

Camblesforth Parish Council

Looking after your village, together

Parish Chairman: Neal Yates
Parish Deputy Chair: Kevin Wild

Date of Meeting Wednesday, 15th January 2025
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 Mike Jordan
Parish Clerk Andrew Crabbe

Part 1: Procedural Matters

1. 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

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*)

Resolved Chair noted there was no meeting in August and the July minutes had been approved electronically and were already in the public domain

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.25r meeting were approved by Cllrs and duly processed.

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

5.1 No issues were raised by Cllr Jordan

5.2 Chair noted a number of residents in attendance, but no request was made to speak = residents in attendance advised that they were in attendance with regard to Item 8.3

6 Correspondence

Resolved Clerk advised all correspondence had been dealt with

7 Planning applications (*Clerk/all*)

Resolved Clerk noted no 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 Update on precept and capital projects in the village – *Cllrs to approve the decision with regard to the precept for 2025-26 and to consider any updates on the plans for the skateboard park specifically the concrete base and ramps. Also update on the groundwork carried out in the Memorial Garden, Park and Memorial Garden including if any of the trees are protected*

Cllrs opened by unanimously confirming the provisional decision made in December, that the Parish Council would make a £6,000 increase on the existing precept in order to cover any shortfall in immediate funds available to the Parish Council noting the financial demands on the Parish Council at this time.

With regard to the proposed skateboard park, Clerk confirmed that the contractor was looking to attend site and asked if Cllr Kempton could attend – it was agreed this would be set up on the following Wednesday

Cllrs noted that Dave Marshall had completed the work on the Millenium Garden and also the park, however there was some concern that some trees were covered by TPO#s = Clerk advised that in the Millenium Garden, Mr Marshall had only been asked to remove dead trees, and in the park, it was only the small tree which was blocking the CCTV. He had enquired and being told there were no protected trees in the park. Cllrs noted that the work in the Memorial Garden had yet to commence as Mr Marshall had been waiting for the Christmas decorations to be taken down

Ongoing Clerk and Cllr Boyes to arrange a meeting with Mr Marshall and walk the gardens to ensure all identified work was completed

8.2 **Trees on A645** - *Cllrs to discuss update on ownership of the trees on the A645 following Land Registry has confirmed that NYCC are responsible for the land and the decision of Cllrs at the October meeting that the Clerk should advise NYCC of this – as of time of posting this agenda, there is still no response from NYCC.*

Cllrs discussed at length Cllrs noted that following the finding of the Land Registry search Cllr Jordan contacting the Chief Executive's office and received a response advising that it was understood the Authority owned the land but an agreement had been made with DRAX (who had planted the trees) that the latter would tend these. The CX Office had also advised they would repay the PC for the search fee.

Clerk confirmed that he had still not received a response from Highways on the matter and had followed up Cllr Jordans contact with the CX Office with an update email and request for a copy of the agreement between NYCC and DRAX – to date he had not received a response.

Cllrs expressed frustration at the situation, which the Clerk felt was reflective of a wider problem of contact with the Local Authority, which in his view had seriously deteriorated since the end of Selby District Council. Previously the Parish Council was able to contact individuals at the Council who would deal with matters in a prompt way, however now all issues were signposted to the website, and nothing appeared to be done.

Ongoing Cllrs discussed various ways forward including contacting the local MP and Selby Times, however it was agreed that the Clerk should write directly to the Chief Executive one final time, copying Mike Jordan in and if the matter remained as it was, other options would be looked at. Matter deferred to the February meeting for an update from the Clerk

New Matters`

8.3 Proposed Helios Solar Farm - *Cllrs will discuss the latest update in light of news that the Planning inspectorate has requested a 'letter of common ground' is agreed between the Parish Council and the Solar Farm Developer*

Cllrs discussed at length noting that the letter from the developer Enos had been sent on the morning of the 10th December and advising that the draft would be submitted on Monday, 13th December to the Planning Inspectorate. The Clerk had responded immediately advising that Cllrs would not have sufficient time to consider the draft and in addition decisions had to be made at a properly adjourned meeting, which was not until the 15th December. The Council also contacted the Planning Inspectorate separately to advise the Parish Council had not agreed to the draft.

