

Camblesforth Parish Council

Looking after your village, together

Parish Chairman: Neal Yates

Parish Deputy Chair: (Vacant)

Date of Meeting Wednesday, 17th January 2024
Time of Meeting 1830

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

North Yorkshire Cllr Cllr Mike Jordan

Parish Clerk Andrew Crabbe

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

Chair noted no apologies received however Cllr Falcus was not in attendance so is listed as absent.

Resolved Chair confirmed quorum and welcomed everyone to the meeting

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

Resolved No declarations were made by Cllrs relevant to the meeting

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

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

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

4. Financial Report and Accounts (Clerk)

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

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

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

Chair noted no members of the public in attendance

Chair welcomed Cllr Jordan to the meeting who spoke on a number of items, summarised below

5.1 Cllr Jordan would be joining the local MP at a meeting on 26 January at Carlton Hall to discuss the proposed Helios planning application – a letter had been sent to all households in the village inviting anyone who wished to attend to do so.

5.2 NYCC have admitted there is a staff shortage for highways issues including street lighting

5.3 A major budget meeting was scheduled as NYCC was under severe financial pressure with adult care and social care costs – savings would have to be made on top of those from the recent merger

5.4 Finally, Cllr Jordan advised that the smaller of the current solar farms (Wade House Lane) had now received approval. Clerk advised that the Parish Council had not yet received notification of this.

6 Correspondence

Clerk advised Cllrs that he had received correspondence with regard to the proposed grant scheme for residents whose properties adjoined the A645 and had branches from the trees overhanging into their gardens. Jane Breach from Drax had asked if she could attend the February meeting to discuss the grant scheme with Cllrs. It was noted that Drax were looking for the Parish Council to administer the scheme and the Clerk confirmed subject to Cllr approval and agreement to the scheme details, he would be prepared to administer the scheme with no cost to the Parish Council or requirement to increase his hours.

Resolved Cllrs agreed to Ms Breach attending the meeting in February.

7 Planning applications (Clerk / all)

PROPOSAL: Change of use of land to rear of Black Dog Inn to car park and erection of 3 new detached dwellings

LOCATION: Black Dog Inn, Selby Road, Camblesforth

Cllrs discussed the application and it was noted that there were no public objections to the proposal on the NYCC planning portal, nor had the Parish Council received any objections. Following the discussion Cllrs voted on the observation to be submitted and two Cllrs objected, two Cllrs supported and one Cllr abstained – the Chair had the casting vote and voted to support the application but with an observation of the need to look at concerns for access issues – Hardenshaw Lane could be dangerous in turning from the A1041 Selby Road

Resolved Clerk instructed to submit the above observation to NYCC

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

Ongoing Matters

8.1 Cllrs to discuss update on new noticeboard (s) for the village – noting the board outside of the memorial garden was in poor state and held limited notices, Cllrs to discuss and agree options for a new board Chair advised a local joiner had offered to build a new board at a fraction of the cost of a manufactured board (circa £400)

Resolved Chair to provide the Clerk with the contact details and this item to be progressed immediately

New Matters

8.2 Cllrs to consider and agree the precept for the new financial year of 2024-25

Resolved After due discussion, Cllrs agreed to an increase of 4% added to the current precept in order to pay for an acceleration of replacement street lights. This was passed unanimously by Cllrs in attendance.

8.3 Cllrs to formally sign off the meetings calendar for 2024 – Cllrs to agree dates for all meetings in 2024

Resolved Cllrs agreed to the dates detailed on the Meeting Calendar sent to them by the Clerk, which would now be posted for the public and placed on the website. Cllrs were also asked to review the following policies in time for the Annual General Meeting:

- Standing Orders
- Code of Conduct
- Financial Regs

Along with any other policies they felt should be reviewed.

8.4 Cllrs to discuss budget for 2024-25 Cllrs to commence discussions on the budget to be agreed by the April meeting

Cllrs were asked to review the draft budget which the Clerk had provided to them and noted that the new budget costs were based on a 7% increase. Clerk advised this was purely a recommendation and Cllrs may feel it was appropriate to consider another figure.

Resolved Cllrs agreed that tenders should be invited for the planting of the street light baskets in the village and the Clerk should proceed with this immediately. A letter would be sent to Adams, the current provider explaining this was due to governance requirements and the need to ensure the best price is obtained for the public purse.

Resolved Following a number of planters falling down, Cllr Wild would look at more appropriate fastenings for the new season and advise Cllrs accordingly in due course Ongoing Item to continue to be on agenda leading up to April to allow Cllrs opportunity to continue discussion

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

9.1 Clerk apologised to Cllrs that he had not purchased the replacement padlock for the park gate and he would do this immediately.

9.2 Cllrs noted that the tree in the park obscuring the CCTV had not been removed as agreed last year. Cllrs Wild and Yates to look at this before the next meeting.

9.3 Cllrs noted that the gate on the Memorial Garden was still not in place – options were discussed including re-fixing the existing gate as a temporary measure, however Cllr Wild asked if Cllrs would consider using some of the reserve to finance a proper cast iron fencing to improve the appearance of the garden as a key focal point in the village – Cllr Kempton advised she had seen some new iron railings installed in the village by a local tradesman and it was agreed that the Clerk should approach the tradesman and discuss the need of the Parish Council – item to be listed in the February agenda for further discussion and resolution.

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

Date of next meeting Wednesday, 21st February 2024

Signed as a true record... *Neal Yates* Date... *February 2024*

Neal Yates – Chair

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IN ATTENDANCE:

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North Yorkshire Cllr Cllr Mike Jordan
Parish Clerk Andrew Crabbe

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

Chair opened meeting noting no apologies received

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

Visit by Drax Powerstation

The February Meeting was attended by Ms Jane Breach of Drax Powerstation to talk about a grant scheme for residents living along Pinewood Drive to cut overhanging trees from the A645 – this scheme was also open to two properties on Croft Road and five properties on Grange Road

Ms Breach advised that as part of the 50th birthday celebrations of Drax, the Powerstation was able to donate to a pot of money towards managing overhanging trees on the A645 – the grant would be £12000 and would be a one-off payment and given in the understanding the Parish Council would manage the scheme.

Ms Breach confirmed that after awarding the donation, Drax would step back and have no further involvement in the scheme – the Parish Council would be able to devise the criteria and conditions of the scheme as they saw fit. This matter was discussed at length and the main summary points are below:

- Ms Breach confirmed that the trees did not belong to Drax or Highways and there was even a suggestion the land was unadopted. The clerk was asked to look into this and advise urgently.
- Noting comments that Drax had always maintained the area in previous years, Ms Breach advised that this may have been the case but had not been so for a number of years and was done as a gesture at the time but budgetary constraints meant that this could not continue
- Cllrs noted that considerable sums were paid to NYCC by Drax and asked could some of this not be used for this scheme noting the grant, although welcomed would run out – Ms Breach advised she was not involved in this and could not comment – Clerk advised the payments in question were statutory business rates and this was not something Drax had a say in what the money was spent on – this was NYCC's remit.

