79

Credit Received in Dec.22 =

£0.00

Standing bank balance end of Dec.22 as per Bank Statement 245 =

£19,626.91

Box 3

Cheques to be issued in Jan.23 (to be approved by Cllrs)

Amount

A Crabbe - Salary for December 2022

£694.00

Mr & Mrs B Ward - Rental of Camblesforth Hall for Nov.22 (Include additional hour)

£75.00

Ryther Alarms - 1 X 12 MONTH CCTV SERVICE AGREEMENT / 1 X 12 MONTH DATA PACKAGE (ROUTER AND DATA) (OCT.22–OCT.23)

£456.00

Selby District Council - Lease for Pinewood Drive

£90.00

A Crabbe - Salary for January 2023

£694.00

Autela Payroll - Payroll Service for - October, November, December 2022

£54.00

Total cheques to be issued & approved at the Jan.23 Meeting =

£2,063.00

Box 6

No.2 Account: High Interest Account (682)

Balance as of 30th Sept.22 =

£10,492.71

Edward Atkinson Fund

Balance as of 16 Dec 2022 =

£2,831.20

Balance as of 30th Sept.22

£13,323.91

Balance as of 30th Nov.22

£13,323.91

Interest payment

£41.71

Balance as of 31st Dec.22

£13,365.62

As verified by statement 216

Box 2

Outstanding Cheques

Amount

S Coleman -reimbursement for raffle gifts purchased for Queens Celebrations

£30.10

S Coleman - Reimbursement for various items for Queens Celebrations - see email of 24th May

£68.78

Camblesforth Social Committee - Payment made under the Community Grant Scheme

£400.00

Outstanding cheques to be cashed / presented =

£498.88

Box 4

Summary of PC Accounts until end of Jan.23 (Actuals & Forecasts)

No.1 Account: Community Account (666)

a (Actual) Bank Balance at end of Nov.22 (verified by Bank Stat 24*) =

£20,838.70

b (Actual) Total Spend in Dec.22 (cashd) =

£1,211.79

c Uncashed Cheques (Actual)

£498.88

d New Cheques issued at Jan.23 meeting (Actual)

£2,063.00

e Forecast total spending for end of Jan.23 (which is box b, c and d added) =

£3,773.67

f Credit Payments made in Nov.22

£0.00

Forecast of Bank Balance for end of Jan.23 (which is box e deducted from box a, added to box f)

£17,065.03

g =

Box 5

CIL Spending Report Parish Council was awarded a CIL amount for housing development on Croft

£7,961.38

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Ward Cllr Cllr Mike Jordan

Parish Clerk Andrew Crabbe

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

Chair noted the apologies for Cllrs Boyes and Falcus

Resolved Chair confirmed quorum and welcomed everyone to the meeting

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

Resolved No declarations were made by Cllrs relevant to the meeting

7. 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 January 2023 meeting.

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

8. Financial Report and Accounts (*Clerk*)

The financial report for January 2023 and cheques to be approved in February 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 February meeting were approved by Cllrs and duly processed.

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

Solar Farm

Clerk noted that Landpro had advised that they were unable to attend the Meeting due to personal circumstances, but would look to attend in March. A member of the public in attendance asked if the application had been submitted at this point, and it was confirmed it had not, although residents should still write to the Parish Council to give their views, especially if they wish to influence the Parish Council observation at such time as the application was submitted. It was noted that not a single resident had done this with the recent Camela Lane solar farm and to-date the Parish Council had only received 2 objections

Cllr Jordan advised that there was nothing major to report – there were parking issues on Highways land just off the A645 causing access problems for a resident – Cllr Jordan was supporting the resident to try and resolve the matter.

Cllr Jordan continued that he understood the Comos Inn had now changed hands and there were proposals for the pub to become a Turkish restaurant – he believed as this involved a change of business, then planning permission would be needed and he was working with the new owners to sort this.

6. Any correspondence requiring discussion. (Clerk)

Clerk referred Cllrs to letter from NYCC with regard to the highways grass cutting for the Parish. As usual the Authority was offering a subsidy of £ for the Parish Council to undertake this work, or if Cllrs did not wish to accept this, then NYCC would carry out the grass-cutting on a minimal level. Cllrs asked if this amount had increased from the previous year, and the Clerk replied it had not.

Resolved Cllrs unanimously agreed to accept the subsidy to ensure the highways through the village were maintained in an acceptable manner, however Cllrs asked the Clerk to query why the subsidy had not increased in light of the cost-of-living increases in general.

7. Planning applications (Clerk / all)

Resolved No planning applications

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)

Following on from the agreement of Cllrs to install flagpoles in the Memorial and Millennium Gardens, Cllrs considered two quotes provided by the Clerk.

Resolved Cllrs unanimously agreed to the purchase of two flag poles and the Clerk was instructed to progress.

Cllrs also discussed if there would be any concerns from (neighbouring) residents with regard to the flagpoles and it was suggested that the Parish Council should advise the community of the proposals and see if there were any concerns raised

Resolved Clerk to post on social media advising of the above proposal and to invite any resident concerns.

Resolved Cllrs Wild and Yates agreed to install the commemorative bench before the March meeting.

Ongoing Considerations for a new iron railing continued and Cllr Yates advised he would forward details of a local ironmonger who had established a good reputation in the area. Cllrs agreed that all quotes and options to be submitted prior to the March meeting to allow for a decision to be made then.

8.2 Update on issue of trees on A645 and responsibility for maintaining these (All)

Deferred from the previous meeting and concerning the ongoing issue of overgrown trees on the A645, Clerk advised that he had requested a copy of the minutes from the last liaison meeting when the matter was raised or alternatively a response on the request for specific information on the maintenance of the trees on the A645.

Ongoing Cllrs agreed if there had been no response by the date of the next liaison meeting, then a formal letter of complaint would be issued to Drax and in addition the Parish Council would contact the local press.

8.3 Update on any changes to the draft budget for financial year of 2023/24 (All)

Clerk asked Cllrs if they had any changes they wished to make to the draft budget and reminded all that the final approved version needed to be signed off at the April meeting, so there were only two opportunities, including tonight's meeting to make any amendments

Clerk noted that he had posted several notices about the Community Fund and also the Edward Atkinson Fund but had received no interest / applications for funding. Cllrs noted that in previous years the Church had applied for funds to support youth activities, but had not done so for a while.

Resolved Clerk was asked to contact the Church Warden and advise of the funding available from the Parish Council and that Cllrs would welcome any application.

Cllrs discussed ensuring the lamp post replacement programme was covered by the budget – Clerk confirmed this provision was already in the budget for 2023/24

Resolved Chair to identify posts which needed replacing and these would be scheduled for action.

8.4 Update on any arrangements for the King's Coronation (All)

Chair advised Cllrs that the village social committee was looking at organising something for the day and also the school was looking at carrying out celebratory activities - Cllrs agreed that on this occasion the Parish Council would not purchase commemorative gifts for the school but obviously there were funds available from the Community Grant if the social committee wished to apply for these.

Resolved Cllrs agreed to keep on agenda for next few months for any updates

New Matters

8.5 Cllrs to discuss the grass-cutting contract for the 2023 season.

Clerk referred Cllrs to a quote provided by Mr David Marshall for the grass cutting, green space litter picking and flower maintenance – Clerk advised the increase in Mr Marshall's rates were minimal and could be afforded by the Parish Council if Cllrs wished to accept this. Clerk also reminded Cllrs they had agreed at the March 2022 Parish Meeting to appoint Mr Marshall on a permanent basis from this year if certain conditions were met.

As Financial Officer Clerk advised he felt these condition had been met by Mr Marshall, and it was his recommendation that this appointment should be agreed by Cllrs.

Resolved Cllrs unanimously agreed to appoint Mr Marshall on a permanent basis and the Clerk advised he would draft a letter of understanding / contract to this end.

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

9.1 Dog Fouling

Cllr Wild advised that dog fouling was particularly bad in certain areas of the village – Cllrs asked the Clerk to chase up the request from SDC for a new dog bin on Camela Lane as the fouling down there was particularly bad. Clerk suggested that a new poster campaign might be appropriate with some hard-hitting anti-fouling notices which might deter the minority of dog owners responsible for the fouling. Cllrs agreed to this.

9.2 Street Lighting

It was noted that the lamp post opposite 64 Brigg Lane was out again. Clerk advised he had reported this several times and had been advised by NYCC that it had been repaired – there may be a more permanent problem – Clerk to speak to NYCC on the matter.

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

Date of next meeting Wednesday, 15th March 2023

Signed as a true record...

Neal Yates

Date...

March 2023

Neal Yates – Parish Chairman

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Ward Cllr Cllr Mike Jordan
Parish Clerk Andrew Crabbe

9. 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

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

Resolved No declarations were made by Cllrs relevant to the meeting

11. 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.

