

**ESKDALESIDE CUM UGGLEBARNBY
PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council
held on **Monday 8 January 2024 at 6.45pm, in Sleights Village Hall** pursuant to Summons

Present:

Councillor A Watson (Chairman) in the Chair, Councillors R Corner, A Harrison, J Parkin, P Perry, D Tate,
M Warner & S Willmington

Also present were V J Pitts (Clerk) and AngloAmerican representative

Prior to the start of the meeting the Public Session was held from 6.30-6.45pm:

- Planning Application ZF23/01988/HS – Clerk read out an email from a resident outlining objections to the application

Prior to the start of the meeting an update given from a representative of AngloAmerican regarding Woodsmith Mine Development: Update outlined construction, traffic management and community projects.

Action by

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & APPROVE IF REQUIRED

Cllr L Jones not present

2 TO IDENTIFY ANY ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION THAT MAY REQUIRE THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

a) None as no applications for Item 16/A/i

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Cllr AH for item 8/ii/b

4 POLICE MATTERS

i) To receive any reports from the Police:

a) No Police representative present. Report read out which included the removal of the Briggswath sign on the B1410, it was noted this had subsequently been found at Sandsend and Clerk to collect in due course

5 NYC UNITARY COUNCILLOR REPORT

To receive general update reports from Unitary Councillor representative and updates on relevant items detailed below from recent meetings and decide further action where necessary, with an opportunity for Cllrs to ask questions. The following issues were discussed and decided upon

1) To receive general update report from NYC Cllr C Pearson: Cllr C Pearson not present and no report provided.

6 MINUTES

To consider the accuracy of the Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council meeting held on 4 December 2023 for approval and signing: **RESOLVED** to approve and sign VJP

7 REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

VJP

To receive information on the following ongoing issues that required action at previous meetings and decide further action where necessary, if not detailed elsewhere on the agenda. Following issues were discussed and decided upon:

- i) Clerk to provide update on feedback from NYC reported issues: Clerk reported feedback as follows:
 - Change of speed limits A169/B1410 – Accident Investigation Team looking at what alterations can be done to improve situation
 - Damaged Sleights Village Sign, Blue Bank – Response previously provided, link given to claim form

- Littlebeck – water run off from moor: Outlined previous works and advised further drainage maintenance works ordered for the bank from the unmetalled section down to the ford including offsets, ditches, gullies, drains
- Winter Gritting:
 - Gritting route amendments: requests not successful, including Lowdale Lane/Birch Avenue, as deemed residential streets
 - Lowdale Lane Grit Bins: contractor to look at frozen/solidified grit
 - The Avenue/Coach Road Grit Bin: to be used at junction and not for use at other locations
 - The Avenue on winter gritting route: to be considered at next review, but recommendation will not be to include as residential street
 - Ugglebarnby Lane/Iburndale Lane poor gritting: secondary (P2) routes will be treated after treatment of P1 routes completed
 - A169/A171 blocked due to snow and lack of snow plough/gritting: NYC only have 8 gritters for the whole network in the old SBC area. Salt spread on highway will not disperse snow, needs traffic to facilitate chemical reaction. A169/A171 key route, but also have demands from other parts of the network. Treatments based on specialist weather forecasts and not in response to individual accidents
 - Highways Dept has budgets to work within, suggested improvements would require significant increases in winter service budget
- A169 New Bridge deterioration: Works completed to depressed area 19/10/23
- The Avenue, deterioration: Inspected and no intervention level potholes found, noted road cracked, crazed, rutted due to parked vehicles causing concentration to one side. Snr Engineer assessing area and will try to see if funding available for repairs
- Top of Carr Hill Lane: Initial response that no significant issues observed. Subsequent to developments and further assessment, confirmed mud on road taken seriously and flood risk team involved
- Blue Bank Sleights maintenance of weeds/litter: Cannot expose workforce to undue risk and no work needs doing at this time
- Lowdale Lane/Coach Road junction parking: Cannot carry out alterations to existing traffic regulations at this current time
- Ugglebarnby Low Lane water run off: Works order placed for manhole repairs, contractors been on site but further work to be completed
- Speed Limit Changes: Still working through new speed management strategy
- Sleights Car Park (nr Salmon Leap): Works order made to remove redundant street poles, new sandbag store in situ

RESOLVED to ask NYC to consider a public awareness campaign on winter gritting policy and constrictions. RESOLVED to include an article in the PC newsletter alongside gritting map link