- Chair asked Ms Breach if Drax would be willing to work with the Parish Council in approaching NYCC for some of the payments made by Drax to be awarded to Camblesforth as an immediate neighbour of the powerstation, which Ms Breach advised she would take back to Drax Management
- Two members of the public were in attendance and advised that although the scheme was welcome it was the height of the trees which was the issue with fears in strong winds they may blow over into properties – the height of the trees also cut out light to the properties. The residents felt that the trees should be the same height as the other side of the road, however Cllrs noted it was the utility provider who managed these trees to prevent them touching overhead wires

Chair addressed Cllrs asking if the Parish Council should adopt the scheme – it was his recommendation that the Council should, noting that although it did not deal with all the issues, it was a start. Clerk confirmed he would administer the scheme outside of his Parish Council duties if Cllrs felt that they wished to adopt the scheme.

Resolved In a vote the motion was passed by a majority of 5 – 1 with one Cllr opposing on the grounds that he felt that Drax should have responsibility for the trees. The agreement was based on the strict understanding that the Parish Council was simply administrating the scheme and had no liability or implied ownership of the trees and subject to the agreement of the scheme criteria and conditions,

Ongoing The Clerk was instructed to draft a scheme to be sent to Cllrs and approved at the March meeting

Ms Breach also updated Cllrs on the waste on the Drax golf course – summary points are below:

- Contract awarded to Augean and signed 7th of February
- Enabling works ongoing throughout February and March
- Drax – Drainage, Roadway Preparation, Road Plate Installation
- Augean – Vegetation Removal to be completed before the 1st of March
- Waste removal to be carried out using licenced contractors
- Traffic lights will be stationed on A645, set to green will only change when a wagon leaves S&S club grounds
- 30 lorries per day, route A645 towards M62 entry at Goole
- Material to be taken to a fully audited, permitted facility
- Proposed start date 8th of April
- Proposed completion date 31st of May
- Post removal testing plan to be carried out upon completion

Ms Breach was thanked by the Chair and Cllrs for attending the meeting and duly left.

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

Chair asked Cllrs if they had read and agreed with the summary notes of the January 2024 meeting.

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

4. Financial Report and Accounts (Clerk)

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

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

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

Chair welcomed Cllr Jordan to the meeting who spoke on a number of items, summarised below

5.1 A full council meeting had being held earlier that day – Council Tax was increasing by 5% - Cllrs also approved a revised Selby plan, the main headline being the planned Heronby development (with all its new facilities and infrastructure) will not be happening - accordingly villages will continue to get housing 'add-ons' with all the strain that this would mean for existing communities – for instance, Eggborough would be seeing over 1000 new houses and Hambleton another 350 houses but with no new doctors, dentist, shops etc.

5.2 Cllrs Jordan and Cllrs expressed concerns that this would see continued pressure on villages.

5.3 Cllr Jordan was asked what had happened for the plans for new housing at Burn – Cllr Jordan replied nothing viable had been put forward at this time due to the fact proposed site needed a lot of investment to make safe and ready

Resident in attendance asked the Parish Council why Pinewood Drive did not have baskets placed during the summer – Chair advised this was due to the Parish Council not owning any of the street lights there.

6 Correspondence

Clerk noted correspondence from a resident with regard to the state of Camela Lane – Cllrs discussed the recent incident when an accident on the A645 had caused traffic chaos throughout the area and in particular on Camela Lane

Ongoing Clerk was instructed to contact Highways and request plan for improved diversion on the A645 with one-way systems through the village in the event of an emergency

7 Planning applications (Clerk / all)

PROPOSAL: Lawful development certificate for existing use of land for fishing purposes

LOCATION: Burn Road Pond, Camblesforth Road, Selby

Cllrs noted the above application which had been sent by Cllr Jordan earlier in the day and Clerk noted that the Parish Council had not been advised of this – Cllrs discussed and questioned the purpose of the application as the work had been carried out at the site already. It was a matter of record the Parish Council opposed the development with the destruction of considerable woodlands

Ongoing Clerk was instructed to contact NYCC planning to request more details and also ask why the Parish Council had not been consulted

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

Ongoing Matters

8.1 Cllrs to discuss budget for 2024-25 *Cllrs to continue discussions in time for the April meeting*

No updates were tabled by Cllrs and Chair reminded all to continue to review the draft budget in time for the new financial year.

Cllrs discussed the need to replace old lamp-posts in the village especially as the Parish Council had increased the precept to accelerate the programme and replace an additional two posts this coming financial year. Cllr Falcus noted that the street light outside of the beauty parlour was out – this was an old light – he had reported this but it had not been repaired to date. Clerk and Cllr Jordan commented that NYCC were currently suffering staff shortages meaning street lighting repairs were not being actioned as quickly as previously, however Cllr Jordan advised he understood there was a recruitment programme in place.

Ongoing Clerk to contact NYCC and request a replacement lamp for the unit outside of the beauty parlour and as part of the Parish Council street light replacement programme

8.2 Cllrs to discuss replacement noticeboard for the village – *Cllrs to be updated on progress of a new noticeboard*

Following on from the previous meeting and noting the current board outside of the Memorial Garden was in a very poor state and needed replacing, Cllrs noted that a local tradesman Ben Flannagan had offered to make a board charging only for materials. Clerk confirmed he had met with Mr Flannagan at the site and that the cost of the materials had been paid and the timescale was for an April / May completion.

Ongoing Updates to be provided to Cllrs on ongoing basis

8.3 Cllrs to discuss railings and gate for Memorial Garden *Cllrs to consider quotes for installing new iron railings and gate*

Cllrs noted that one quote had been received and that the Clerk had met with a second tradesman and was waiting for his quote. Clerk advised Cllrs that during the measuring at the garden it was noted that one of the stone columns on the wall was loose and urgently in need of repair as a sharp push could bring this down.

Ongoing Clerk to forward second quote to Cllrs when received with a view to a decision being made at the March meeting. Chair to forward the Clerk details of a local tradesman to repoint the stone column.

New Matters`

8.4 Cllrs to consider venue for Parish Council meetings - *in light of advice the school is unavailable for a number of months in the year.*

Cllrs were referred to an email from the school advising they cannot accommodate the Parish Council on a number of months in the year, totalling five months, that is nearly half of the meeting year. Cllrs expressed concerns with this as the Parish Council needed continuity in venue for the benefit of members of the public and there was a legal requirement for Parish Councils to avoid confusion as to the location.