12. 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 21st March and the new Authority would commence as of 3rd 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, 10th 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, 19th April 2023

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 1a

Camblesforth Parish Council

Presented at the March 2023 Meeting For the Month of

February 2023

From: Parish Clerk
To: Parish Councillors

Box 1

Community Account (666)

Opening Balance as of end of Jan.23 (Statement No. 247&248)

£17,037.23

Transactions in Feb.23

Debits

Date of Spend	Cheque No.	Paid to	Reason	Amount
02-Feb-23	865	Autela Payroll - Payroll Service for - October, November, December 2022		£54.00
08-Feb-23	DD	Yu Energy - Standing charges for Feb.23		£21.79
08-Feb-23	DD	Yu Energy - Electricity charges (Street Lighting) for Feb.23		£154.16
21-Feb-23	866	Crabbe, Andrew Salary for February 2023		£694.00
28-Feb-23	868	S Coleman -reimbursement for raffle gifts purchased for Queens Celebrations (Previously issued cheques		£98.88
01-Mar-23	867	Mr & Mrs B Ward - Rental of Camblesforth Hall for Jan.23		£25.00

Credits

Date of Credit	Reason	Amount

Summary = Bank Balance as of end of Jan.23 = £17,037.23

Total spend in Feb.23 (presented) = £1,047.83

Credit Received in Feb.23 = £0.00

Standing bank balance end of Feb.23 as per Bank Statement 247 & 248 = £15,989.40

Box 3

Cheques to be issued in March.23 (to be approved by Cllrs)	Amount
Crabbe, Andrew - reimbursement of painting scaffolding in the Memorial Garden	£230.00
Crabbe, Andrew Salary for March 2023	£694.00
Mr & Mrs B Ward - Rental of Camblesforth Hall for Feb.23	£25.00
Mr & Mrs B Ward - Rental of Camblesforth Hall for Feb.24	£50.00
Wild, Kevin - reimbursement for repairs to the lawnmower as agreed by Cllrs at Feb.23 PC Meeting	£211.18

Total cheques to be issued & approved at the March.23 Meeting = £1,210.18

Box 6

No.2 Account: High Interest Account (682)

Balance as of 30th Sept.22 = £10,492.71

Edward Atkinson Fund

Balance as of 16 Dec 2022 = £2,831.20

Balance as of 30th Sept.22 £13,323.91

Balance as of 30th Nov.22 £13,323.91

As verified by statement 216

Interest payment £41.71

Balance as of 31st Dec.22 £13,365.62

No change to balance of as bank statement 217, dated 31st Jan.23

No change to balance of as bank statement 218, dated 28 Feb.23

Box 2

Outstanding Cheques	Amount

Outstanding cheques to be cashed / presented = £0.00

Box 4

Summary of PC Accounts until end of March.23 (Actuals & Forecasts)

No.1 Account: Community Account (666)

a	(Actual) Bank Balance at end of Jan.23 (verified by Bank Stat 247 & 248) =	£17,037.23
b	(Actual) Total Spend in Feb.23 (cashd) =	£1,047.83
c	Uncashed Cheques (Actual)	£0.00
d	New Cheques issued at March.23 meeting (Actual)	£1,210.18
e	Forecast total spending for end of March.23 (which is box b, c and d added) =	£2,258.01
f	Credit Payments made in Feb.22	£0.00
g	Forecast of Bank Balance for end of March.23 (which is box e deducted from box a, added to box f) =	£14,779.22

Box 5





Cil Spending Report Parish Council was awarded a Cil amount for housing development on Croft Road - figure is earmarked in the main account (666) = £7,961.38

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.
Applications Decided (Refusal / Granted)			
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

Camblesforth Parish Council

Looking after your village, together

Parish Chairman: Neal Yates

Parish Deputy Chair: (Vacant)

Date of Meeting Wednesday, 19th April 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; Cllr Joyce Boyes.

North Yorkshire Cllr Cllr Mike Jordan

Parish Clerk Andrew Crabbe

13. 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

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

Resolved Chair (Cllr Yates) noted a pecuniary interest in the Item 8.4. No other declarations were made by Cllrs relevant to the meeting

15. 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 March 2023 meeting.

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

16. 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 April meeting were approved by Cllrs and duly processed.

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

5.1 North Yorkshire Report

Cllr Jordan advised that transfer of Selby District Council to the new Authority had 'gone relatively smoothly' – the Council Offices on Doncaster Road still existed and residents were encouraged to visit as normal if they had concerns / issues they wished to raise. The new authority had a new telephone number which could be found in the Selby Times and the NYCC website - this was a single contact / number and would be charged at standard rate. All Council services were still operating as should do and a new logo is about to be rolled out.

Cllrs asked what was happening to the revenues held by the old SDC – Cllr Jordan advised these had all been transferred to the new authority. Four million had been earmarked for charities in the Selby, Snaith and Goole areas. Cllrs asked what was happening with the revenue from Drax power station – Cllr Jordan replied that this had been used previously to bridge a pension fund deficit, which in turn kept local rates low as without the Drax money, then the deficit would have had to come out of local rates. Drax pay nine million in business rates to the Government and they determine where this goes – with regard to what was happening with this year's business rate payment from Drax, this would not be known until 5th May.

Finally, Cllr Jordan advised that his Locality Grant of £10,000 was available for applications.

5.2 Members of the Public Chair asked members of the public attending if they had anything they wished to raise. A member of the public made a statement with regard to the proposed solar farm at Carlton asking Cllrs to object to the application.

6. Any correspondence requiring discussion. (Clerk)

Clerk referred Cllrs to a communication sent prior to the meeting with regard to the allotments which confirmed the plots were now all taken and the schedule of payments had commenced. No questions were raised by Cllrs.

Clerk also referred Cllrs to a letter from Camblesforth Hall requesting a £10 increase in the monthly rent due to heating cost increases.

Resolved Following due discussion, Cllrs agreed to this request.

7. Planning applications (Clerk / all)

Resolved The planning application report for the April meeting and Cllrs agreed observations can be found **Appendix 2**. With regard to the application for a ground-mounted solar farm on land South of A645, Wade House Lane, Drax, Cllrs noted a report presented by the Clerk which can be found as **Appendix 3**

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 new fence and gate / benches / new flagpole (All)

Clerk advised Cllrs no progress had been made with regard to a new fence and gate due to current heavy workload. Chair advised he had spoken to a resident who had offered to put the gate back on as a temporary measure.

Ongoing Deferred to May Meeting

8.2 Update on issue of trees on A645 and responsibility for maintaining these – request for copy of minutes of Liaison Meeting (All)

Clerk advised he had not received the requested minutes.

Ongoing Cllrs agreed that a formal letter of complaint should be issued to Drax on this matter.

8.3 Update on draft budget for financial year of 2023/24 – Cllrs to sign off budget for the new financial year (All)

Cllrs noted the final version of the 2023-24 budget and the comments of the Financial Officer that as the forecast surplus was considerably lower than previous years, then it was important the budget was observed in the forthcoming financial year. In addition, for the first time in many years it may be necessary to increase the precept for the 2024-25 financial year.

Resolved Cllrs approved the budget for the financial year of 2023-24

Clerk noted that he believed the reserve was still too high and recommended that some of this should be used to finance project spending such as the flagpoles – he noted that the external auditor was currently commenting on high reserves and that Parish Council should not be sitting on monies for years which should be spent for the benefit of the community. In response Cllrs Wild and Ball advised they felt the reserve should be maintained at its current level to enable the Parish Council to deal with any emergency situation

Ongoing The Chair advised that the question of the reserve level would be considered at the AGM in May.

Ongoing Cllrs agreed to discuss the status of land owned by the Parish Council at the May meeting and if there were any revenue opportunities which may be gained from this land.

New Matters

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

Procedural Note As Chair of the Community Events Committee, Cllr Yates left the meeting and Cllr Wild assumed the office of Chair for this item.

Cllrs discussed and considered at length applications from the Events Committee and unanimously agreed the following:

Resolved A grant of £450 from the Edward Atkinson Fund to pay for the children's activities at the forthcoming King's Coronation celebrations. Councillors noted that the Committee had applied for £400 but felt it was appropriate to meet the full cost of these activities.

Resolved A grant of £400 from the Community Grant Scheme towards the purchase of a marquee.

8.5 Cllrs to consider if they wish to adopt the NYCC code of Conduct or remain with own version (all)

Cllrs were referred to a correspondence sent by NYCC with regard to a new Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils in light of the new Authority, and asking if this could be adopted to ensure consistency across the County. Cllrs however agreed that this Code was unnecessarily complicated and 'wordy'.

Resolved Cllrs unanimously agreed to retain the Parish Councils own version which although simplified, still contained the Nolan Principles which were a set of behaviours expected of public servants.

8.6 Cllrs to consider arrangements for the Annual Parish Meetings – confirm dates and purposes (All)

Cllrs discussed the arrangements for the two Annual Meetings required at length.

The purpose of the Annual General Meeting was for reports to be made by the Chair and Financial Officer, a report with regard to the Edward Atkinson Fund, and for the offices of Chair and Deputy Chair to be determined for the year.

The Annual Parish Meeting was NOT actually a Parish Council meeting and its purpose was for residents to meet and discuss what they wanted the Parish Council to focus on. Ideally residents should organise this meeting themselves and the only Parish Council involvement would be for the Chair or Clerk to go along and make note of the points raised. However historically speaking there was little interest in the Parish Meeting and the Council had organised this and even then, there had never been any attendance.

Resolved Cllrs unanimously agreed that both annual meetings would be held immediately prior to the May (ordinary) meeting unless residents advised they wished to organise the Parish Meeting – notices to be posted by the Clerk towards the end of April.

8.7 Cllrs to consider the arrangement for the Annual Audit Return – confirm key dates and process to be observed (All)

Cllrs were referred to an earlier report sent by the Clerk detailing the timetable for the Annual Return. Cllrs were asked if they had any questions on this – none were tabled.

