

Carthorpe Parish Council

MINUTES

of the Open Meeting held on Monday 115 May 2023 in Carthorpe Community Hall

Present

Mr Jonathan Jessop - Chairman (JJ)
Mr Kevin Askham - Parish Councillor (KA)
Mr Charlie Craggs - Parish Councillor (CC) Mrs Maggie Haigh - Clerk (MH)
Dr Catherine Grant - Parish Councillor (CG) 7 members of the public

23.32 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Martin Deal (MD)
Cllr David Webster (DW)

23.33 Declarations of Interest

23.33.1 There were no declarations of interest.

23.34 Minutes of Previous Meeting

23.34.1 The minutes of the Open Meeting of 13 June 2022 were approved and signed as correct.

23.35 Matters Arising

23.35.1 Carthorpe to Burniston footpath had been cleared by CC since the last Open Meeting. Agreed that it needs doing again. CC agreed to undertake.

CC

23.36 Chairman's Report

- 23.36.1 The PC have met in person 7 times since the last Open Meeting.
- Change of Members – Keith Bartlem resigned in May 2022 and Catherine Grant co-opted on in January 2023.
 - Commented on all planning applications presented.
 - Cost of Living – assistance available was investigated and an advice leaflet created & circulated, including local Oil Buying Cooperative.
 - Continued work on monitoring Public Footpath availability & use. Footpath Officer guidance circulated and Officers informed & chased on issues arising.
 - Sourced & installed a footpath bridge over the gutter to the east of Carthorpe and agreed a permissive path circular route.
 - A smooth transition to the unitary North Yorkshire Council has been monitored and achieved.
 - CIL Projects
 - 30mph signs rotated & maintained.
 - Refurbished Old Red Phone Box sourced and installed with the help of a £1000 Locality Grant.
 - Meeting held with Methodist Chapel Minister to discuss status of Community Hall to try & promote increased usage by the Community.
 - The PC website has been updated and improved.
 - Coronation Party agreed and executed on 7 May 2023.

- Village infrastructure maintained & litter picks organised, grass verge cutting (defibrillator, waste bin, salt bins, noticeboard, benches).
- Various donations to local institutions and charities maintained and increased.
- Sound financial stewardship of funds and a freezing of Precept (Parish element of Council Tax).

23.37 NY Councillor's Report

23.37.1 JJ read the following report to the meeting on behalf of DW:

North Yorkshire Council Report - May 2023

Over the past twelve months the old County Council and District and Borough Councils have been working towards the creation of a brand new Council, to be called North Yorkshire Council. It is considered that this will deliver considerable savings without any lowering of standards of service.

Based in the County town of Northallerton this Council is designed to run through Area Committees based on Parliamentary Constituency areas thus there are six Area Committees. These committees meet regularly to deal with issues local to their area. Other functions of the Council are much as they were before.

Savings already realised are the reduction in the number of Councillors from over three hundred sitting on County, District and Borough Councils to just ninety representing the whole of North Yorkshire. Other savings are expected due to the elimination of duplication of services.

In order to help all Members have the ability to give the best service to the Community, seminars each month are held dealing with such areas as Highways, Refuse Collection and Disposal, Social Services, Planning, Education, Staffing structures and transfer to the new Authority.

The prime aim of such a major change is that there be the least disruption and that the transition to the new Authority be as smooth as possible. This transition comes after 49 years of two tier Local Government. It opens up the way for devolution of responsibilities currently handled by national government to be handled by Local Government, and paves the way for the election of a Mayor of the combined Authorities of York and North Yorkshire in twelve months time. To catch a glimpse of what this will mean, Tees Valley is our nearest example.

As your elected representative I will do my best to keep you informed of the progress over the coming year as well as serving the community to the best of my ability.

23.38 Members Forum

23.38.1 It was reported that the "lampers" (5 males with greyhounds and large torches seen accessing the land to the north of the village) may have been caught according to a local news report.

23.38.2 David Foulds gave a vote of thanks to the PC for all the achievements over the last 12 months and for the well-attended village Coronation Party.

23.38.3 Paul Vernon suggested spending the remaining CIL funds on further 30mph speed signs, so that the one purchased does not need to be moved from pole to pole. Agreed to investigate.

23.38.4 Stuart Carter suggested spending the remaining CIL funds on a marquee for village functions. JJ advised that whilst his family owned the marquee used at the Coronation, it would be available FOC for future events.

JJ

- 23.38.5 JJ suggested planting wild flowers along the village verges, as was suggested when village opinions were last sought. To be investigated further, in light of the invasive onion along the Carthorpe/Kirklington road.
- 23.38.6 A rumour that Tony Hare's front garden is somehow available for village enjoyment was quashed. The garden is very much Mr Hare's and he is happy that people enjoy looking at it.
- 23.38.7 Congratulations were expressed on the success of the re-vamped Village Life, which all agreed, had been well received.
- 23.39 Date for the next meeting**
- 23.39.1 In closing the meeting, JJ encouraged all to come forward with any issues and asked all to encourage other residents to attend PC meetings.

JJ

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.01pm.

Date of the next Open Meeting to be held in May 2024.