Cllrs discussed various options including moving dates which the school could not accommodate meetings, returning to the Methodist Chapel, and looking at moving to either the Comus or Drax Clubhouse.

Ongoing Cllrs agreed to a recommendation that the Clerk contact the headmaster directly and request if there was any scope for them to review the non-available dates and impressing how beneficial the school was to the community as a venue for meetings.

8.5 Cllrs to consider ground work to improve the groundwork in the Memorial Garden - *trees/bushes need cropping and weeds and ivy removing*

Cllrs discussed a request from Cllr Kempton to tidy up the garden and green areas at the Memorial Garden in light of the ongoing efforts to improve the whole garden. Clerk also noted that the ivy would need removing from the walls and bushes cut back before work could begin on installing the iron railings. Cllr Kempton advised she had also received a request for the gravel paths to have more gravel put down.

Ongoing Cllrs unanimously agreed that the Clerk should obtain a quote from Dave Marshall for permanently removing the ivy across the garden, laying bark and cutting back trees and bushes.

8.6 Cllrs to consider any update on quotes for hanging planters – *in light of decision to invite quotes for the planters*

Clerk advised Cllrs no quotes had been received and he had written to the current provider advising that the reason the Parish Council was inviting tenders was not any reflection on their service, but to meet its obligations under its Financial Regulations to ensure the Parish Council was obtaining best value for its services to the community using public money.

Ongoing Cllr Wild to provide contact details of a possible interested business-

8.7 Cllrs to consider possible project in the village – in light of Cllr Denise Kempton having successfully applied for Lottery Funding

Chair and Cllrs unanimously applauded Cllr Kempton for her success in applying for £20,000 in Lottery Funds for the purposes of skateboard ramps to be placed in the park, noting the application process was extensive and time consuming. Cllrs discussed the next steps and ideas for actual location in the park - to be confirmed after the process of agreeing quotes had been completed.

Ongoing Clerk to obtain new quotes on skateboard ramps within the budget of £20,000 and present to Cllrs in advance of the March meeting for final decisions to be made.

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

There been no further business, the Chair closed the Meeting at 2020

Date of next meeting Wednesday, 20th March2024

Signed as a true record... *Neal Yates* Date... *March 2024*

Neal Yates – Chair

Camblesforth Parish Council

Financial Report for the February 2024 Parish Council Meeting

Headlines

At the end of December.23 our (actual) bank balance was **£13,743** and at the end of January.24 the (actual) balance (after all banked transactions), stood at **£11,996**.

Considering all liabilities, (cheques to be approved at the Feb.24 meeting) – there are no uncashed cheques – our (forecast) balance for the end of February is **£9,4,92**. This is below our forecast surplus but not to any extent we should be concerned about with only one month left in the financial year. The reason we have not achieved the forecast surplus is because the Parish Council has spent outside of the budget on a number of occasions, something which will be picked up by the external auditor. We have done this again in Jan / Feb with the materials for the proposed new noticeboard.

Cheques to be approved at the February 2024 Meeting

There are five cheques for approval in February, four of which are expected and budgeted for – Clerk's salary, lease rent, service charge for CCTV.

In concluding, there are no threats or risks to the Parish Council and our finances are solvent and stable and we remain in a good financial position in so far as we are likely to be close to the forecast surplus advised at the end of the current financial year.

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North Yorkshire Cllr Cllr Mike Jordan

Parish Clerk Andrew Crabbe

Part 1: Procedural Matters

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

Chair noted an apology from Cllr Falcus.

Resolved Chair confirmed quorum and welcomed everyone to the meeting

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

Resolved No declarations were made by Cllrs relevant to the meeting

9. 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 2024 meeting.

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

10. Financial Report and Accounts (*Clerk*)

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

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

5.1 Chair noted and welcomed Fiona Fenton from the Chapel to update Cllrs on renovations – the summary notes of Mrs Fenton’s visit are:

- Members of the chapel were a small group of people who looked after the building for a number of years now and who had been trying to carry out urgently needed renovations, however this had been hampered by different ministers coming and going, each with different ideas
- Following the pandemic, the members had taken the decision to take over the restoration – a decision had been taken to restore rather than replace as the latter was too much for such a small group.
- The progress so far was surveys had been conducted and plans produced – the roof and building were sound, but has water coming in at back, meaning walls and floors were damp - the proposal was to replace all wall plaster in the hall – the original lime coating had been mixed with modern plaster which was not working. The ceiling would be lowered and the whole hall would be insulated and damp proofed.

- The current building housing the kitchen and toilet would be taken down and drains would be sited there to help take water away from the building. This part of the building would not be replaced and the kitchen and new toilet would be built where the current storage was with a new entrance at the side of the hall.
- The cost of the project was circa £180,000 and the members were currently applying for grants – they had received some monies from the Methodist Church and the fund currently stood at circa £25k. They were confident of achieving the target and were taking advice from a team who had developed the hall at Eggborough which had started out in a similar situation as at Camblesforth, and had successfully created a community venue which was now used every day.
- The hope was to create a community venue which would be used by the residents but this needed support from the community and the fear was without this, the building will be closed and sold off.
- No adult groups were currently using the hall, with only the youth group and messy church holding sessions there. However, it was recognised its current state was not attractive and this was why they were trying to bring up to standard where it is an attractive venue
- At this point there was a big question if there was sufficient support from the village and if the Chapel would not be used in the future, then would all the effort be for nothing - currently membership is very low and within a few years it could be the building has no support.
- Chair advised that he had personally always supported the idea of a community venue / village hall and he felt the Parish Council would absolutely support the project and would endorse or provide references to any grant applications.
- In finishing Mrs Fenton advised that it would be great if they knew the village supported them – they had carried out surveys in the past and it was clear residents wanted to keep the chapel in the village, but firm ideas and support was lacking.

Resolved Cllrs agreed that the Parish Council would use social media and its website to reach out to residents and get their views and if they would support the chapel by using it in the future.

5.2 Chair noted and welcomed two member of the public who had attended to listen to the discussions on the proposed tree scheme for residents facing onto the A645. The residents advised that they were looking for the scheme to be used to cut the height of the trees as they considered this was the problem, not overhanging branches. Clerk advised he emailed Drax to ask if the scheme could be used for tree height as well as overhanging branches and in response Drax advised there were legal implications for anyone cutting the height of trees. In summary Clerk advised that he recommended at this stage the scheme was used only for its original intent which was to cut overhanging branches – if residents wished to cut the height of the trees, then this was their decision and the Parish Council should not be involved in this.