Ongoing The Clerk advised updates on the annual return would be tabled at future meetings leading up to its submission.

Ongoing In order to ensure the Parish Council Asset Register was up-to-date, Cllr Wild to send approx. value of the land owned by the Parish Council and the Clerk to contact NYCC to request copies of deed for the land so that the Parish Council had records of this land.

8.8 Cllrs to consider arrangement for the flower displays for the village (Cllr Kempton)

Cllr Kempton noted that two of the lamp post planters had come down last year due to damaged brackets and asked if these two planters could be placed on the frame in the Memorial Garden.

Ongoing Noting there was uncertainty what had happened to the brackets Cllrs agreed to locate these before proceeding. In the meantime, the Clerk was asked to contact Adams Nurseries and ask when the displays would be ready.

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

9.1 Cllrs noted that the roadside of Camela Lane were still in poor condition and needed urgent attention. Clerk to contact Highways again.

9.2 Cllrs noted the double yellow lines outside of park were now barely visible and cars were ignoring these - Clerk instructed to contact highways to request the lines were repainted

9.3 Cllr Boyes noted that the street light was not working outside of the beauty parlour and the Clerk was asked to report this to NYCC – Clerk to post a reminder that residents can report faulty street lights themselves

9.4 Cllrs noted the Parish Council safe was still stored in a resident's garage and this needed resolving as it was not sure what was in the safe, if anything. Cllrs agreed to discuss at the May meeting

No other matters being raised the Chair closed the meeting at 2038

Date of next meeting Wednesday, 17th May 2023

Signed as a true record... *Neal Yates* Date... *May 2023*
Neal Yates – Parish Chairman

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

Headlines

At the end of February 23 our **actual** bank balance was £15,989 and at the end of March 23 (the end of the financial year) the **actual** balance (after all banked transactions), was £14,607. Taking into account all liabilities, (cheques to be approved at the April meeting – there are NO uncashed cheques) our **forecast** balance for the end of April 23 (the first month in the new financial year) is £ £11,494.

The balance does include the CiL amount of £7,961 which cannot be used for general budget spending – this does mean that the Parish Council must stick to the budget in the new financial year, especially if Cllrs wish to avoid an increase in the precept for next year.

Cheques to be approved at the April 2023 Meeting

- The first grant of the year under the Atkinson fund is presented for approval.
- Cllrs should also note the first payment to Mr Marshall as we commence the grass cutting season.
- There is also a payment to Harrison Flagpoles for the two poles (for the Memorial and Millennium Gardens) – it is recommended that this cost is met from the reserve as there is no budget for this.
- The other payments for approval are budgeted for – Clerks salary, payroll costs and website management costs

Reserve Account

The reserve account (as of 31st Mar.23) stands at £13,428.35 following an interest payment of £62.73. This of course includes £2,831 Atkinson Fund

Summary

At the end of the financial year of 2022-23 and the commencement of the new financial year of 2023-24, the Parish finances are in a robust, stable and solvent position, with no identifiable risks or threats.

March 2023

£15,989.40

	Amount
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Outstanding cheques to be cashed / presented =	£0.00
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No.1 Account: Community Account (666)

a	(Actual) Bank Balance at end of Feb.23 (verified by Bank Stat 249) =	£15,989.40
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b	(Actual) Total Spend in Mar.23 (cash) =	£1,382.11
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c	Uncashed Cheques (Actual)	£0.00
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d	New Cheques issued at April.23 meeting (Actual)	£3,113.10
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e	Forecast total spending for end of Apr.23 (which is box b, c and d added) =	£4,495.21
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f	Credit Payments made in Mar.22	£0.00
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Forecast of Bank Balance for end of April.23 (which is box e deducted from box a, added to box f)	£11,494.19
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Amount

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£7,961.38



Total cheques to be issued & approved at the April.23 Meeting = £3,113.10

Balance as of 31st Mar.23 =	£13,428.35
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Including £2,831.20 E Atkinson Fund

Appendix 2 Camblesforth Parish Council

Planning Application Report for the April 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	 <p>Land South Of A645, Wade House Lane, Dr.</p> <p>The Parish Council is submitting a neutral observation following a vote of Cllrs</p> <p>5 – neutral 1 – supporting</p> <p>The grounds for this neutral observation are as follows</p> <p>1 a report presented to Cllrs by the Parish Clerk identified that out of a population of over 1700 people in the Camblesforth Parish, only 10 objections had been received by the Parish Council. Cllrs noted that 54 people had written to NYCC objecting to the application, however most of these were not from the Camblesforth Parish. In light of this, and noting the principle that it is important that the Parish Council represents the views of it's residents the Parish Clerk recommended there were no grounds for the Council to oppose the application.</p> <p>2 A Cllr advised that he had spoken to young people in the village on this matter, and many had expressed support of the need for renewable energy in the future.</p> <p>3 The fact none of the Consultatory Bodies such as the Environment Agency, Highways and most importantly Natural England and NYCC Heritage had not objected to the application. Cllrs accepted the recommendation that this was a very important factor in the matter, as these were bodies with expertise and their views had to be considered.</p>
Land Used For Storage, Honeypot Farm, Common Lane	2023/0141/F UL	Demolition of existing building and construction of new building; conversion of existing building; and other associated work	 <p>Honeypot Farm, Common Lane Planni</p> <p>Cllrs agreed there was no further comments and the previous observation of objection to the proposal stood</p>
25 Millfield Drive, Camblesforth	2023/0154/ HPA	Erection of a two storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory and garage & erection of a two storey front extension LOCATION:, Selby	Noting the observations of a number of neighbouring residents and that these objections appeared to be valid material objections, Cllrs agreed the application appeared to intrusive and out of character with other residences in the area. In summary, the Parish Council agreed to recommend this application should be sent to Committee for further examination.

Proper Officer Report for the Parish Council relating to Planning Application 2023/0128/EIA - Proposed solar farm, south of A645, Wade House Lane, Drax

As of today, 19th April 2023, there are 54 objections and 1 support from the public listed on the NYCC Planning Portal – NYCC accepts all objections and does not make the distinction between residents and non-residents as the Parish Council does. I have checked the location of the objections and found the overwhelming majority are not Camblesforth residents – most are from Carlton but there are also objections from as far as Goole and Eggborough.

The Parish Council has received 10 objections to the solar farm.

I note that the statutory consultants including, Natural England, HSE, NYCC Heritage, Environment Agency, Yorkshire Water, Highways have NOT objected.

It is my view that the main points of objection from the public relate to two arguments:

1 a) the belief that agricultural land will be lost and b) the impact on wildlife - this is disputed by the developer and more importantly bodies which it would be reasonable to suggest are more qualified to comment - noting the letter from NYCC Heritage:

The site is predominantly arable farmland or species-poor agricultural grassland, so impacts on priority habitats and protected species are expected to be low.

Also, Natural England

Based on the plans submitted, Natural England considers that the proposed development will not have a likely significant effect on the Humber Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA), Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Ramsar and Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and has no objection.

2 the disturbance (visual and noise) caused by the solar farm.

There is no evidence to suggest this disturbance will be any worse during the development stage than any medium scale housing development and no evidence at all to suggest once established they will prove to be disturbance to residences.

In summary, it is my recommendation as Proper Officer that the Parish Council submits a neutral observation - this is based on the principle that the Parish Council should, wherever possible, represent and reflect the views of its residents. If this is accepted by Cllrs, then it is entirely reasonable to suggest there are no large-scale objections to the application from residents of Camblesforth (a population of more than 1,700) – only 10 residents have approached the Parish Council itself and there are only a total of 54 objections submitted to NYCC, and most of these are not residents of Camblesforth.

Noting the principal planning decisions are not made on volumes of support or objection, I also consider that objections submitted in the case of this particular application, do not constitute sufficient material grounds for objection which would fall under the framework of planning legislation. The perceived loss of agricultural land may be a political factor, but the Parish Council should not consider this as grounds for either supporting or objecting to the application.

Finally, I believe (in so far as if the matter was considered objectively) then there are actually strong arguments to support the application as there is a financial 'gift' available from the developer which would be used entirely to benefit the Parish Community.

Camblesforth Parish Council

Looking after your village, together

Parish Chairman: Neal Yates

Parish Deputy Chair: (Vacant)

Date of Meeting Wednesday, 17th May 2023

Time of Meeting 1945

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

North Yorkshire Cllr Cllr Mike Jordan

Parish Clerk Andrew Crabbe

17. 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

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

Resolved No declarations were made by Cllrs relevant to the meeting

19. 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 April 2023 meeting.

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

20. 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 May meeting were approved by Cllrs and duly processed.

21. Session for members of public to speak / North Yorkshire Cllr Report (*Cllr M Jordan*)

Cllr Jordan spoke to Cllrs on a number of issues

5.1 Selby had held its first full council meeting today under the new Authority – all of the meeting was available on U-Tube. The Council had submitted a motion no confidence in the Police and Crime Commissioner which had been referred to Scrutiny Committee.

5.2 The Council had set up an Environment Champion who would be focussing on major environmental issues facing the area – at the moment there were investigations on why so many shell fish had been killed along the north coast.

5.3 Locality budget is available, some of which had already been spent on Carlton and any interested groups should contact Cllr Jordan to apply for this money

5.4 Update on bins – all seven old districts have a different way of dealing with waste - Selby has model recycling and the Council were pushing for this to be uniform across North Yorkshire – Cllr Jordan noted that he believed harmonisation will come but could take 5 years.