Cllrs noted that the Parish Council had already advised that it was not in support of the proposed solar farm - in addition Cllrs were disappointed that on several occasions, Enos had declined invites to speak to the Parish Council. Noting both of these important points, Cllrs in attendance unanimously agreed that there were in fact no common grounds between the Parish Council and Enos.

Resolved The Clerk was instructed to construct a letter of response to the Planning Inspectorate advising that the Parish Council felt it had no common ground with the developer and to advise the reasons for this.

8.4 Meetings Calendar for 2025 - *Cllrs to discuss and approve the draft meetings calendar for the new year*

Resolved - Cllrs unanimously agreed to the draft listing of Parish Council meeting in 2025 and agreed that this should be published in the public domain

8.5 Budget Review - *Clerk to provide Cllrs with an update of current spend on the budget and forecast for the end of the year*

Resolved Cllrs noted the budget review which has been previously sent to them and looked at the current spend compared with the agreed budget. Clerk advised there were no concerns with spend and noted that most budget areas were not overspent, although some still had not received all debits. Clerk continued that he recommended that Cllrs commence to look at the budget for 2025-26 at the February meeting in time for the new financial year in April.

8.5 Parish Council Safe - *Cllrs to discuss retrieving the safe owned by the Parish Council currently in a shed on a private property in the village*

Cllrs noted that the safe had been kept in his shed and left there when new owners had purchased the house - it was not known what was in the safe, but in the event there was important documentation Cllrs agreed it was important to find out what was in the safe.

Ongoing Cllrs agreed that Cllr Yates would go and discuss with the resident with a view to the Council removing the safe

8.6 Audit of All Land Owned by the Parish Council - *Cllrs to identify land owned by the Parish Council and ensure this is properly recorded to ensure AGAR compliance*

Ongoing Noting that the Parish Council currently had no documentary proof of ownership of parcels of land in the Parish, and in addition, also noting that this had been picked up by the Auditors, Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should commence a process of obtaining proof of ownership from the Land Registry and report back over the course of the next few meetings.

8.7 Road Safety - *Cllrs to discuss MP Keir Mather's campaign for road safety improvements and how issues affecting Cablesforth might be raised as part of this.*

Ongoing Cllrs noted that Cllr Falcus as the proposer of this item was not in attendance and in accordance with good practice, the matter should be deferred to his return at the next meeting

8.8 Dog Fouling in Village - *Cllrs to discuss concerns over the amount of dog mess in the village and how the Parish Council might work with partners to try and address this problem*

Cllrs noted the ongoing issue of dog fouling in the village and resident concerns for this on social media. It was further noted that this problem was particularly bad in winter with dark nights and mornings. Most dog owners were responsible and picked up the mess, and it was likely only one or two people were responsible. Cllrs agreed the only way to resolve this was to identify the persons and have them prosecuted

In a village full of RING doorbell cameras, Cllrs expressed surprise that no one was able to provide footage of culprits which could be then used to prosecute them. Clerk noted that he had received no response from NYCC with regard to available support from the Local Authority in the matter. In summary, Cllrs agreed on the following measures to try and alleviate the problem:

- Noting one particularly bad area was on Brigg Lane alongside the park, Cllrs agreed to a suggestion that the CCTV camera was pointed on this area to try and catch individuals.
- Cllrs also agreed to look into installing dog bag dispensers in key areas and the Clerk was instructed to obtain information on these
- Cllrs also would look into using the ‘no dog fouling’ pavement spray marking and to look at how the paint could be longer lasting
- Finally, no dog fouling posted would be posted in areas of most concern

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

9.1 Cllrs unanimously agreed to write to Asselby Nurseries and ask them to provide the flowers for the lamp post planters in 2025

9.2 Cllrs noted resident reports that some gritter boxes were damaged - Cllr Wild would remove ones that were badly damaged - Clerk to provide a location list of all boxes in the village and Cllrs to review if to replace if damaged