5.3 Chair noted a resident who spoke to Cllrs about the forthcoming closure of Lloyds bank which she felt would put the elderly and vulnerable at a disadvantage not everyone had access to online banking or were able to travel into York where the nearest bank was. Cllrs discussed at some length and in summary felt that although they sympathised with the resident's comments, the Parish Council had no powers in the matter. Chair suggested a banking hub might be a compromise and Cllrs agreed that the Parish Council would write to the local MP and ask for his support in this matter.

Resolved Clerk was asked to action as above

6 Correspondence

Resolved Clerk noted no correspondence which had not been dealt with

7 Planning applications (*Clerk / all*)

Resolved Clerk noted no planning applications had been received.

Part 2

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

Ongoing Matters

8.1 Budget for 2024-25 Cllrs to continue discussions for any changes to the draft budget in time for the April meeting

Resolved Cllrs agreed to the draft budget and that this would be the agreed budget the Parish Council would work towards in the forthcoming financial year of 2024/25 Matter closed

8.2 Project to replace railings and gate for Memorial Garden - *Cllrs to consider quotes for installing new iron railings and gate*

Resolved Cllrs considered quotes provided for the installation of iron railings and gate in the Memorial Garden and agreed unanimously to appoint Duffin Fabrication to carry out the work. Item will remain on the agenda to record progress on the project. Cllrs also noted that the wall was currently covered in ivy and bushes were encroaching onto the wall... all of this needed tidying up before the installation could begin. In addition, three pillars were now identified as needing repair. Clerk confirmed he had met with the tradesman who had installed the flag poles to carry out this work. As the matter was a health and safety issue, the Clerk advised he had used delegated powers in the Financial Regulations to agree this work with the tradesman.

8.3 Venue for Parish Council meetings in light latest update that the only month which is not available at the school is August, *Cllrs to consider proposal of not holding a meeting in August or holding it remotely.*

Cllrs discussed and in light of the fact the only month the school could not accommodate the meetings was August, considered a recommendation that the Standing Orders were changed to remove the meeting in this month as it was felt it was important to continue using the school due to its central location and ease of access for residents and Cllrs.

Resolved Cllrs agreed unanimously that the Standing Orders would be changed to reflect no meeting in August. Cllrs further agreed that should any matters be raised then an extra ordinary meeting would be held. Clerk to confirm this to the school. Item closed.

8.4 Ground work to improve the groundwork in the Memorial Garden – *Cllrs to consider estimate for cropping of trees/bushes and removal of weeds and ivy and general tidy up*

Ongoing Chair noted the attendance at the meeting of Mr Dave Marshall who provided quotes for the work in the garden and these would be sent to Cllrs for consideration and approval. The priority at the moment would be to clear the area for the railings installation to be carried out.

Ongoing The Clerk would seek email approval from Cllrs with regard to progressing with the work in the garden.

8.5 Update on quotes for hanging planters – *in light of decision to invite quotes for the planters, Cllrs to be updated on any estimates received.*

Clerk advised that he had not received any response to various contacts for supplying the hanging baskets in the village, including from the existing provider Adams Nurseries. This was a concern now as time was ticking to ensure the planters were placed in good time.

Ongoing Chair would speak to Adams Nurseries direct.

8.6 Lottery funded project in the village – *in light of Cllr Denise Kempton having successfully applied for Lottery Funding*

Chair opened discussions by advising that one option he would like Cllrs to consider was using all or part of the Muga-pitch for the skatepark – he was already aware of residents complaining about balls being kicked over their fences and youths taking down sections of the fence to get their balls back.

Cllr Kempton advised that the cost of even small-scale ramps was at least twice the amount received under the lottery grant. The contact details had been sent to the Clerk who was waiting for a response from these – he had asked at this point what was available if anything based on the lottery funding.

Ongoing Matter deferred to next meeting when hopefully there would be more information available

New Matters`

8.7 Street lights Replacements and Repairs – Cllrs to consider roll out programme of light replacements in light of decision to increase precept to accelerate the replacement programme.

Cllrs were referred to an email from ERYC which outlined the costs of street lighting repairs and replacements – after due consideration Cllrs agreed unanimously that the light outside of the Beauty Parlour on Brigg Lane should be the first to be replaced, and Chair would note any further needing replacement over the next year. Clerk was asked to send the itinerary of street lights in the village.

8.8 Defib Unit at Cosmos Inn - Cllr to consider a proposal to take over the ownership and responsibility of the defib nit

Cllrs discussed a draft letter to the owners of Comus Inn which transferred ownership of the unit to the Parish Council – this letter approved the transfer and responsibility for the unit to the Parish Council.

Resolved Cllrs unanimously agreed to the letter and the Clerk was approved to progress.

8.9 Tree Grant Scheme – Cllrs to consider draft for a grant scheme financed by Drax Powerstation and agree a start date

Cllrs referred to the draft scheme provided to them earlier and agreed to proceed with this – it was noted that this had been sent to Drax and they had not requested any changes to the draft.

Resolved Cllrs agreed to the draft scheme and in addition to a £300 limit on any individual grant and that individual residents would not be able to apply again within a three-year period.

8.10 Allotments – Cllrs to consider annual review of the tenancy rents at the allotment plots on Pinewood Drive

Cllrs discussed the allotments and the Clerk confirmed that all the plots were occupied and in good condition especially in light of the recent poor weather. It was noted that a tenant had reported some fly tipping in the area between the back gardens of Milfield Drive and the allotment fence. The Chair and Clerk had attended and saw for themselves the problem which was quite extensive with a considerable pile of rubbish and discarded household items.

Ongoing Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should contact NYCC Enforcement to discuss what could be done.

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

Cllrs discussed the concerns for vehicles parking outside of the school and if one solution might be bollards – the school was currently having to place cones outside of the school to prevent dangerous parking and parents using the grass to park on – there had also recently been a ‘near incident’ where a child had nearly been hit by a car.

Clerk advised he was aware of similar problems in other villages and some were using ‘totem signage’ of children and police officers warning about parking. The school could purchase these via the Community Grant Scheme or the Edward Atkinson Fund

Ongoing Clerk to send Cllrs details of these totem signs with a view to approaching school to discuss further.

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

Date of next meeting Wednesday, 17th April 2024

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

Neal Yates – Chair

Date... *April 2024*

Camblesforth Parish Council

Looking after your village, together

Parish Chairman: Neal Yates

Parish Deputy Chair: (Vacant)

Date of Meeting Wednesday, 17th April 2024
Time of Meeting 1830

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Cllrs welcomed Mr Ben Flanagan to the meeting to update Cllrs on the new noticeboard that he was building for the village – it is duly noted that Ben had provided this board at a cost of materials only and his time and efforts had been given free of charge to the village.

Ben advised the board was now installed at the Memorial Garden – Cllrs discussed and agreed to the header for the board encompassing the Parish Council logo.

Ben was sincerely thanked by Cllrs for all his work, that the board looked great and would soon become an asset to the village.