The Parish Council welcomed PCSO Annie Newbould to the meeting who spoke on various issues, a summary of which can be found as **Appendix 2**

22. Planning applications (Clerk / all)

Clerk referred Cllrs to the decision notice for Honeypot Farm which was to approve the application. Cllrs unanimously expressed disappointment at this outcome and felt that their concerns over the application had been disregarded.

Ongoing Cllrs unanimously agree to the recommendation to submit a formal letter of complaint to NYCC on this matter.

23. 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 - *update on improvements to the Memorial Garden – installation of new fence and gate / benches / new flagpole (All)*

Cllrs noted that the flag poles for the Memorial Garden and Millennium Garden had been picked up and were now at Cllr Wild's Farm – Cllr Wild was thanked by the Chair for doing this at such a busy time for him.

Ongoing Cllrs Wild and Yates would consider how to install the two poles between meetings however it was noted that the fittings were missing from the delivery and the Clerk was instructed to chase these with the supplier.

Ongoing Cllr Kempton asked if the commemorative bench could also be installed in the Memorial Garden.

Clerk noted that the cost of off shelf iron fencing would be in excess of £3k not including the installation and as Financial Officer he advised there was no scope within the current budget to finance this.

Resolved Cllrs agreed to defer this work until such time as the money from the Camela Lane solar farm had been received.

8.2 Update on issue of trees on A645 and responsibility for maintaining these – *following decision of Cllrs to issue formal letter of complaint regarding the request for copies of agendas of Liaison Meetings*

Cllrs were referred to an email sent by the Clerk following response from Drax who had apologised for the delay in forwarding the minutes of the liaison meetings – these had now been received by the Parish Council. Clerk advised that he had received a written response to the matter of the trees and this can be found as **Appendix 3**.

Resolved Cllrs unanimously agreed there was no further requirement for a letter of complaint and the matter was now closed.

8.3 Update on AGAR process – *internal audit and annual accounts (All)*

Clerk noted that the accounts were now with the internal auditor and all was in order and on time to meet the statutory requirements.

Ongoing Cllrs would continue to be updated by the Clerk on the process

New Matters

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

Cllrs noted the receipt of two applications from the Camblesforth PTA for funds under the Edward Atkinson Fund and the Community Grant Scheme. In a closed session, Cllrs discussed these applications and agreed the unanimously that the applications met the criteria for both schemes. Cllrs noted that the applicant had gone to some effort to ensure the applications were relevant to the children of the village.

Resolved Cllrs unanimously agreed to the following

£400 under the Atkinson Fund

£400 under the Community Grant Fund

8.5 Cllrs to consider resurfacing of the playground – *subject to receipt of quote for mulchmold (All)*

Clerk advised Cllrs the Company had asked for measurements of the areas needing repair and this had been actioned – he was now waiting for a quote, although he was concerned this would be quite expensive and it may be necessary to just repair the cracked areas.

Cllr Kempton noted she had come across a company which was currently carrying out work for a neighbouring Parish Council and asked if she should pass on the details to the Clerk... this was agreed.

Ongoing Deferred to next meeting at which time costs should be available.

Clerk also noted that the playground was full of weeds and asked if Cllrs would consider approving spraying / removing of these by the village handyman.

Resolved Cllrs agreed to the Clerk obtaining a quote for this work and to agree by email when received.

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

Cllrs discussed if the Parish Council should return to Camblesforth Hall for its June meeting and unanimously agreed to this and the Clerk was instructed to contact the Hall to arrange this.

No other matters being raised the Chair closed the meeting at 2100

Date of next meeting Wednesday, 21st June 2023

Signed as a true record... *Neal Yates*

Date... *June 2023*

Neal Yates – Parish Chairman

Camblesforth Parish Council				April 2023	
Presented at the May 2023 Meeting For the Month of					
From:	Parish Clerk				
To:	Parish Councillors				
Box 1					
Community Account (666)					
Opening Balance as of end of Mar.23 (Statement No. 250)			£14,607.29		
Transactions in Apr.23					
Debits					
Date of Spend	Cheque No.	Paid to	Reason	Amount	
11-Apr-23	Direct Debit	YU Energy - Standing Charge for Street Lighting		£21.63	
11-Apr-23	Direct Debit	YU Energy - Electricity for Street Lighting		£147.25	
24-Apr-23	882	Crabbe, A Reimburse for payment of 2xFlagpoles, as agreed by Cllrs at the March 2023 PC Meeting		£1,087.14	
24-Apr-23	877	Crabbe, Andrew - Salary for March 2023		£694.00	
Credits					
Date of Credit	Reason			Amount	
04-Apr-23	Ann Beverley - Allotment Rent for year 2023-24			£25.00	
04-Apr-23	Neil Blakeway - Allotment Rent for year 2023-24			£20.00	
06-Apr-23	Andy Macaulay - Allotment Rent for year 2023-24			£20.00	
11-Apr-23	Karen Armstrong - Allotment Rent for year 2023-24			£25.00	
17-Apr-23	David Coates - Allotment Rent for year 2023-24 (3xplots)			£75.00	
24-Apr-23	John Graham - Allotment Rent for year 2023-24			£25.00	
28-Apr-23	NYCC - Payment of 1st Precept Payment for 2023-24			£11,453.00	
Summary of Transactions in April 23=			Bank Balance as of end of Mar.23 =	£14,607.29	
			Total spend in Apr.23 (presented) =	£1,950.02	
			Credit Received in Apr.23 =	£11,643.00	
			Standing bank balance end of Apr.23 as per Bank Statement 250 =	£24,300.27	
Box 3					
Cheques to be issued in May.23 (to be approved by Cllrs)				Amount	
Crabbe, Andrew - Salary for March 2023				£694.00	
Kempton, Denise - Reimbursement for new planters for Memorial Garden				£28.75	
Marshall, David - Grasscutting - village 2 of 12: Highways 2 of 6: Litterpick 2 of 6 (Invoice No.1021)				£330.00	
Marshall, David - Grasscutting - village 3 of 12: Allotment 2 of 6: 1041 2 of 6: Litterpick 3 of 7 (Invoice 1023)				£555.00	
Crabbe, Andrew - Reimbursement for Stamps (total = £92.50 split between 2 Councils = £46.25				£46.25	
Wild, Kevin, reimbursement for costs of picking up flag -poles from Clerk and transporting to Camblesforth				£50.00	
Camblesforth Methodist Church - payment from the E Atkinson Fund for the Messy Church childrens activities				£400.00	
			Total cheques to be issued & approved at the May.23 Meeting =	£2,104.00	
Box 6					
No.2 Account: High Interest Account (682)					
Balance as of 30th Sept.22 =		£10,492.71			
Amount transferred from Edward		£2,831.20			
Balance as of 30th Oct.22 =		£13,323.91		Including £2,831.20 E Atkinson Fund	
Balance as of 30th Nov.22		£13,323.91		Including £2,831.20 E Atkinson Fund	
Interest payment =		£41.71			
Balance as of 31st Dec.22 =		£13,365.62		Including £2,831.20 E Atkinson Fund	
Balance of as 31st Jan.23 =		£13,365.62		Including £2,831.20 E Atkinson Fund	
Balance of as 28 Feb.23 =		£13,365.62		Including £2,831.20 E Atkinson Fund	
Interest payment =		£62.73			
Balance as of 31st Mar.23 =		£13,428.35		Including £2,831.20 E Atkinson Fund	
Box 2					
Outstanding Cheques				Amount	
Diane Westwood - Annual fee for housing CCTV and server on premises - As agreed with Cllrs in 2019				£309.38	
Autela Payroll - Clerk's payroll for January - March 23				£71.58	
Netwise - Domain and web management annual charges				£396.00	
Marshall, David - Grasscutting - village 1 of 12: Allotment 1 of 6: 1041 1 of 6: Litterpick 1 of 6				£555.00	
Outstanding cheques to be cashed / presented =				£1,331.96	
Box 4					
Summary of PC Accounts until end of May.23 (Actuals & Forecasts)					
No.1 Account: Community Account (666)					
a	(Actual) Bank Balance at end of Mar.23 (verified by Bank Stat 250) =			£14,607.29	
b	(Actual) Total Spend in Apr.23 (cashd) =			£1,950.02	
c	Uncashed Cheques (Actual)			£1,331.96	
d	New Cheques issued at May.23 meeting (Actual)			£2,104.00	
e	Forecast total spending for end of May.23 (which is box b, c and d added) =			£5,385.98	
f	Credit Payments made in Apr.22			£11,643.00	
g	Forecast of Bank Balance for end of May.23 (which is box e deducted from box a, added to box f) =			£20,864.31	
Box 5					
CIL Spending Report Parish Council was awarded a CIL amount for housing development on Croft Road - figure is earmarked in the main account (666) =				£7,961.38	

PCSO Annie Newbould attended the May 2023 Parish Council Meeting to meet Cllrs and residents and she has provided the following which summarises the points raised at the meeting.

The Parish Council would like to thank PCSO Newbould for taking the time out of her busy shift to attend the meeting.

Introduction

All non-urgent reports should be made to North Yorkshire Police via 101 or using the online reporting tool – accessed via NYP website . Include as much detail as possible including person descriptions and/ or name if known (for example ASB report).