There been no further business, the Chair closed the Meeting at 1950

Date of next meeting Wednesday,

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

Date... *February 2025*

Camblesforth Parish Council Accounts Report				
a	Presented in October For the Month of		December.24	
b	Cheques to be approved for the month of		Jan-25	
From: Parish Clerk				
To: Parish Councillors				
Box 1				
Community Account (666)				
Opening Balance as of end of October.24 (Statement No.276)			£47,244.52	
Transactions in November.24				
Debits				
Date of Spend	Cheque No.	Paid to	Reason	Amount
02-Dec-24	19	Ryther Alarms - Annual Service for the CCTV		£456.00
09-Dec-24	DD	Yu Energy - Street lights standing fees		£15.80
09-Dec-24	DD	Yu Energy - Street lights standing charges		£145.50
09-Dec-24	11	Autela Payroll Services - Invoice 14826 PAYROLL - AUG, SEPT, OCT, NOV		£98.23
11-Dec-24	12	David Marshall - Taking down the planters and tidying of Memorial Garden		£100.00
20-Dec-24	24	Crabbe, Andrew Salary for December.24		£848.34
20-Dec-24	30	Postage Stamps x first and second class		£102.90
23-Dec-24	15	Camblesforth School - rental of hall Sept - Nov 24		£180.00
23-Dec-24	16	Camblesforth School - rental of hall Dec 23 inv152		£90.00
23-Dec-24	17	Camblesforth School - rental of hall Feb - July 24 Inv194		£360.00
23-Dec-24	18	Camblesforth School - rental of hall Sept - Nov 24 inv14		£240.00
23-Dec-24	27	Selection boxes for local children - reimburse Kevin Wild		£221.00
27-Dec-24	28	Fund (£300) to fund a school trip to pantomime - as agreed by Cllrs at November meeting		£700.00
31-Dec-24	21	HRMC P32 Liability (due to NI increase) From: 06/12/2024 To: 05/01/2025		£10.00
31-Dec-24	25	NYCC - Street Light Maintenance: 2023-24 - inv 490022971		£1,302.53
31-Dec-24		Service Charge		£6.00
Credits				
Date of Credit	Reason			Amount
				£0.00
Bank Reconciliation for Transactions in December.24 =				
		Bank Balance as of end of Nov.24 =	£47,244.52	
		Total spend in Dec.24 (presented) =	£4,876.30	
		Credit Received in Dec.24 =	£0.00	
		Standing bank balance end of December.24 includes £19,999 Lottery Fund Grant reconciled by Bank Statement 276 and cheque stubs =	£42,368.22	
Box 3				
Cheques to be issued in January.25 (to be approved by Cllrs)				Amount
David Marshall, green work in the village - Invoice no Main 2 - Millenium Garden				£350.00
David Marshall, green work in the village - Invoice no Main 3 - Millenium Garden				£500.00
David Marshall, green work in the village - Invoice no Main 4 - The Park				£400.00
David Marshall, green work in the village - Invoice no Main 5 - bus stop				£60.00
NYCC - annual fee for rental of allotment land - Pinewood				£90.00
Crabbe, Andrew Salary for January 2025				£711.16
Total cheques to be issued & approved in January .25 =				£2,111.16
Box 2				
Outstanding Cheques				Amount
Camblesforth School - Parish Meeting - Invoice #: 38				£60.00
PKF Littlejohn - External Audit Fees				£252.00
Outstanding cheques to be cashed / presented =				£312.00
Box 4				
Summary of PC Accounts until end of January.25 (Actuals & Forecasts)				
No.1 Account: Community Account (666)				
a	(Actual) Bank Balance at end of Nov.24 (reconciled by Bank Stat 276) =			£47,244.52
b	(Actual) Total Spend in December.24 (cashd) =			£4,876.30
c	Uncashed Cheques (Actual)			£312.00
d	Cheques to be approved by Cllrs in January.25			£2,111.16
e	Forecast total spending for end of January.25 (which is box b, c and d added) =			£7,299.46
f	Credit Payments made in December.24			£0.00
Forecast of Bank Bal (includes £19,999 of Lottery Grant) for end of January.25 (which is box e deducted from box a, added to box f) =				£39,945.06
Box 6				
No.2 Account: High Interest Account (682)				
Balance as of 31st Jan.24				£13,689.93
Interest payment =				£93.86
Balance as of 31st Mar.24				£13,783.79
Balance as of 30th Apr.24				£13,783.79
Interest payment =				£94.50
Balance as of 30th June 2023				£13,878.29
Balance as of 31st August 2024				£13,878.29
Balance as of 30th September 2024				£13,974.49
Balance as of 30th September 2025				£13,974.49
Interest payment =				£93.59
Balance as of 31st December 2024				£14,068.08