Part 1: Procedural Matters

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

Chair noted apologies from Cllr Falcus and Ball.

Resolved Chair confirmed quorum and welcomed everyone to the meeting

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

Resolved No declarations were made by Cllrs relevant to the meeting

14. 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 2024 meeting.

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

15. Financial Report and Accounts (*Clerk*)

The Accounts Spreadsheet and Financial Officer Report had already been presented to Cllrs and Clerk read out the Financial Officer's Report – Cllrs were asked if there were any questions – 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.

4.1 Clerk noted that the money for the Tree Grant Scheme had not been received from Drax yet and he would chase this up with the power station.

4.2 It is noted for the purposes of transparency that the lottery grant had been received by the Parish Council and was shown on the accounts report.

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

5.1 Chair noted a member of the public who asked if there was any update on the issue of the bank situation in Selby. Clerk confirmed that following instruction from Cllrs at the late meeting, he had written to the local MP Keir Mather but had not received a response as yet, however he understood that a banking hub was not permitted until all banks had closed in the town.

Resolved The member of public was advised to contact Mr Mather's office directly as this was not something the Parish Council had any authority or powers in.

5.1 Cllr Jordan noted that he had received concerns from residents about the clearance of a field which he believed was the site of the proposed housing development by Hooper Homes, noting the matter would be discussed by Cllrs later in the meeting.

5.2 Cllr Jordan advised that there continued to be issues with planning at Selby and he had raised concerns with regard to this

6 Correspondence

6.1 Cllrs noted the Parish Council had received concerns from residents regard the clearance of a field believed to be the site of the proposed housing development by Hooper Homes. Concerns were for nesting birds and wildlife. Clerk advised that he was not aware that planning permission had been granted and the application was still showing as pending. He had written to Hooper homes for an update and would advise Cllrs when received.

6,2 Following on from Cllrs noting the Council Tax bills listed the Parish Council precept had increased by 6.7% when the Parish Council had requested a 4% increase, Clerk had received a response from NYCC which that due to the decline of Band D properties in the parish the amount required by the Parish Council needed boosting from the Council Tax base.

Next year the Parish Council needed to ensure they had details of what the Band D charge was for any precept increase – Selby District Council used to break this down pre precept, but last year had not done this.

7 Planning applications (Clerk / all)

Clerk noted two applications received, as below

Planning Application	ZG2024/0209/	PROPOSAL: Advertisement consent for 1 No non illuminated signs Selby Road	LOCATION: Land Off Junction Of A645 And A1041 Camblesforth
Notification of Decision - GRANTED	2023/0128/EIA	Proposal: Development of a ground-mounted solar farm including associated infrastructure	Location: Land South Of A645, Wade House Lane, Drax

Cllrs noted the application "Advertisement consent for 1 No non illuminated signs Selby Road" and this related to the field for the proposed housing development by Hooper Homes – it was agreed the Clerk would send the documentation from the planning portal to Cllrs who would advise an observation by 2nd May which was the consultation end date.

Part 2

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

Ongoing Matters

8.1 Update on projects in Memorial Garden - Cllrs to consider quotes for installing new iron railings and gate, ground-work and stone wall pillar repairs

Clerk advised this was ongoing and he had asked the builder (repair of the stone wall pillars) to work with the fabricator (who was to put in the railing) in order to ensure the work was co-ordinated.

Ongoing Clerk to keep Cllrs up to date on progress

8.2 Update on street light hanging planters for summer – in light of decision to invite quotes for the planters, Cllrs to be updated on any estimates received.

Following on from the previous meeting and emails over the past month, Clerk advised he had arranged with Asselby Nurseries to carry out the basket hanging in 2024 as he had not received any interest from any other Company, including the current provider. No specific flower arrangements had been advised to Asselby beyond making them as hardy and as colourful as possible.

Ongoing Clerk to arrange collection of planters from current provider – Chair asked if the fittings could be delivered to him.

8.3 Update on lottery funded project in the village – Cllrs to be updated on type of projects which could be funded by the lottery grant

Cllrs noted only one skateboard business had replied to the Parish Clerk's request for information on a skateboard ramp(s) within the budget of the lottery grant. This was Streetscape and the Clerk advised that the contact was currently on holiday, but he would chase up when the contact returned. Streetscape had assessed the site and were preparing a quote of what could be provided within the budget.

Clerk confirmed that the lottery grant of £19,900 had been paid into the main account. Cllrs discussed if this should be transferred into the reserve account, but agreed as long as it was clearly listed on the accounts report, there was no need for this.

Clerk had provided Cllrs with details of outdoor playground equipment as a possible alternative project if the Parish Council could not identify ramps within the budget, however Cllr Kempton confirmed that the grant could only be used for the identified purpose of a skateboard ramp(s). Cllrs also noted that some Councils were stopping installing adult exercise equipment near playgrounds due to safeguarding issues and agreed against installing such equipment in the park.

8.4 Update on defib Unit at Cosmos Inn – In light of Cllr decision to take over the ownership and responsibility of the defib unit at the Comos Inn, Cllrs to be updated on progress to this end and hopefully sign it as closed

Chair signed the letter of understanding between the Parish Council and the Comus Inn which concluded the transfer of the AED at the Inn to the Council. Clerk would now register on the Circuit (national database of defibrillators in the UK) and the Parish Council now managed two units in the village, one outside of Croft Road Shops and the other at the Comus Inn. Cllr Falcus had agreed to continue as Guardian for the two units and would be asked to carry out a documented inspection in the next few weeks.

Clerk advised he was in discussions with the Ambulance Service to change the code of the Comus unit as this had been circulated on social media and the Ambulance Service felt this could lead to vandalism or even theft.

Resolved Item closed.

8.5 Tree Grant Scheme – In light of Cllrs agreeing to administrate the grant scheme, Clerk to provide an update on scheme – applications received, any issues etc

Clerk advised that no applications had been received to date.

Resolved No further action was required in this item until such time as an application was received.

New Matters`

Chair noted that no new matters have been raised for discussion

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

9.1 Cllrs noted that there had been a new incident of mopeds in the park – Clerk to advise PCSO Newbould and also Cllrs to consider locking the park on an evening.

9.2 Clerk noted that following the visit of Fiona Fenton at the March meeting with regard to plans to renovate the Chapel and create a community hub, only 7 people had responded with messages of support – Cllrs agreed to share the post with Camblesforth Village facebook page.

9.3 Clerk reminded Cllrs that the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council would be held in May and it was considered good practice to have as many Cllrs in attendance as possible due to the important matters on the agenda, including appointment of the Chair and Deputy Chair, review of key policies and annual statements from the Chair and Financial Officer.