Parking

The following can be reported to NYP if the vehicle is parked:

- dangerously
- in a way that would prevent emergency vehicles from accessing and/ or causing a complete obstruction
- on zig zag lines

Vehicle registration, make, model and time of offence would be needed. A picture of an unattended vehicle can provide supporting evidence if required.

The following instances of parking should be reported to your local council :

- over a dropped kerb
- on a pedestrian crossing (including the area marked by the zig-zag lines)
- in spaces reserved for Blue Badge holders, residents or motorbikes (unless entitled to do so)
- in marked taxi bays, cycle lanes or red lines
- near a school entrance, bus stop

If a parking space is available on a public road, even if it's directly outside someone's house, anyone is allowed to park in it. We appreciate this can be frustrating, especially if spaces are hard to come by on the street.

If someone has blocked a driveway so that the occupant can't drive in, we appreciate this can be very frustrating. If they can find the owner of the vehicle, we'd first recommend asking them politely to move it. If they can't find them, we'd advise to try leaving a note on their windscreen. If this doesn't work, please contact the local council.

If a person has blocked a driveway and is preventing occupants from getting their own vehicle out, NYP may be able to help. It can be reported online; report antisocial behaviour online.

As stated in the meeting common sense must be encouraged to prevail!

Contact Details

As above, incidents should always be reported to our Force Control Room but for matters of advice, Selby Neighbourhood Policing Team Officers can be emailed on the generic address of snaselby@northyorkshire.police.uk.

North Yorkshire Community Messaging Service

People can sign up to North Yorkshire Community Messaging service which is a free email messaging service from North Yorkshire Police and the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, providing news and updates on policing matters that are relevant to the area in which people live.

Sign up can be completed at www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.co.uk/

If people are struggling – I am happy for them to give you their full name, home address including POSTCODE, mobile number and EMAIL ADDRESS and I can sign them up if you forward their details on to me via email. Once I have completed the registration, they will receive an email that they will need to verify to then start receiving messages.

Police Surgeries

As you know ref my previous email, I have set up some local police surgeries which I am happy for you to advertise

Parish Council Meetings

Let me know of the dates and times of upcoming Parish Council meetings, if I am on shift I would be more than happy to attend with the approval of my Sgt and jobs permitting on shift. If you have an idea of any potential concerns to be raised, I'd appreciate it if you could advise me beforehand so that I am able to try to answer them satisfactorily.

Obviously I have to manage expectation and won't be able to attend them all however if I am unable to attend and I have some notice, I can still try to research crime/ ASB reports for you to brief attendees on, the more people that sign up to community messenger however, the better as the most important information will most likely already be received to their email addresses.

Hopefully now that we're in touch you have a point of contact, please feel free to email.

Intelligence

Knowledge is power, if something seems suspicious be it activity, a vehicle and / or a person and it doesn't require a report to be generated, I am happy to take details confidentially to add retrospectively to our intelligence system. A little snippet of information may just form part of a bigger picture. If anyone approaches the parish council with specific concerns, in this instance , then I am happy for you/ the parish council to provide me with the details and I can offer them further advice or signposting. Such information can also be reported on Tel 101.

Any questions don't hesitate to ask!

Hope I've not missed anything

Trees and Hedges on the A645

Residents will recall that following concerns with regard to the overgrown hedges and trees on the A645, the Parish Council has been liaising with DRAX on the matter.

We are pleased to report that Cllrs have now received confirmation from Drax that they will maintain the hedges and trees along the A645 (which of course will be carried out, outside of the bird nesting season).

However they are unable to cut overhanging branches into residents gardens as they were sued by a resident for damage caused when a tree was previously pruned and branches fell into the residents garden. In light of this, they are no longer able to obtain insurance for this aspect of the tree management.

The Parish Council is satisfied with this outcome which it feels is entirely reasonable in the circumstances and therefore Cllrs agreed to close this matter at the May meeting.

Camblesforth Parish Council

Looking after your village, together

Parish Chairman: Neal Yates

Parish Deputy Chair: (Vacant)

Date of Meeting Wednesday, 21st June 2023

Time of Meeting 1830

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

North Yorkshire Cllr Cllr Mike Jordan

Parish Clerk Andrew Crabbe

24. 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

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

Resolved No declarations were made by Cllrs relevant to the meeting

26. 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 May 2023 meeting.

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

27. 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 June meeting were approved by Cllrs and duly processed.

Clerk noted the receipt of quotes for cutting of hedges in the Memorial Garden and Park from Mr D Marshall and asked if Cllrs wished to proceed with these

Resolved Cllrs unanimously agreed to approve these.

28. Session for members of public to speak / North Yorkshire Cllr Report (*Cllr M Jordan*)

Cllr Jordan spoke to Cllrs on a number of issues

5.1 An application had been submitted to NYCC Highways for the kerb to be dropped at the pavement entrance to the allotments following a request from a resident to enable disabled access to the site. Clerk expressed surprise and concern at this as the Parish Council had been previously advised the drop kerb would not be permitted as vehicles were not allowed on the site. Cllrs agreed to monitor the situation and to ensure all tenants understood they should not bring vehicles onto the site.

5.2 Cllr Jordan advised due to the forthcoming election following the resignation of the local MP, he would not be attending the next meeting due to the required period of political purdah

5.3 A member of the public in attendance raised a concern with regard to trees on the corner of Brigg Lane / Beech Tree Lane which were dripping sap into her father's garden causing considerable damage. The resident asked if the Parish Council was aware of the owner of these trees as Camblesforth Hall were claiming they did not belong to them, even though it appeared the trees were within their boundary wall. Cllrs discussed how it was understood they belonged to the Hall and Clerk advised he recalled they had received confirmation of Selby District Council when this matter had been raised previously.

Resolved Clerk to provide copies of the confirmation to the resident

5.4 A resident in attendance spoke to Cllrs with regard to ongoing issues at Honeypot Farm and possible breaches of planning as well as destruction of woodland during bird nesting season.

Ongoing Chair confirmed that the Parish Council had issued a formal letter of complaint to NYCC Selby and asked for an investigation to be carried out into the activities of the owners of Honeypot Farm, particularly in regard to the destruction of the woodland during bird nesting season

6 Correspondence

Clerk noted the following correspondence for June Meeting

6.1. Cllrs noted a request by a resident on Millfield Drive asking if a tree could be cut back or removed from the allotments which backs onto properties on Millfield Drive. The resident advised the tree was severely overgrown to the point it is damaging the fence and also affecting people's tv signals.

Ongoing Clerk advised he would look into which trees this query referred to – it was subsequently identified that there was a large tree on the allotment which was overhanging into gardens. Clerk currently waiting for a quote for cutting this back.

6.2. Trees on 645 – Noting the recent issue of overhanging trees on the A645 into resident gardens, Clerk had sent Cllrs an email from Drax advising they are looking into a scheme where a grant could be payable to relevant residents toward cutting these trees back where they were overhanging into gardens, however, they would be looking for the Parish Council to administrate any eventual scheme. Clerk advised he would be prepared to do this if Cllrs felt this was something they wished to progress. However, it was important to note this was all in the early stages and nothing had been agreed. At this point Drax were simply looking for views on such a scheme from the Parish Council

Resolved Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should contact Drax and advise that in principle they would like to hear more details about the scheme

6.3. The Ginnel between Millfield Drive and Pinewood Drive – noting comments from a resident on social media about the state of the ginnel linking the above streets, the resident was asking if the Parish Council will clean this – Clerk noted that this matter had first been raised in 2019 and then September of last year. It was noted that the ginnel was privately owned and Cllrs had determined in 2019 to stop paying for the cleaning as it was not an appropriate use of public money. At the time the Clerk had written to the owners to advise them of this. Clerk continued that he was recommending that Cllrs did not change their position on this matter although the Parish Council could write again to the owner asking them to clean up the ginnel, and if this did not happen then refer the matter to NYCC Enforcement.

Resolved Cllrs agreed to the recommendation and suggested action and instructed the Clerk to proceed

6.4. Cllrs noted a request from a resident about “extremely high trees in the park”, and asking when these were going to be cut down as “residents were losing 2hrs less sunlight in gardens” and they had been promised the trees could be cut down in October of last year.

Ongoing Cllrs discussed and agreed there would be no removal of trees however, they could be cropped and the Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for this.

Clerk advised that whilst understanding the issues raised above, there was no budget for tree reduction / cutting and Cllrs needed to consider the cost of any such work.

7 Planning applications (Clerk / all)

Clerk advised Cllrs of two planning applications received

Ref: 2023/0218/TPO

PROPOSAL: Fell 1 No Lime tree protected by TPO 33/2003

LOCATION: 5 Barn Elms, Camblesforth, Selby

Cllr Observation No concerns were raised by Cllrs

Ref ZG2023/0410/FUL

PROPOSAL: Widening of existing access along with installation of replacement gate and new security wall

LOCATION: Burn Road Pond, Camblesforth Road, Selby

Cllr Observation No concerns but Cllrs asked that due to the narrowness of the road, for passing places to be installed along Camela Lane

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

Ongoing Matters

8.1 Update on request for dog bin and waste bin in light of NYCC's rejection of application - *Cllrs to discuss and agree on any further action*

Clerk recapped the current situation was that NYCC Selby have declined the request for a dog bin on Camela Lane as they consider this is a high-speed road and therefore not suitable location for a dog bin.

