

Carthorpe Parish Council

MINUTES

of the Open Meeting held on Tuesday 4 May 2021
via Zoom

Present

Mr Jonathan Jessop	- Chairman (JJ)	Cllr Annabel Wilkinson - County Councillor (AW)
Mr Keith Bartlem	- Parish Councillor (KB)	Cllr David Webster - District Councillor (DW)
Mr Charlie Craggs	- Parish Councillor (CC)	Mrs Maggie Haigh - Clerk (MH)
Mr Martin Deal	- Parish Councillor (MD)	2 members of the public

20.84 Apologies for Absence

Mr Kevin Askham - Parish Councillor (KA)

20.85 Declarations of Interest

20.85.1 There were no declarations of interest.

20.86 Minutes of Previous Meeting

20.86.1 The minutes of the Open Meeting of 6 June 2019 were approved and signed as correct. (MH pp JJ as Zoom Meeting).

20.87 Matters Arising

20.87.1 National Savings Account Monies – are now in a Barclays savings account totalling £499.49 at 31 March 2021.

20.87.2 Community Hall – has been closed all through the pandemic, but all should be encouraged to use as soon as re-opened.

20.87.3 Footpaths to south side of the village – 2 very recent reports of residents walking these paths and being subjected to verbal altercations with the landowner. The issue to be carried forward through to main council business.

20.87.4 CIL Monies – a new Notice Board was erected. Further projects ongoing, as outlined in Chairman's report.

20.87.5 Carthorpe to Burniston footpath has been cleared twice since the last Open Meeting. Agreed that it should be requested twice a year. CC agreed to undertake or arrange with his contractor.

20.87.6 A village BBQ took place in 2019. All looking forward to a similar gathering when restrictions are lifted to celebrate & welcome all the new families to Carthorpe.

MH

20.88 Chairman's Report

20.88.1 Few PC meetings have taken place face to face over the last 12 months. However, planning matters, the notice board, footpath resigning & clearing have been addressed. JJ urged all to continue to push forward and work with landowners. The village was canvassed on potential CIL Fund projects, with new village signs coming out on top. Progress is being made – refer to minutes of main council business. Speed signs were a close second and the PC has approached NYCC – refer to minutes of main council business. Welcome to Carthorpe cards continue to be distributed.

20.89 District Councillor's Report

- 20.89.1 Cllr Webster reported: There have been very few regular meetings due to the Coronavirus pandemic. However regular planning meetings have been held by an advisory panel via Teams virtual meetings. This panel has made recommendations which have been handled by a process of delegation to the Chief Executive.
- *Most other business has also been via Teams, a process which, it is hoped, will soon cease as we revert to face to face meetings.
 - Some Parish Council meetings have been carried out by Zoom, allowing parish business to be progressed. Others have simply suspended their regular pattern of meetings.
 - *Hambleton continues to forge ahead with its capital programme, with the old prison in Northallerton being re-developed into supermarkets, a computer centre and hopefully a cinema complex.
 - *Local Government re-organisation has taken up a lot of Council time; Hambleton being strongly against a Unitary form of Council, as it is seen as involving big Council Tax rises for residents with considerable reductions in representation. At a recent recorded vote at Full Council, 27 out of 27 votes were cast in favour of the Status Quo remaining. Incidentally this included the Leader and Deputy Leader of the County Council, who had already put forward a proposal for one North Yorkshire Council.
 - *I continue to be available to help in any way I can and look forward to being of service to the Tanfield Ward residents.

20.90 County Councillor's Report

- 20.90.1 Cllr Wilkinson reported: Recently passed the 12 month anniversary of the first lockdown. It has been a difficult year for everyone, we will continue to work together and support one another through these challenging times.
- NYCC's 23 Community Support Organisations in conjunction with their volunteers and partners have delivered support to our most vulnerable residents - shopping, prescriptions, food parcels, telephone befriending and dog walking. Thank you.
- *Stronger Communities will work closely with the CSOs to discuss and develop recovery activity over the next 6 months. Rebuilding people's independence and confidence, to re-engage with their communities
 - *Vaccination Programme. People aged over 45 now being contacted. First use of the Moderna vaccine in the County. If not had the vaccine and now wish to please contact your local NHS. Free lateral flow tests available to everyone without symptoms. See NYCC website - collected or posted. Please take part in regular testing, even if you are not displaying any symptoms. For information on how to obtain test kits visit the [NHS website](http://nyccintranet/content/testing-covid-19) or Testing – Covid intranet page: <http://nyccintranet/content/testing-covid-19> or <http://nyccintranet.northyorks.gov.uk/content/testing-covid-19> (external)
 - List of all testing sites on NYCC website.
 - *Please continue to support our local businesses 900+ listed online.
 - *Louise Wallace confirmed as the Director of Public Health, after covering for the last few months. Role expanded to include Health Integration, Engagement, and Governance with Health and Adult Services.
 - *New Chair of the Local Enterprise Partnership, Helen Simpson (taking over from David Kerfoot).
 - *North Yorkshire school attendance remains high at 94 per cent.