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

Date of next meeting Wednesday, 15th May2024

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

Date... *May 2024*

Neal Yates – Chair

Camblesforth Parish Council

Looking after your village, together

Parish Chairman: Neal Yates

Parish Deputy Chair: Kevin Wild

Date of Meeting Wednesday, 15th May April 2024
Time of Meeting 1900

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Part 1: Procedural Matters

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

Chair noted no apologies received

Resolved Chair confirmed quorum and welcomed everyone to the meeting

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

Resolved No declarations were made by Cllrs relevant to the meeting

20. 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 2024 meeting.

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

21. Financial Report and Accounts (*Clerk*)

The Accounts Spreadsheet and Financial Officer Report had already been presented to Cllrs and Clerk read out the Financial Officer's Report – Cllrs were asked if there were any questions – 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.

As a point of procedure, it was noted that the Parish Council had received the first precept instalment of £11,911

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

5.1 Chair noted a member of the public who advised she was attending on behalf of the Halt Group and asked if Cllrs had received communications she had sent with regard to the next stage of the proposed Helios solar farm which was a Planning Inspectorate Pre-Examination. Chair confirmed that the emails had been sent by the Clerk to Cllrs.

5.2 The member of the public also asked if the Parish Council would assist Halt in getting information out to residents on the next stage as it was important they were aware of what was happening and that they should take part in the process. Chair noted that this matter was listed for discussion on the agenda and that Cllrs would discuss this later in the meeting.

Cllr Jordan was welcomed to the meeting and made the following comments:

5.2 he had been asked to attend a forthcoming Halt group meeting and also for funding from the group – he would arrange for a form to be sent and take it from there

5.3 his community budget was now agreed – this was set at £10k and was open to applications

5.4 he had attended full council today and the main topic was housing strategy with an identified need for considerably more affordable housing and a need to build new social housing by the Council –this was against a background of a waiting list of over 3000 in Selby alone

5.5 there were still issues with planning and that the Area Committee was not meeting for several months so no outstanding planning matters can be dealt with... he had met with the MP for Selby to talk about the issues and on a positive note, there were now staff in place to talk to about issues however he felt this was still not as good as in the days of Selby District Council when he had a single point of contact

5.6 Clerk asked Cllr Jordan if he was aware if there were still issues with street lighting repairs as the Parish Council had reported several lights out, but these had not been dealt with. Cllr Jordan advised that it was the case other areas were having problems and NYCC still had a staffing issue with an exodus of maintenance staff.

6 Correspondence

6.1 Clerk advised an update on the gift awards from the Carlton Solar Farm and the Camela Solar Farm... he had spoken to Sam Oneill from P3P with regard to the Carlton solar farm and they are looking to finalise the Deed of Agreement with the Parish Council – the gift stands at £25k and this will be paid to the Council at the point the farm starts generating electricity. Mr Oneill advises that this will be end of 2025 and it was confirmed that the gift could be used by the Parish Council at their discretion and would be unconditional as long as it had identifiable community benefit.

No update is available from the Camela Lane solar farm

6.2 Clerk had been advised of the date of the next DRAX parish council liaison meeting which would be Monday 3rd June 2024, 5-6pm. Cllrs Ball and Boyce confirmed they would be able to attend and were reminded of the need to ensure they had photo ID. Cllrs were asked if they wanted anything in particular raising – Cllr Falcus asked could the question be raised exactly what was in the waste which is currently being removed from the golf course - the Parish Council had never been advised of this.

7 Planning applications (*Clerk / all*)

Clerk noted one application received, as below:

PROPOSAL: Conversion and extension of an existing agricultural barn into a two-bedroom dwelling, together with associated car parking, alterations to access, and associated works.

LOCATION: Low Farm Stables Camela Lane Camblesforth

Cllrs noted this was an existing application and there was no change to the previous observation. In addition, Cllrs wished to add concerns for the traffic implications of yet another property on Camela Lane which already had a complete lack of passing places

Part 2

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

Ongoing Matters

8.1 Update on projects in Memorial Garden - *Cllrs to consider updates on work in the garden – groundworks and hedges, installation of new iron railings and gate, and stone wall pillar repairs*

Clerk advised this matter was ongoing and the hedges still needed trimming back so the work could commence. It was hoped this would be completed within the next few weeks. It was confirmed that Duffin Fabrications had already been advised to proceed with the manufacture of the railings and gate.

8.2 Update on street light hanging planters for summer – *in light of decision to appoint Asselby Nurseries to provide the baskets, Cllrs to be updated including replacement brackets*

Clerk advised Cllrs that he had spoken to Asselby Nurseries who had informed him that the baskets have turned up piecemeal and the last ones were only delivered the week of this meeting. They are on with the baskets and are looking to be ready for 1st week in June. A lot of the chains on the planters are damaged and the Clerk was waiting to hear exactly what the damage was.

Cllrs Yates and Wild would look to sort out the brackets in time for the first week in June – this was due to a number of these breaking last year and the need to insert more robust brackets.

Cllr Kempton advised that she had been asked if the planters could be hung in other areas and felt that it was important the Parish Council advised residents they could only hang on lamp-posts owned by the Parish Council.

8.3 Update on lottery funded project in the village – *Cllrs to be updated on plans for the skateboard park – subject to receipt of proposals from Streetscape, Selby*

Clerk advised that he had been speaking to Streetscape asking for an indication of what could be achieved with the current budget of £20-22k (depending on the outcome of the Drax Community Fund application). It was difficult to get a response and Cllrs were referred to email of Tue, 14 May at 09:59 from Streetscape in which they advised the Muga-pitch was not as ideal as first thought and would mean taking up the current surface and replacing this.

Cllr Kempton advised she would go back to the company who had originally quoted £16,000 for two ramps and see if they would requote however had they had previously advised costs were likely to be double due to the increase in material costs.

New Matters`

8.4 Update on Helios Solar Farm – *Cllrs to discuss latest developments and specifically involvement in the Planning Inspectorate Pre-examination process*

Noting correspondence from the HALT group concerning the next stage of the planning application process for the Helios solar farm asking for the Parish Council to publicise information on the pre-examination process and also for the Parish Council to provide funds for a leaflet distribution in the village.

Cllrs discussed at length and agreed that the Parish Council's role had now concluded in the matter when Cllrs had submitted an opposed observation by majority vote and that the matter was now in the hands of other bodies. However, Cllrs did agree that information could be provided by the Parish Council on its various mediums, however that this should just be for information purposes and that residents should be allowed to make up their own minds in the matter.

Clerk advised there was no budget for the Parish Council to finance any publicity such as a leaflet drop and Cllrs agreed that this was not an appropriate use of public funds.

Resolved Clerk to publicise the process for the Planning Inspectorate Pre-examination process on the website, social media and also post on the noticeboard.