Clerk continued that NYCC had advised they would consider a general waste bin for Selby Road however they required evidence of littering along the road – the last complaint they had was in 2019.

Cllrs unanimously expressed disappointment and frustration at both outcomes and felt that NYCC were not co-operating with efforts to try and deal with dog fouling and it does appear that the authority no longer accepts a bin instalment as they used to, and there is now an application process for this – Clerk advised he felt this process had changed from previous years when the Parish Council had requested new bins and received these with no issues .

Resolved Cllrs agreed that there was nothing else which could be done at the moment, and reluctantly agreed to close this item. However, it was felt that residents should be informed of the situation and the Clerk should write to NYCC Selby and advise of the Parish Council's disappointment at the lack of support to combat littering and dog fouling

Note: Cllrs noted that the dog bin on the Energy path was once again overflowing and Clerk was asked to contact Drax to deal with this.

8.3 Update on AGAR process – *internal audit and annual accounts (All)*

Cllrs noted that the Clerk had advised earlier in the month that the internal audit had been completed with no issues raised and he was now submitting the AGAR for Cllrs approval and signing by the Chair.

Ongoing As a point of procedure, the AGAR was approved and signed off by the Chair and Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer.

Ongoing The next stage would be to place the whole AGAR on the website for public scrutiny – it was noted that the accounts for last year had been on the website since April

8.2 Update on anti-social behaviour in the park / muga pitch – *Cllrs to discuss resident complaints re: late night activity in park (All)*

Cllrs discussed at length and agreed the following actions

8.2.1 To install new signage warning that the muga pitch was closed after 10pm and ensuring that people were aware that there was CCTV on the park.

8.2.2 That residents should be encouraged to report any antisocial behaviour to the police to allow a profile to be built – links for reporting would be placed on website and social media.

8.2.3 If the problems continued then the Parish Council would consider pursuing a Public Space Protection Order.

8.3 Update on car-parking issues in the village – *Cllrs to discuss parking on double yellow lines outside of park and Traffic Enforcement response, also parking on verges (All)*

Following the recent request by the Parish Council to repaint the yellow lines outside of the park on Brigg Lane, which was subsequently actioned by NYCC, and noting the comments made on social media questioning why there was a need for the yellow lines in the first place, Cllrs noted that these had been there for many years and were a direct result of parked cars there causing an obstruction for the flow of traffic. Also there had been incidents of cars parked there watching children on the playground.

Cllrs noted that there continued to be an issue with vehicles being parked on the yellow lines – Clerk confirmed he had spoken to the Traffic Officer from Harrogate Council who was responsible for warden services in the area and they had promised to send an officer where possible and resource permitted.

Ongoing Cllrs agreed to keep monitoring the situation and to periodically ask the Warden Service if they been out to the village.

New Matters

No new matters were raised

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

9.1 Cllrs asked the Clerk to speak to Adam's Nurseries with regard to the two spiral planters which remained unplanted – it had been agreed that these would be planted as part of the hanging basket programme in the village.

Closed It should be noted that the planters were subsequently planted.

9.2 During a closed session Cllrs considered what was titled 'An Open Letter to Cllrs' from a resident in which they raised a number of issues which they felt aggrieved about towards the Parish Council. It was noted that this letter had been emailed to the Parish Council 30 minutes before the meeting and therefore most of the Cllrs had not seen this.

Resolved Cllrs discussed and agreed a response to be sent to the resident. Details of this matter are redacted from these minutes, but a separate record has been kept by the Clerk.

Date of next meeting Wednesday, 19th July 2023

Signed as a true record... *Neal Yates*

Neal Yates – Parish Chairman

Date... *July 2023*

Financial Officers Report for the June 2023 Parish Meeting for Camblesforth

Headlines

At the end of April 23 our bank balance was £24,300 and at the end of May 23 the balance (after all banked transactions), had decreased to £21,207. Taking into account all liabilities, (cheques to be approved at the June meeting and uncashed cheques) our forecast balance for the end of June 23 is £14,041. This is the lowest the account has been at this time of the financial year for many years and enforces the need to stick to the budget over the forthcoming months and there is no scope for additional spending.

There are two credits in May – the first being an admin fee charged to a member of the public who requested a Freedom of Information, and the second being a payment by myself in lieu of a cash payment being made by an allotment tenant (hand to the Chair).

Cheques to be approved at the June 2023 Meeting

Cheques to be presented for approval in June are as follows

Marshall, David - Grasscutting - village 4 of 12: Litterpick 3 of 7 (Invoice 1024)	£330.00
Marshall, David - Grasscutting - village 5 of 12: Highways 3 of 6: Allotment 3 of 6 (Invoice No.1026)	£555.00
Marshall, David - Watering of Flower Baskets (2 occasions)	£60.00
Crabbe, Andrew - Reimbursement for printer ink	£51.00
Crabbe, Andrew - Salary for June 2023	£694.00
Crabbe, Andrew - Reimbursement for payment of Website Domain Name Fee (Netwise UK)	£12.00
Gallager Insurance - Insurance Premium for year 2023-24	£1,513.81
Camblesforth PTA - Grant under the Ed Atkinson Fund as agreed by Cllrs at the May 23 Meeting	£400.00
Camblesforth PTA - Grant under the Community Grant Scheme as agreed by Cllrs at the May 23 Meeting	£400.00

Although the June spend is very high (£4k), and since the beginning the of financial year our spend has been over £8k - all is budgeted for and expected — the biggest spend is for our insurance which of course is absolutely necessary and it is a feature of our finances that we spend heavily in the first few months.

Reserve Account

There is no bank statement for the reserve (last one was in March) and with no transactions from this account it remains at £13,428 with no change since December 2022. This of course includes £2,831 which is the Edward Atkinson Fund and deductions do need to be made from this with awards being given recently to several local bodies – this will be reconciled in the June Financial Report (presented at the July Meeting)

Summary

Our finances remain solvent, with no identifiable risks or threats subject to budget observance.

£7,961.38

Camblesforth Parish Council

Looking after your village, together

Parish Chairman: Neal Yates

Parish Deputy Chair: (Vacant)

Date of Meeting Wednesday, 19th July 2023

Time of Meeting 1830

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parish Cllrs Cllr Neal Yates (Chair); Cllr Neil Ball; Cllr Denise Kempton; Cllr Dave Falcus;

North Yorkshire Cllr No attendance (see item 5. Below)

Parish Clerk Andrew Crabbe

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

Chair noted apologies from Cllrs Wild and Boyce.

Resolved Chair confirmed quorum and welcomed everyone to the meeting

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

Resolved No declarations were made by Cllrs relevant to the meeting

31. 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 June 2023 meeting.

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

32. 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. Clerk asked Cllrs to note that he intended to transfer the costs of some of the projects carried out over the past year in accordance with previous agreement(s) – these projects included the storage container. Also, a further £800 needed to be transferred from the Atkinson Fund to cover payments from the main account for grants paid out. See Accounts Spreadsheet, Table 6. The financial reports can be found as **Appendix 1** and **Appendix 1a**

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

33. Session for members of public to speak / North Yorkshire Cllr Report (*Cllr M Jordan*)

Resolved Chair noted that Cllr Jordan was unable to attend the Parish Meeting due to the forthcoming election and the needs of political purdah.

34. Planning applications (*Clerk / all*)

Resolved Clerk noted no planning applications had been received in time for the meeting.

35. Correspondence

Cllrs discussed a correspondence from a resident whose father's property was suffering from sap fall from trees on the corner of Brigg Lane and Beech Tree Drive. There was some uncertainty over the ownership of the land where the trees were, and the owners of Camblesforth Hall had told the resident the land was not theirs.

Resolved Although Cllrs agreed to the recommendations of the Clerk that this was a private matter which the resident would need to take up themselves, the Parish Council should speak to NYCC Selby and ascertain the ownership of the land in the event of future questions.

Ongoing **At the same time**, Clerk advised he would ask for confirmation of land ownership by the Parish Council so this was available as a record for the future.

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

Ongoing Matters

8.1 Update on issues surrounding Honeypot Farm – *Cllrs to be updated on complaints issued to NYCC and Forestry Commission.*

Chair noted an update from the SAFE Group with regard to ongoing concerns for development at Honeypot Farm and in particular the loss of woodland at the ponds – the update had requested if the Parish Council could carry out a number of actions in opposition to the development:

1. The photos submitted show the area of the ponds is now relatively devoid of wildlife. Proof of nesting birds' disturbance is there because of the high probability. IE 3 acres of wild woodland and ponds would be in the order of at least 30 nests, what is the most important is the clearance went on throughout the nesting season, with no regards to wildlife.
2. The company ecofill put in a wildlife survey with their 2021/0298/ FUL application but the scope of that did not include this area because they had no control of it at that time. It is however still relevant. Look at the recommendations they made to protect wildlife!! They would have breached everything in that report had they then had control of this area at that time. You may be able to contact the report authors and present this new evidence and ask how this would have affected their recommendations.
3. There are all 3 newt species in that area as it is perfect breeding ground with grasses area surrounding for winter with nearby pond for spring and summer. This is as important as nesting birds.
4. We all have bats around our houses so there must be the bat population disturbance as well. These are all very important and really you need to report each of these as different groups will then become involved in the actions that need taking.