*Support to help low income families meet the cost of food for children will continue this May half-term, through the Department for Work and Pensions - Covid Local Support Grant. The scheme ensures children eligible for Free School Meals continue to have access to food during the school holidays and also gives schools discretion to provide help to other families in need.

*Consultation regarding the future of Outdoor Learning in North Yorkshire. Schools, teachers, young people, members of the public and other organisations invited to participate. The review will determine what North Yorkshire's Outdoor Learning Service should look like in the future and what services it should provide for the county's young people.

*NYCC archives and records office reopened on the 27th April, staff during lockdown have been cataloguing and providing access to even more historical documents from across the county.

*North Yorkshire residents without access to computers who wish to pay tribute to HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh, are encouraged to visit their local library where a National book of condolence is open for people to share their messages on www.royal.uk

*Residents can book appointments to use the public computers, staff are on hand to offer assistance. Services and opening hours will vary between libraries, so prior to visiting customers should check with their library by calling 01609 533800 or visit www.northyorks.gov.uk/library-and-record-office-services-during-coronavirus-covid-19

*North Yorkshire libraries are offering more support for anyone preparing for the Life in the UK test or British citizenship test.

One of the latest additions to North Yorkshire County Council library service's digital offer is Go Citizen, an online study resource for candidates preparing for either of the tests.

*As driving tests resume following the recent easing of coronavirus restrictions, North Yorkshire libraries launch a digital service that enables people to practise their theory skills before the big day. Theory Test Pro is a highly realistic online simulation of the UK's driving theory test. (It contains the official practice test question bank, hazard perception video clips and an online version of the Highway Code.) The library service provides an extensive suite of resources, from e-books to encyclopaedias, magazines to business start-up guides.

*For those who want to enjoy exercise in the open air there is also the Yorkshire Cancer Research Tour de Walkshire campaign, inviting people to walk, run or cycle and raise funds for the charity.

[https://join.yorkshirecancerresearch.org.uk/event/tour-de-walkshire\[1\]2021](https://join.yorkshirecancerresearch.org.uk/event/tour-de-walkshire[1]2021)

*LED Streetlights Programme - The replacement streetlights over 50,000. are all fitted with energy saving LED lamps. These lamps are greener, save energy and reduce our carbon footprint. Saving money of around £1.2million a year. The programme has been delivered 2 years earlier and around £5million under budget.

*Finally, the government led consultation on local government reorganisation in the county has now closed. The next stage is now for government to analyse NYCC's proposal for a single unitary council covering the county and the alternative proposal of splitting the county area into 2 councils on an East/West basis. The government will also have to consider all of the responses before finally coming to a conclusion. Probably July.

20.91 Members Forum

- 20.91.1 Mr & Mrs Foulds wished to thank & express their gratitude to all for the coming together of the village during the pandemic. This was echoed by all. Special thanks were expressed to Vince & Helen Taylor of the Fox & Hounds and to Jonathan & Victoria Jessop.
After 2 years without a vicar, a new one has been appointed & will join the Parish over the summer.
- 20.91.2 It was suggested that perhaps the PC could offer to pay for a sanitising unit for the Community Hall. **JJ**
- 20.91.3 JJ asked if the PC communicate effectively with the community through the Noticeboard & website. Agreed that a group email should be set up & tried. A leaflet drop to be organised requesting email addresses. **MH**
- 20.91.4 Mrs Deal expressed concern about pavement parking, blocking pavements to pedestrians. A polite notice to the village suggested 'Park considerately – remember pedestrians' **MH**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.36pm.

Date of the next Open Meeting to be held in May 2022.