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

9.1 Cllr Wild noted that the street sign on Camela Lane had been knocked down and removed – Clerk was asked to contact NYCC Selby highways

9.2 Cllrs advised that hedges were encroaching onto the pathways again along the Selby Road and the Clerk was asked to contact a resident whose hedges were a particular problem

9.3 Cllr Falcus noted that the signs on the Carlton roundabout had been damaged – Clerk to contact highways

9.4 Cllrs asked if there had been any applications received for the tree grant scheme – Clerk advised none had but also that DRAX had not paid in the grant money to date – Clerk was asked to speak to DRAX and ascertain when the grant would be paid.

Signed as a true record... *Kevin Wild*

Date... *June 2024*

Kevin Wild – Chair

Camblesforth Parish Council
Financial Report for the May 2024 Parish Council Meeting

Headlines

At the end of March our (actual) bank balance was £29,116 and at the end of April.24 the (actual) balance (after all banked transactions), stood at £39,171. This of course includes the lottery grant payment of £19,999 which was paid into the account on 1st March as detailed on the bank statement and is clearly listed on the accounts report and the first precept instalment of £11,911.

Considering all liabilities, (cheques to be approved at the May.24 meeting, and uncashed cheques) – our (forecast) balance for the end of May (the second month in the new financial year is £36,724. (including the lottery grant)

Reserve Account

The reserve account stands at £13,783 and is untouched

Cheques to be approved at the May 2024 Meeting

Cheques presented for approval are the usual Clerk's salary and payments to Dave Marshall for grass cutting. There is also the cost of flags and lamp post signs as part of the D-Day commemorations by the Parish Council. These are not budgeted for and it is my advice as Financial Officer they are considered to project spend which Cllrs have previously agreed need to covered from the reserve.

Updates have been requested from the two solar farms approved with regard to the community gift payments which will be instrumental in the Parish Council plans for community improvement projects. In concluding, there are no threats or risks to the Parish Council and our finances are solvent and stable and we remain in a good financial position

Camblesforth Parish Council

Looking after your village, together

Parish Chairman: Neal Yates
Parish Deputy Chair: Kevin Wild

Date of Meeting Wednesday, 19th June 2024
Time of Meeting 1830

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parish Cllrs Cllr Kevin Wild; (Chair): Cllr Denise Kempton: Cllr Joyce Boyes: Cllr Neil Ball
North Yorkshire Cllr
Parish Clerk Andrew Crabbe

Part 1: Procedural Matters

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

Chair noted an apology from Cllrs Yates and Falcus – noting that Cllrs Yates was unable to attend, Cllr Wild assumed the role of Chair for the June meeting.

Resolved Chair confirmed quorum and welcomed everyone to the meeting

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

Resolved No declarations were made by Cllrs relevant to the meeting

25. 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 2024 meeting.

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

26. 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.

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

5.1 Chair noted no members of the public were in attendance.

5.2 Clerk noted that Cllr Mike Jordan had sent his apologies due to the forthcoming General Election and the need to observe neutrality in Parish Council matters.

6 Correspondence

Resolved Clerk noted no correspondence which had not been dealt with

7 Planning applications (*Clerk / all*)

Resolved Clerk noted no planning applications had been received.

Part 2

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

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Ongoing Matters

8.1 Update on projects in Memorial Garden - Cllrs to consider updates on work in the garden – groundworks and hedges, installation of new iron railings and gate, and stone wall pillar repairs

Clerk noted that he had spoken to the Richard Duffin, the fabricator who had confirmed that he would be starting with the project to make the new railings, however the work to remove vegetation / repairs to the wall was still outstanding as the weather had been so bad.

Ongoing – deferred to next meeting for update

8.2 Update on for street light hanging planters for summer – Cllrs to review this years project in light of transfer of projects to Asselby Nurseries and the difficulties in locating equipment – Cllrs to agree how to avoid this happening again in the future

Cllrs noted that the hanging planters were now in place and that they were very pleased with the new displays from Asselby Nurseries – there had been difficulties in locating the baskets and also hanging equipment much of which had to be newly purchased, however this had been resolved. Cllrs unanimously agreed that all the baskets and hanging equipment would need taking to the storage unit and kept there to avoid a repeat of the problems again next year.

Cllrs noted that there had been a positive response from residents to the planters. there had been a couple of comments about could more be placed in other areas in the village, but Cllrs agreed this would mean additional costs which would have to be funded as well as the logistics of maintenance. In summary, Cllrs were happy that the planters were focussed in the two main roads in the village, which was the case with many other villages.

Cllrs also noted that it was important to only hang baskets on lamp posts owned by the Parish Council. Clerk was asked to ensure that Dave Marshall knew which lamp posts he needed to hang the planters in the future.

Cllrs also noted that Mr Marhsall had done an excellent job in ensuring the planters were hung on time, picking them up from the new garden centre and hanging these in the village.

Resolved Item closed for 2024.

8.3 Update on lottery funded project in the village – Cllrs to be updated on plans for the skateboard park – subject to receipt of proposals from Streetscape, Selby.

Cllrs discussed at length and noted that the likely costs of even basic ramps was likely to be in excess of the lottery grant – it was noted that the Parish Council had applied to DRAX for a £2,000 grant, however the outcome of this would not be known until August. Concerns were expressed that the cost of the surface of any surface would be considerable, but the quotes so far included surface costs so it may be cheaper if the Parish Council sorted this separately. The following actions were agreed:

8.3.1 It was agreed that Cllr Kempton would provide measurements and Kevin Hall to speak to contacts and discuss the likely costs of a concrete surface.

8.3.2 Clerk would contact Richard Duffin to see if he had any experience or contact of constructing a skate-board ramps

8.3.3 Clerk to review finances overall and advise at July meeting as to available funds – there was future money from the solar farms but this was still some time away – Clerk advised it may be possible to spend existing funds knowing that future money would replace this, however it was important that the Parish Council was still in a position to meet its housekeeping liabilities

Ongoing For further discussion at the next meeting

New Matters`

8.4 Update on the annual audit - AGAR– Cllrs to review the AGAR paperwork following the successful submission of the internal audit with no issues raised and approve submission to the external auditors

Clerk advised that Cllrs had received copies of the reports and the AGAR needed approving and signing by the Chair and himself as Financial Officer.

Resolved The AGAR was duly approved – all documentation would now be posted on the website and the AGAR submitted to the external auditor

8.5 State of the Muga Pitch – Cllrs to discuss safety concerns for, and vandalism at the muga pitch and to agree necessary actions

Cllrs noted that that muga pitch was now closed and notices had been posted prohibiting access to the site on the grounds of safety due to the state of the surface. After due discussion Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should contact Streetscape and ask if they would carry out an inspection and provide a report on recommendations on what could be done to make the surface safe.

Noting the ongoing vandalism to the Muga pitch fence, Cllrs also discussed and agreed that the Clerk should contact the CCTV Company and discuss him having access to CCTV footage to ensure that there was a second person on the Council who had this access.

Cllrs also noted the ongoing issue of the tree obscuring views of the CCTV onto the Muga pitch and agreed the Clerk should speak to Dave Marshall for a quote on taking the tree down. The loss of the tree would be compensated for by planting trees elsewhere in the park.

Ongoing – as above

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

9.1 Cllr Kempton advised that her husband had offered to put the commemorative bench in the Memorial Garden. Cllrs thanked Mr Kempton for this and accepted his kind offer

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

Date of next meeting Wednesday, 17th July 2024

Signed as a true record... *Kevin Wild*

Kevin Wild – Chair

Date... *July 2024*

Camblesforth Parish Council

Looking after your village, together

Parish Chairman: Neal Yates

Parish Deputy Chair: Kevin Wild

Date of Meeting Wednesday, 17th July 2024

Time of Meeting 1830

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parish Cllrs Cllr Kevin Wild; (Chair): Cllr Denise Kempton: Cllr Joyce Boyes: Cllr Dave Falcus

North Yorkshire Cllr Cllr Mike Jordan

Parish Clerk Andrew Crabbe

Part 1: Procedural Matters

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

Chair noted apologies from Cllrs Yates and Ball – noting that Cllrs Yates was unable to attend, Cllr Wild assumed the role of Chair for the June meeting.

Resolved Chair confirmed quorum and welcomed everyone to the meeting

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

Resolved No declarations were made by Cllrs relevant to the meeting

30. 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 2024 meeting.

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

31. 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 July meeting were approved by Cllrs and duly processed.

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

5.1 Chair noted no members of the public were in attendance.

5.2 Chair welcomed Cllr Mike Jordan to the meeting who advised he did not have any real issues to raise, however Cllrs discussed the following

5.2.1 Concerns for the impact of the new government's position on relaxing planning law and the implications for building on green land

5.2.3 Cllr Jordan noted a boundary review was ongoing, however Clerk advised that the Parish Council had not been advised of this – he continued that if this was similar to what was happening in East Yorkshire, it was his understanding that the review would not necessarily affect Parish Councils, however Clerk was asked to check with NYCC as to why the Parish Council had not been consulted.

6 Correspondence

Clerk noted he had received a telephone call from a tree surgeon who had been contacted by a resident representing others with regard to the tree grant scheme applicable to residents whose gardens were over hung from trees on the A645. Clerk advised he had confirmed the details of the scheme with the tree surgeon, however at the time of the meeting, there remained no applications from residents.

Planning applications (*Clerk / all*)

Cllrs discussed the application below –

PROPOSAL: Erection Of detached dwelling and formation of 2 No. parking spaces with new access / crossover for off street parking to existing bungalow

LOCATION: No.3 Croftway, Camblesforth,

Cllrs discussed and felt it was uncertain from the application exactly where this new property would be erected – Clerk was asked to contact NYCC for clarification

Part 2

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

Ongoing Matters

8.1 Update on projects in Memorial Garden - *Cllrs to consider updates on work in the garden – groundworks and hedges, installation of new iron railings and gate, and stone wall pillar repairs*

Clerk advised no progress due to the weather and workload.

Ongoing Matter referred to next meeting

8.2 Update on street light hanging planters for summer – *in light of decision to appoint Asselby Nurseries Cllrs to discuss any feedback on the displays and any lessons learnt*

Cllrs discussed and agreed that the planters were looking great and that Asselby Nurseries had done an excellent job especially given the short notice they had. Cllrs also advised the Clerk that he should speak to Dave Marshall and ask him to water the planters more frequently (twice on the days would normally water) as necessary in the event of any hot days, as had occurred last year. Finally, that the planters should be taken down promptly no later than October and everything stored at the Parish Council lock up to avoid a repeat of this year where fittings were lost.

Resolved Item Closed

8.3 Update on lottery funded project in the village – *Cllrs to be updated on plans for the skateboard park*

Cllrs discussed and noted no progress had been made at this point amid concerns of how the Parish Council would finance the project, especially now in light of the needs of the muga pitch - Clerk advised that he had been informed that the current budget would not be sufficient for the purposes of starting the skateboard park and that the Parish Council should consider approaching the lottery fund to seek permission for the grant to be spent on different project.

Various options with regard to possible increase of the budget were discussed by Cllrs.

Cllrs noted that the current quotes included groundworks and it was noted that one supplier had advised their costs for such work were often higher than independent builders – in light of this, Cllrs discussed that a possible option could be for the Prish Council to source a contractor to create the ground work.

Ongoing Cllr Kempton to provide measurement for the area and Clerk to make contact with local contractor for a quote on laying a concrete groundwork. A new quote should then be sought just for the ramps.

8.4 Muga Pitch - following the decision at the previous meeting to close the muga pitch for safety reasons, Cllrs to be updated on risk assessment / safety audit and to agree necessary actions

Clerk referred Cllrs to an email earlier in the day in which Streetscape confirmed they had carried out an inspection of the pitch and found it to be extremely slippery and dangerous – they had made recommendations that the advised solution was that the whole surface should be replaced with a sand bottom and artificial grass top

Streetscape also advised that the pitch should remain closed until such time as measures had been taken to remove the risk

Resolved Cllrs agreed unanimously that the pitch should remain locked and the Clerk should provide an explanation on social media and the website

Ongoing Cllrs agreed to seek quotes on a replacement pitch and also continue to review how this might be financed

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8.5 CCTV in park - Cllrs to be updated on agreement from the June meeting to have CCTV footage made available to the Clerk to ensure a second person has access to footage

Ongoing Clerk confirmed this was In progress and he had contacted the CCTV company and waiting for access codes to be sent

8.6 Environmental Groups picketing DRAX in August – Cllrs to discuss the understanding that DRAX will see protestors in August and the likely impact this will have on the village. DRAX and the police have been invited to comment on the situation

In the understanding that environmental protestors were planning to protest outside of Drax and the fact that on a previous such occasion they caused widespread disruption in the area, Cllrs discussed responses from North Yorkshire Police and Drax – the former advised that the protestors had a democratic right to protest however any problems would be dealt with proactively. Drax had advised they would issue a statement in due course

Resolved Noting the Parish Council would not meet again until after the protest, Cllrs agreed to monitor and update on email. Cllrs also agreed that the Clerk should update residents via social media and the website, noting that there was concerns in the village

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

None Raised

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

Date of next meeting Cllrs noted that there was no meeting in August in accordance with the Standing Orders and the fact the school was closed. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 18th September 2024

Signed as a true record...

Kevin Wild

Date... *August 2024*

Kevin Wild – Chair