- ii) Clerk to provide update on feedback from WTC on proposed A171 footpath Four Lane Ends to Stable Roundabout: Clerk reported no feedback received

8 PLANNING MATTERS

The following issues were discussed and decided upon

i) NYMNPA

- a) NYM/2023/0784 Underhill Cottage, Blue Bank, Sleights – construction of first floor rear extension with balcony (revised scheme following refusal NYM/2023/0276): RESOLVED No Objection VJP
- b) Note NYMNPA has adopted its Dark Skies Supplementary Planning Document (available <https://www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/planning/policy/supplementary-planning-documents>): Noted

ii) NYC

- a) ZF23/01750/HS 9 Ridge Lane Briggswath, Whitby – installation of pitch roof to front dormer window: RESOLVED No Objection VJP
- b) ZF23/01988/HS 17 Orchard Road Sleights – erection of part two storey, part single storey extension to side and rear: Resolved to Object on the following grounds: VJP

- 1) Ridge line should be stepped down to reduce impact of extension on adjacent house and original building - current application shows same height
- 2) Should be reassessment of extension windows that overlook neighbouring property
- 3) Consider stability of site for such a large extension
- 4) Concerns regarding current use as holiday let due to reports of larger groups being accommodated than should be in current 2 bedroom property, concerns by locals have been expressed regarding noise issues as well. Furthermore, there should be an assessment of current holiday let use due to the substantial summerhouse in the garden that is understood could be currently used for sleeping accommodation.

iii) WOODS/MITH PROJECT (AngloAmerican (AA))

- a) To consider any issues in respect of mining activities that impact the parish and decide on actions to be taken: No comments
- b) Skills4WorkS4W Team:
 - i) Cllr DT to update on works undertaken/to be undertaken, and decide further action if required: Noted Gibsons wall painting and Briggswath bus shelter to be completed, Clerk arranged for station noticeboard to be repaired due to leakage issues VJP
 - ii) To discuss/decide on any future works to be given to the team to undertake: Noted Clerk to arrange for S4W to replace Briggswath Village Sign once collected VJP

9 YOUTH ADVISOR

Following issues were discussed and decided upon:

- a) To receive update on appointment of a Youth Advisor to Parish Council starting Autumn 2023: Clerk advised no feedback received yet VJP

10 FINANCE

Following issues were discussed and decided upon:

- i) Payment Schedule
 - a) To receive the payment schedule and approve payment of the invoices detailed: RESOLVED to approve VJP
- ii) Cllr AH request to include the following item for discussion & decision: The Parish Council to identify a project for the benefit of the whole Parish to utilise monies in the event of any potential underspend against Model Agreement Funding in 2024/25 financial year: RESOLVED for Cllrs to bring ideas for discussion at April meeting Cllrs/VJP
- iii) Cllr AH request to include the following item for discussion & decision: The Parish Council to identify and develop a project for the benefit of the whole Parish and, once and if identified, to build up funds against this identified item over an agreed period of time by increasing the precept incrementally each year commencing financial year 2025/2026: RESOLVED for Cllrs to bring ideas for discussion at April meeting Cllrs/VJP

11 PARISH MAINTENANCE

Following issues were discussed and decided upon:

1. Public Conveniences, Eskdaleside (VJP)
 - a) To receive information on any maintenance or other issues and decide further action if required:
 - i) RESOLVED to undertake adjustments to storage door as currently sticking
 - ii) Noted sealant around toilets replaced by S4W team
 - b) Gents Toilet Roll Lock – to receive update from Cllr DT: Completed
 - c) Self Employed Cleaner – to receive update on reappointment of replacement: Noted new contractor “Maid in Sleights” commenced weekend of 16th December 2023, with a charge of £17 per hour
 - d) Noted notified 16/12/23 by electrician contractor undertaken periodic Emergency Light Test and PAT of kettle – awaiting paperwork
2. Maintenance/Repairs to Assets – update and to decide any further actions
 - a) Village Pump maintenance requirements
 - i) on hold until proposal/costs received from Cllr DT for consideration by the parish council