Ongoing Cllrs discussed the above points at length submitted by SAFE, and agreed the following actions:

8.1.1 That the Parish Council should contact Natural England to report the destruction of the woodland and raise a concern this was possibly in breach of legislation protecting bird nesting

8.1.2 That the Parish Council should ask Natural England to investigate the possible loss of other wildlife species including newts and bats

8.1.3 That the Parish Council investigate if there was actual planning permission for the removal of the woodland as it was understood the current owner did not own the woodland at the time of the latest planning application

8.2 Update on AGAR process – *Clerk to confirm latest stage of process for annual accounts audit (All)*

Clerk confirmed the process was ongoing and the AGAR had been submitted to the auditors and that the right for public inspection had been posted

Ongoing The Parish Council would wait for the outcome of the AGAR audit

8.3 Update on installing flagpoles in gardens and commemorative bench

Clerk advised Cllrs he felt that the flagpoles should be installed by a qualified builder as it wasn't expected that Cllrs do this type of work and he was concerned particularly for the risk to Cllrs. Chair advised that whilst he acknowledged the concerns of the Clerk, he felt that the installation of the poles was something which he and Cllr Wild could manage and that this would be actioned within the next few weeks.

Ongoing One flagpole to be installed in the Memorial Garden and the other in the Millennium Garden. Also the bench would be installed in the Memorial Garden replacing one bench which was in poor condition.

New Matters

8.4 Cllrs to discuss and consider any plans for celebrations of 80th Anniversary of D-Day Landings – *Cllrs will be given the opportunity to discuss any plans for the village to join in national celebrations in 2024 including taking part in beacon lighting*

Cllrs discussed how the Parish Council might celebrate the D Day commemorations in 2024 and noting that lighting of beacons across the UK would be the focus of the celebrations the Council would look at the purchase of celebratory beacons to be located throughout the Parish and becoming part of the co-ordinated lighting across the UK.

Ongoing Clerk noted that at this point the main thing which was required was the registering of the Parish Council to the celebrations – Cllrs unanimously agreed that this should happen and the Clerk was instructed accordingly. Item to feature on future agendas for more discussion and action.

Clerk asked Cllrs if they felt it was worthwhile looking at some form of logo or crest for the Parish Council as this was very common amongst other Councils. This could then be included in such things as letters and other documentation for the Parish Council but also on sign posts and any beacons the Parish Council purchased. Cllrs agreed this was a good idea and the Clerk should add a possible new crest / logo to this item for discussion at future meetings.

8.5 Cllrs to discuss and consider possible purchase of 'Unknown Soldier' statues for the village made by Royal British Legion charity

Resolved Cllrs agreed to the purchase of two statues to be placed left and right facing at the Memorial in the garden – it was agreed that one statue should be inscribed 'Camblesforth Lest we forget' and the other 'Camblesforth remembers'.

8.6 Hedgehog Highway Project - *Cllrs to discuss request for support of a national scheme which provides protection for hedgehogs, particularly in residential areas*

Chair referred Cllrs to an email previously circulated with regard to a national scheme for helping hedgehogs in residential areas – the scheme was looking for Parish Councils to sign up to the project and also purchase 'hedgehog highway gateways' which could be placed in fences between properties.

Resolved Cllrs agreed this was an excellent idea and could also be used as an opportunity to work with the school. Clerk was instructed to purchase one box of the gateways and see how popular the scheme was with residents.

8.7 Police Update – *Cllrs to be given the opportunity to discuss / comment on update from PCSO Annie Newbould.*

Cllrs noted a recent update from PCSO Newbould which was subsequently posted on Facebook.

Resolved Cllrs had nothing to add to the update but felt that PCSO was doing a great job in keeping residents and the Parish Council up to date.

8.8 NYCC Local Transport Plan Engagement – *Cllrs to be given opportunity to discuss / comment on request from NYCC to give views on transport issues in the area*

Chair referred Cllrs to an email from the Local Transport Plan Engagement Team at NYCC asking for local views on transport in the community – Cllrs discussed and felt that as a minimum the current bus service should be retained and not reduced as there was a sizeable elderly presence in the village who relied on public transport. Cllrs also felt that the bus stops in the village were in a poor condition and in need of improvement.

Resolved It was noted that the Clerk had posted the email on social media and the website encouraging the public to give their views, either direct to NYCC or by sending to the Parish Council who would collate and send onto NYCC.

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

9.1 Cllr Ball advised that residents were complaining about the foul smells from the salad farm(s) which he believed was being caused by open skips. Clerk to action.

9.2 Cllr Ball asked if an update could be obtained on the situation with the removal of the compost at the Drax golf-course. Clerk to contact the Environmental Agency and Drax for an update.

9.3 Clerk asked for and was given permission to speak to Cllrs on the precept and any possible projects they wished to consider in 2023-24. In light of the current financial situation, Clerk advised that if Cllrs wished to pursue any major or expensive projects next year, this would have to be factored into the precept demand. Cllrs were asked to give thought to any projects they wished their fellow Cllrs to consider and Clerk was proposing to include 'Project Planning' in the agendas leading up to Christmas.

No other matters being raised the Chair closed the meeting at 2020

Date of next meeting Wednesday, 16th August 2023

Signed as a true record... *Neal Yates*
Neal Yates – Parish Chairman

Date... *August 2023*

June 2023

Reconciliation Action Required - As the grants so far have come out of the main account, £800 needs to be transferred from Atkinson Fund / Reserve to Main Account

Financial Officers Report for the July 2023 Parish Meeting for Camblesforth

Headlines

At the end of May 23 our bank balance was £21,207 and at the end of June.23 the balance (after all banked transactions), had decreased to £16,140. Taking into account all liabilities, (cheques to be approved at the July meeting – there are NO uncashed cheques this month) our forecast balance for the end of June 23 is £12,443.

Cheques to be approved at the July Meeting

Cheques to be presented for approval in July are as follows

Adams Nurseries - annual flower basket planting	£1,800.00
Autela Payroll Services - Invoice 11604 Q1 payroll	£57.98
Crabbe, Andrew - Salary for July 2023	£694.00
Rackhams Accountants - Fee for Internal Audit	£426.00
NYCC - Street Light Maintenance for 2022-23	£719.00

The only payment I would draw Cllrs attention to is Adams Nurseries for the annual flower baskets – it is recommended that the Parish Council put this out to tender next year in order to ensure we are competitive in what is the largest ongoing project spend.

Reserve Account and Atkinson Fund

Atkinson Fund I have included a table (Box 6) in this month's report which shows the expenditure relating to the Atkinson Fund – as the Atkinson grants made this year have come from the main account, there is a need to transfer £800 from the Fund (held in the reserve account) to cover two of the payments made under the scheme. The third grant is covered by the rental payment. The Atkinson Fund balance is £2,031 following all the above transactions.

Reserve Account

The reserve attracted an interest payment of £75.62 in June.

The reserve stands at £10,672 when the Atkinson Fund is deducted. As agreed by Cllrs previously I now propose to transfer the cost of the following project spending from the reserve to stabilise the main account:

Two Flagpoles = £1,087

Storage Container = £3,174

This will reduce the reserve to £6,411.

Summary

Our finances continue to be more challenging than previous years due to the amount of project spending juxtaposed with no increase in the precept for the past 5 years. Serious consideration needs to be given to spending strategy in the next few months. Put simply, there remains no scope for spending outside of the budget and Cllrs will need to consider an increase in the precept for next year if they wish to look at any projects in 2024. This will be the first increase in many years; however, it is the only way any projects can be funded.

Camblesforth Parish Council

Looking after your village, together

Parish Chairman: Neal Yates

Parish Deputy Chair: (Vacant)

Date of Meeting Wednesday, 9th August 2023
Time of Meeting 1915

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parish Cllrs Cllr Neal Yates (Chair); Cllr Kevin Wild; Cllr Denise Kempton; Cllr Dave Falcus; Cllr Joyce Boyes.
North Yorkshire Cllr Cllr Mike Jordan
Parish Clerk Andrew Crabbe

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

Chair noted no apologies; - Cllr Ball was not in attendance and is recorded as absent.

Resolved Chair confirmed quorum and welcomed everyone to the meeting

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

Resolved No declarations were made by Cllrs relevant to the meeting

39. 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 July 2023 meeting.

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

40. 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 June meeting were approved by Cllrs and duly processed.

41. Session for members of public to speak / North Yorkshire Cllr Report (*Cllr M Jordan*)

Cllr Jordan advised there were little to report – it had been noted that few planning applications were being referred to Planning Committee

No members of the public were in attendance

6 Correspondence

Clerk noted the receipt of an email from NYCC Highways advising that a short section of road out the village towards Selby was now a 40-mph zone, extending the speed limit in the village.

Cllrs agreed this was a positive step in slowing down vehicles before they reached the residential areas of the village.

7 Planning applications (Clerk / all)

Cllrs discussed the application below, noting that no members of the public were in attendance at the meeting to make Cllrs aware of any issues with this application.

ZG2023/0724/FULM

PROPOSAL: Erection of 29 dwellings and associated infrastructure

LOCATION: Land Off Junction of A645 And A1041, Selby Road, Camblesforth

Cllr Observation Cllrs agreed a number of observations to be submitted – the observation report can be found as Appendix 2

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

Ongoing Matters

8.1 Update on issues surrounding Honeypot Farm – *Cllrs to be updated on ongoing issues with issues concerning the removal of woodland and reporting of matter to NYCC Enforcement and Natural England.*

Cllrs were referred to an email from NYCC which in summary advised that the destruction of the woodland at the site did not require planning permission and the owner was within their rights to remove the trees. NYCC Enforcement had now closed the case.

Cllrs heard that there was still the issue of destroying the trees during nesting season and this matter had been raised with Natural England and the Clerk was waiting for a response. Also, the Forestry Commission were investigating the removal of trees without a licence.

Ongoing As above.

8.2 Update on installing flagpoles in gardens and commemorative bench

Ongoing Deferred to September

8.3 Update on installing of 'Unknown Soldier' statutes in the Memorial Garden – *subject to delivery of statutes*

Clerk advised that the statutes were ordered but had not been delivered yet

Ongoing Deferred to the September meeting

New Matters

8.4 Cllrs to discuss and consider requested update from Environment Agency and Drax on disposal of waste on Drax Golf Course – *subject to the receipt of response from the aforementioned bodies, Cllrs will be given the opportunity discuss any progress in the longstanding issue of waste dumped on the golf course*

Clerk noted that there had been no response from the Environment Agency despite emails and voicemail messages. Drax had advised the following

Initial work commences this week to comprehensively sample the soil deposit at the golf course. This is the preparatory work needed for removal, disposal, and remediation.

This work may cause a release of odour as the surface crust is disturbed. Contingency abatement plans have been put in place in case this scenario occurs.

Cllrs expressed concern that sampling was only just taking place as the Parish Council had previously been advised that the content of the waste was not a risk.

Ongoing Cllrs agreed to request Drax keep the Parish Council updated on progress. Also, Cllrs Ball and Boyes would raise at the next Parish Liaison Meeting

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

9.1 Clerk noted that the Hedgehog gate-ways had been received – Cllrs agreed to wait until the school was back and liaise with them as to a project with children to distribute the gateways.

9.2 Cllrs noted that the zip ties used to hang the flower basket were not suitable and next year the Parish Council would look to have more stable securing. Clerk advised that as Financial Officer, he felt it would be appropriate to put the contract out to tender bearing in mind its high cost and the need to ensure value for money.

There been no further business, the Chair closed the Meeting at 2010

Date of next meeting Wednesday, 21st September 2023

Signed as a true record...

Neal Yates

Date...

September 2023

Neal Yates – Parish Chairman

July 2023

Box 1

Community Account (666)

Opening Balance as of end of Jun.23 (Statement No.254)

£16,140.16

Transactions in July.23

	Summary of Transactions in July.23=	Bank Balance as of end of Jun.23 =	£16,140.16
		Total spend in July.23 (presented) =	£817.88
		Credit Received in July.23 =	£0.00
	Standing bank balance end of July.23 as per Bank Statement 254 =		£15,322.28

Box 3

		Total cheques to be issued & approved at the Aug.23 Meeting =	£2,671.18
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Box 6

Box 2

Outstanding cheques to be cashed / presented =	£3,182.98
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Box 4

Box 5Box 6

Balance of Atkinson Fund as of 14th July 2023 =	£2,031.20
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Reconciliation Action Required - As the grants so far have come out of the main account, £800 needs to be transferred from Atkinson Fund / Reserve to Main Account

Financial Officers Report for the August 2023 Parish Meeting for Camblesforth Parish Council

Headlines

At the end of the June, our **actual** bank balance was £16,140. Following transactions in July, the **actual** bank balance at the end of July was £15,322, as confirmed by the bank statement No.254. Taking in to account all outstanding liabilities (uncashed cheques and cheques to be approved at the August meeting) the **forecast** balance for the end of August is £9,648.

Following on from the previous financial reports I have written Unity Bank to instruct the following reconciliations:

- 1 Transfer of £4,261 (Flagpoles £1,087 & Storage Container - £3,174) from the reserve to the main account
- 2 Transfer of £800 from the reserve to the main account to cover payments made from the Atkinson Fund

This will return the main account (666) to the forecast annual balance / surplus variance.

Cheques to be approved at the August 2023 Meeting

There is nothing to report regarding the cheques issued at the August meeting – these are all in line with the budget. However, could I draw Cllrs attention to the cheques issued to David Marshall in July which he advises he has not received. Assuming these have been lost in the post, I have reissued these at the August meeting. This can be seen in tables 2 and 3.

Summary

At the end of August, there are no concerns with regard to the Parish Council finances and we remain in a solvent and stable condition with no identifiable risks or threats.

Appendix 2 Parish Council's Observations with regard to planning application (ZG2023/0724/FULM)

The Parish Council will submit a neutral observation to the planning application.

Camblesforth Parish Council shares the concerns of residents in a number of areas with regard to the development and would ask that the following observations are actioned.

1 The main issue Cllrs have relates to highways concern(s) and the proposal for the access road / point from the new estate to be directly onto the A645. There are already major concerns relating to vehicles accessing and leaving Croft Road onto the 645, due to the current 60mph speed limit which means that vehicles either leaving or accessing Croft Road are at risk from vehicles travelling at 60mph (or more).

Cllrs would like to see a number of safety measures ie – possible filter lane / island, review of speed limit on the section of the A645 from the Carlton Road-a-bout to and extension of the 40mph beyond Croft Road and finally 'no over-taking' markings / signs.

These concerns were raised by Cllrs and residents at the consultation meeting with the developer and the parish Council was assured this would be looked into.

2 In addition, Cllrs feel it is essential that the current public footpath is protected and retained allowing safe walking access to the school.

3 Cllrs are concerned with regard to the positioning of the low-cost housing overlooking the existing bungalow should be moved

4 Cllrs note that an assurance was given by the developer that no more houses would be built on the land in question

5 Cllrs would like clarity over if the roads etc of the new estate would be adopted by NYCC, and that there would be no responsibility for the Parish Council to maintain the green area / proposed playground.

Comments by residents considered by the Parish Council

Highways Concern – Vehicular Access Firstly, I am concerned that the foul water sewer system would not be "up-to" extra properties being attached, as there were problems when the last estate was connected to the main system down Croft Road.

Secondly, and more importantly, the addition of another access road onto the A645 between the roundabout and the turn off for Croft Road would I believe lead to accidents. Vehicles start to increase their acceleration rapidly as soon as they turn onto the A645 and I have in the past had problems with drivers, who object rudely when one indicates (in good time) to turn left onto Croft Road causing them to slow down or overtake and they attempt to drive almost into the rear of the car. Also, at peak times trying to cross the road either as a pedestrian or motorist is already difficult and this would be exacerbated by another junction on the A645 between the roundabout and Croft Road. Therefore, I believe this is an unsafe plan for this site.

Highways Concern – Vehicular Access I went to the meeting on 14-6-23 with Hooper homes, I stated my main concern was the access to the site was too close to the roundabout on the A645. At present the access from Croft Rd onto the A645 can be very difficult because of the speed of traffic. This new access is closer to the roundabout and is an accident waiting to happen, but at the meeting Hooper wasn't interested

Highways Concern – Vehicular Access For the record, I live on Millfield drive and the main issue I have towards the development is the access road. I appreciate there must be one but am concerned about the safety of vehicles emerging from the new junction onto the A645. I personally have been caught out when exiting Croft Road towards the roundabout by people coming round the roundabout from Selby direction and overtaking the slow-moving truck they had been following. You look right see a truck exiting the roundabout and set off only to be confronted by the vehicle which has decided to pass said truck and floor it towards Drax.

Croft road junction gives you a little time to resolve this issue, a junction closer to the roundabout does not. My personal solution would be to request that the 40mph zone is moved from its current location to encapsulate the roundabout from all directions to a point east of the Croft Road exit. Whilst this will not fully control the issue there would be grounds for its policing and hopefully cause vehicles to slow down in the vicinity of the roundabout.

Highways Concern – Vehicular Access I have been to see the proposed planning on the side of the Drax road. My concern is not so much the houses but the intention to make the access directly onto Drax road.

I wondered if our Parish council had been involved in the applications and if anyone knew if any checks had been made as to the safety of another access point in such close proximity to Croft Road.

Highways Concern – Vehicular Access. The entry/exit road from the estate on to the Drax road is, in my opinion, dangerous. I know there was a study done which said that cars didn't do more than 20 mph on that stretch but I would beg to differ. I don't know what time of day the survey was carried out but it can't have been during rush hour. If the plans go in as they are I will be objecting on that point.

Hope I am not too late for the point to be raised.

Public Footpath. Unfortunately, I cannot attend the meeting at the parish council but I would like to raise a concern with the planning of development. Although I think it's a good proposal to put the land to use you are probably aware that the public footpath serves as a direct route to the school allowing many residents on the pinewood drive area of the village to walk the children to school, the new proposal shows a footpath but its entrance is from the main road which would cause a safety issue as most days I have up to 8 children to walk. This would encourage many residents to hop in their cars to take their children which will increase the traffic around the school increasing carbon footprint. Many would be forced to walk the other direction which takes 10 minutes longer which is not ideal due to constraints of work and further compound parking issues around school and the village which is also problematic. The proposed new entrance of the footpath is not a suitable alternative as it's a 60mph road and there is insufficient segregation between the proposed new path entrance for vehicle Vs pedestrians. The current entrance at present is a safe distance beyond the junction in a 30mph speed limit zone. I was wondering if this issue could be raised and the public footpath be put into consideration.