- ii) Plaque quotes – on hold until refurbishment undertaken
- b) To receive report from Cllr DT at January 2024 meeting regarding maintenance to Christmas Light electric box: Cllr DT provided update but full report and costings to be given in due course for PC decision
- c) To receive update from Cllr DT on Sleights Station Noticeboard Lock repairs: Noted lock repairs completed
- 3. Monitoring of Footpaths:
 - i) To receive report from Cllr DT or the Clerk on any issues relating to footpaths within the parish boundary and to decide if any action to take: Noted fallen tree on Whin Green to Iburndale route removed by landowner
 - ii) To receive update from NYMNPA on PC's Priority Route" proposal, if received: Noted no further update provided
- 4. NYC/Highways Issues to consider and decide any further actions required:
 - i) To note as individuals, Cllrs can raise issues direct with NYCC Highways without having to go through the parish council or the Clerk - but cannot act or make decisions on behalf of the parish council
 - ii) To receive highway issues from Cllrs and to decide if any action to take
 - a) RESOLVED to report broken bollard outside Spar Shop
 - b) Noted temporary failure of pedestrian crossing lights on Coach Road
 - c) RESOLVED to report rotten "The Carrs" street sign
- 5. Coronation HRH King Charles III – to consider and decide on following:
 - a) Hornbeam Plaque – design/wording: Noted work in progress
 - b) Commemorative Seat –
 - i) to receive update from NYMNPA on siting seat at Blue Bank Car Park: noted delayed by weather, details to be confirmed
- 6. Beacon Lighting 6th June 2024 9.15pm
 - i) To discuss any updates on event and decide further action: no further updates

12 PARISH PLAN 2020-2025 & 2025-2030

The following was reviewed and decided as follows:

- a) 2020-2025 Annual Review Report – to be undertaken and reported at June 2024: Noted WGP

13 PARISH POLICIES

The following was reviewed and decided as follows:

- i) To review and approve Biodiversity Policy: RESOLVED to approve VJP

14 COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Following issues considered and further action/decisions decided as follows:

- i) Anglo American Liaison Group Forum – Littlebeck Village Hall Tues 30/1/24 at 3pm: to decide who to attend and any issues to raise: RESOLVED Cllr AW to attend, no issues to raise AW

15 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and decisions made as follows:

- (i) For Decision:
 - a) None
- (ii) For Information only (not for discussion/decision)
 - a) To note general correspondence circulated to Cllrs by email.
 - b) To note general updates from YLCA circulated to Cllrs by email.
 - c) To note information received from NYC and circulated to Cllrs by email
 - d) FOI Resident Complaint NYC Gritting Birch Grove/Ingham Close – sent to NYC CEO and Cllr Clive Pearson and circulated copy to Cllrs, noted apology received from NYC
 - e) FOI Flooding Linden Close – provided copy of 2013 report and advised on reported issues to NYC, circulated copy to Cllrs
 - f) The Clerk has received contact by residents/Cllrs/contractors on the following issues and responded accordingly and/or reported to the relevant authority under delegated powers
 - i) NYC Birch Grove/Ingham Close Gritting – responded and forwarded to NYC

- ii) Car Park adj Salmon Leap – redundant street furniture, rotten sandbag store, tree – forwarded to NYC for resolution

16 COOPTION OF COUNCILLOR

VJP

The following was reviewed and decided as follows:

- A) Deadline for applications was the 31 December 2023: noted no applications received
Members of public and press to leave the room
- i) To consider applications received for co-option to fill the two existing vacancies for office of parish councillor: not applicable
Members of public and press to return to the room
- ii) To vote on who to co-opt to the office of parish councillor: not applicable
- iii) Upon co-option the Cllr to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, if present, if not present to decide when the Declaration should be signed to validate the co-option: not applicable
- iv) To note positions not filled will be re-advertised: Noted
- B) To note that following resignation of Cllr M Gregory on 21/12/2023, a Casual Vacancy has arisen. Noted if an Election is not called by electors by the 22/1/24 then this will progress to Cooption.

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

- i) RESOLVED The parish council meetings will be as follows, subject to COVID19 regulations, and as per the meeting schedule agreed: VJP
- Monday 5 February 2024 6.30pm—Joyce Sargeant Room, Sleights Village Hall
- Monday 4 March 2024 6.30pm—Joyce Sargeant Room, Sleights Village Hall
- Monday 8 April 2024 6.30pm-7.00pm for the Annual Parish Meeting with speaker to be confirmed followed at 7.00pm for the ordinary Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council Meeting— JS Room Sleights Village Hall—NO PUBLIC SESSION
- Monday 13 May 2024 6.30pm for the Annual Meeting of the Council, followed immediately by the ordinary Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council Meeting, —Joyce Sargeant Room, Sleights Village Hall —NO PUBLIC SESSION

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Meeting finished at 8.00pm

Chairman:

Dated: