

Monk Fryston Parish Council

NOTICE OF MEETING

I hereby give notice that a meeting of the Parish Council of the above-named Parish will be held remotely via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 15 July 2020 at 7.30pm.

All members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted at the meeting. Dated this 9th July 2020

AGENDA

Item		Lead
1	To receive apologies for absence	
2	To receive declarations of interest	
3	Confirmation of Minutes	
	a To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 June 2020	
4	Residents Issues (15mins allocated to receive residents representations to the Council)	
5	Planning	Chair
	1) To agree consultation responses to the following planning proposals: a Erection of a livestock building with associated infrastructure (building 1 of 2), Land Off, Lowfield Road, Hillam b Erection of a livestock building with associated infrastructure (building 2 of 2), Land Off, Lowfield Road, Hillam c Part-retrospective application for engineering operations to allow the installation of a tennis court with associated boundary treatments and landscaping (resubmission application), 118 Main Street, Monk Fryston, Leeds d Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and construction of 5 No. dwellings, The Bungalow, 31 Lumby Hill, Monk Fryston e Installation and operation of 11no. 4.5MW gas engines and ancillary development on land, Sub Station, Rawfield Lane, Fairburn 2) Decision notices received a Proposed single storey side extension to detached dwelling house to provide utility room and play room at 7 Abbeystone Gardens, Monk Fryston - permitted b Proposed erection of a 2 storey rear extension to provide a larger kitchen, new bedroom with en-suite at 18 Hillcrest, Monk Fryston - permitted c Proposed dropped kerb at 4 The Meadows, Monk Fryston - permitted	
6	Finances	Clerk
	a Authorised payments since last meeting: 1 Clerks SO salary payment (£290) 2 YLCA membership fee (cheque 1196 - £313)	

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	3 HMRC paye payment (cheque 1197 - £206)	
b	Current Account	
	Current Account Statement to 1 July 2020	N/A
	Previous Balance	N/A
	Cash received	N/A
	Cheques issued and cleared	N/A
	Cheques not cleared	N/A
	Cash available when all cheques cleared	N/A
c	Savings Accounts	
	Yorkshire Bank	£43,113.00
d	Skipton BS	£72,109.91
	Nationwide BS	£70,322.32
d	Future Commitments / Income	
	Liabilities as set out in Balance Sheet schedule	(-) £6242.50
	Creditors	(+) £257.75
	Total Commitments (-) / Income (+)	(-) £5984.75
e	Cash Book	
	Cash Book Balance at 9 July 2020	£11991.67
f	Current Account / Cash Book Reconciliation	
	N/A	
g	Expenditure / Budget comparison	
	The comparative expenditure through to the end of June was £5953.28 against a forecast of £6380.	
h	Audit Control	
	Councillors to confirm that they are satisfied that the above demonstrates that the PC is maintaining an effective system of audit and control including taking account of commitments and liabilities as required by the annual audit.	
7	Clerks Update	Clerk
	a The bus shelter in front of the Surgery has been re-installed	
	b The Annual Return has been sent to the external auditors	
	c The invoicing issue with Npower has been resolved satisfactorily	
	d All the Summer planting has been completed by the PC's planting contractor	
8	Motions (<i>in bold italic</i>)	Various
	a <i>To make payments in accordance with payments schedule</i> (issued under separate cover)	Cllr BH
	b <i>To request North Yorkshire County Council to reinstate fully the registered footpath that runs from Lumby Lane to Cass Lane South Milford</i>	Cllr BH
	c <i>To put a bid in under the Police Commissioners AJ1 fund for 2 permanent VAS signs and delegate completion of the application to Cllrs Holmes and Woodhall</i>	Cllr BH
	d <i>To appoint 2 members to the newsletter group in line with the Councils newsletter policy.</i> This was omitted from appointments at the Annual Parish Council meeting	Cllr BH

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	e To purchase a replacement sign for the gateway sign at the East end of the village. Estimated cost circa £180	Cllr SS
	f To agree the content of the draft Newsletter. Issued under separate cover	Cllr SW
	g To identify any items requiring repair and / or maintenance	Cllr BH
9	Discussion Items	
	a Residents issues received under item 4	Cllr BH
	b Removal of the redundant electricity meter at Chestnut Green	Cllr BH
	c Disposal of the land adjacent to 7 Chestnut Green	Cllr NS
10	Updates	Various
	a Burial Committee.	Cllr SS
	b Safer Roads Partnership	Cllr RB
	c Village Decoration	Cllr SS
	d Lumby Lane cycle / footway initiative	Cllr BH
	e Footpath adjacent to Community Centre.	Cllr BH
	f Projects Working Party	Cllr BH
	g Registered Footpaths	Cllr SW
	h Mount possessory title	Clerk
	i The Crown community asset application	Cllr BH
11	Correspondence	
	POST IN	
	a Nationwide BS notice of terms and conditions	
	b Npower notice of legal proceedings (2 notices)	
	c Yorkshire Bank FSCS information	
	d Npower credit notes (x2)	
	POST OUT	
	a HMRC payment	
	b YLCA Annual membership payment	
12	Items For Next Meeting	All
	a Items to be with Clerk before 11th August for next meeting on 19th August	

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS		Meeting 15 July 2020			
Payee	Invoice No	Amount	Vat	Item	Cheque
Monk Fryston PCC	n/a	50.00	n/a	Church hall room hire	1198
Maypole Manufacturing Ltd	2204	2652.00	incl	Repair of bus shelter	1199
Total		£2,702.00			

MONK FRYSTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS LETTER

AUGUST 2020



Welcome to the first Parish Council newsletter since we were hit by Covid 19. Like many organisations the Parish Council has had to find a new way of working since lockdown was imposed in March. Thanks to the internet, the Council and its sub committees have continued to meet monthly and it has been business as usual. Monk Fryston Parish Council has always been as open and transparent in its communications as possible and by posting agendas publishing meeting minutes, holding open monthly meetings and conducting surveys, councillors are aware of the responsibility and accountability to the village they serves. Resident issues form a regular feature at every monthly agenda and queries and feedback are encouraged either by corresponding directly to the Clerk to the Council or individual Councillors by e-mail, Royal Mail or the free mail box placed outside the Post Office. This newsletter was established a few years ago to open up a further means of communication between Council and residents and contact details are included in this edition. If you would like your comments to be included in the next newsletter please get in touch.

ON behalf of Monk Fryston Parish Council a big thank you to all key workers, support staff and residents who continue to help this village through these extraordinary times

FRYSTON COMMON LANE



In this edition

Footpath update

A locals view

The Countryside Code

Safer Roads Partnership

How the Village coped

Council A1J application

Road Safety Group A1J application

From the Community Centre

What we have missed so far

Future events

Reports from Council Sub groups

Planting committee

Projects group

Burial board

Footpaths

The October issue of this newsletter reported on the Councils response to the 2026 Government deadline to record any changes needed to the Definitive Maps of England. Three sites of concern were identified by NYCC and information involving the collection of up to twenty witness statements, identifying concerns was collected by this council and forwarded to the Footpaths Officer at County Hall. We await progress on these and are in constant touch. Council is particularly concerned with the footpath between Water Lane and the A63 known as Church lane, after residents complained of its safety. Persistent representation at District and County level by the Council to prove ownership and thereby afford repair have proved fruitless and the Council is pursuing legal action on the matter and possible arbitration.

With NYCC the Council is also looking into complaints of conflict centred around a public footpath running from Ingthorpe Lane to South Milford. This matter is ongoing and resolution satisfactory to all parties appears close.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE COUNTRY SIDE CODE : RESPECT , PROTECT AND ENJOY

- Be safe, plan ahead and follow signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Contact the Local Authority if you see a sign which may be misleading or illegal
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under control, farmers by law entitled to destroy any dog which injures /worries other animals
- Clean up after your dog and dispose of mess responsibly
- Consider and respect the needs of local people and other users

Gift from Ancient times

From long ago and days gone by, way back through mists of time

The ways once walked by shoeless feet, are paths now yours and mine.

They weave across these sceptred isles, from high and windy moors

Through forests, across streams, to way down on valley floors:

Noble and serf, sinner and Saint would all by these ways pass

Farmers to their daily work and the faithful to their Mass.

High and low, lawless and meek, both master and hired hand

Even Richards bold crusaders, back from Holy Land;

Walked and worn for centuries and now passed into our care,

So it is our duty to ensure that they are always there.

From Romans and the Saxons, the Normans, Celts and Danes

Our footpaths and our bridleways and our green and ancient lanes:

There is a danger in in these modern times from and apathy and neglect

For the culture of our forebears ; or a lack of clear respect.

So use them and revere them for if they should be lost

It will be those who follow after us who will surely count the cost

Thanks to a local Farmer whose family have lived here for generaions.....and Poppy



ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Much of the activity of the group has been put on hold due to the Covid – 19 Lockdown. A community speed watch group has been formed and will re-commence speeding checks once safe to do so. If any one is interested in joining the group please get in touch. A survey by highways revealed speeding through the village continues and the decision by them not to reinstate a school crossing patrol is being challenged. A meeting due to be held in March between a representative of Conservative MP Nigel Adams is waiting a reschedule. The volume of traffic on main street continues to be the main concern in the village and this has only been made worse by the closure of the A19 which looks to remain in place for some time.

While progress of the group has slowed due to the onset of the Pandemic the group is still working very hard to get improvements made to the traffic issues.

AJ1 PROJECT

An opportunity to apply for funding has come to the attention of the Parish Council. AJ1 was the first registration number plate to be issued in North Yorkshire when plates were introduced in 1903. It was used on the car of the then Chief Constable of NY and has now been sold. As a result 190.085 has been set aside to fund the work of community organisations to improve road safety across North Yorkshire. It is a one off funding application and this village is to put in two applications.

THE PARISH COUNCIL

Is bidding for monies to purchase two Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)



which will inform through traffic of their speed approaching the village

SAFER ROADS PARTNERSHIP

will apply for up to 2000 for speed cameras to prosecute drivers failing to adhere to the speed limit.



A MESSAGE FROM RAY NEWTON AND THE TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

At the time of preparing this article, the Pubs have just reopened but, unfortunately, started to close again! City and Regional lockdowns are taking place in our country and around the world.

It is against this backdrop that, the Community Association Trustees are hoping that by now, in August, the first steps to re-open the Village Playground and Community Centre will have been taken in as Covid safe manner as possible.

No doubt if you have used the Playground you will have seen things have changed. A new, hopefully temporary, wide entrance has been created and together with the Heras Fence screen, the Playground is now a separate, segregated and detached from the Community Centre. These measures are intended to minimise the potential personal cross – overs which occur when people are visiting either the Playground or Community Centre. We have purposely left the entrance open, as we have the main double gates. This is to remove a frequently used touch point.

With these changes come added dangers and personal responsibilities.

No gates mean that parents must take full responsibility for their children, to ensure they do not wander or run off into the paths of cars. We cannot possibly ensure we keep the playground Covid free, but what we have done is limit the number the people using the equipment so that social distancing can take place to everyone's benefit and security. Sadly, we have removed the picnic tables and placed them elsewhere so that everyone can still enjoy an alfresco snack at our village oasis. Finally, we have put notices up to remind people about how we would like everyone to use the facility, along with other Government advice about the measures we all should be taking to ensure our personal safety.

Everyone has a part to play in making the Playground reopening successful. It will require a good deal of common sense, courtesy and an awareness in taking responsibility for yours and other people's safety

The Community Centre has also reopened , mainly to provide ,what is now regarded as almost essential service for working parents, i.e. a Children's Summer Holiday Club. We do not envisage the centre will reopen fully until September when Schools restart . The trustees are planning to meet in late August to appraise the situation and take into account any Government guidelines. At present we and users will have to operate differently.

It may be necessary to introduce a one way system for entry and exit, requesting everyone to use a hand sanitiser on entering the centre, removing all non essential and little used items to minimise cleaning requirements , providing extra time between users to minimise congestion and personal crossovers into and out of the car park and centre, and how many people can use the toilets at the same time. This means the car park layout will change and the number of car parking spaces reduce. We will be discussing with all user group leaders how they plan to operate in a Covid safe manner. This is a taste of the 'new normal'

However despite everything you have just read what we really want to do is to continue to provide and operate our very successful Community Centre for all our residents BUT it will not be the same as before.....

But then is anything

THANK YOU AND KEEP SAFE

The Village response to Covid 19

FROM THE VILLAGE STORES

For Kevin and Faye the gravity of the situation hit home as they entered Lockdown in March .Classed by the Government as an essential service their primary concern was the safety of staff and customers as they continued to trade in what was rapidly becoming a very serious situation. Perspex screens were hurriedly erected to enclose the P.O. and retail counters, gloves and antiviral disinfectants were purchased and seven staff furloughed.

The number of customers entering the shop at any one time was limited and a queuing system out side was introduced to comply with distancing laws. For the most vulnerable in our community a FREE home delivery service within a five mile radius proved very popular as well as a “click and collect” pre-ordering service. Visits to wholesalers revealed a scarcity of essential commodities and the purchasing power of the small independent retailer was became increasingly difficult in face of competition from larger retail chains. Sourcing alternative suppliers of medicines, paper/tinned goods cleaning products and cereals proved challenging.

On the PO side there was a huge surge in the processing of parcels as people resorted to internet shopping and selling. Strict sanitising procedures introduced has prevented the quarantining of mail .

Of the five remaining staff Kevin and Faye have declared how much they are appreciated. On behalf of the Parish Council grateful thanks extends to all of you.

Response cont

Berts barrow?

CONTATING THE COUNCIL

REPORT FROM COUNCILS SUBGROUPS

Planting and Decorations Committee

BLOOMING GORGEOUS You may have noticed that all the planters around our village have now been planted. The Parish Council employed First Impressions of Ackworth to carry out the planting this Summer as they also maintain there work on a regular basis and more importantly carry out watering every week. As you will appreciate it has been really difficult for volunteers to keep up to all the watering that is required during long dry spells.

The Village Planting and decorations committee of the council consists of three councillors and three members from the village. Meetings are held three times a year to arrange plans for the year. At the moment there is room for one more non council member, please contact the clerk to the council if interested.

projects Group

Established last year the projects Group continues to explore the best way to determine assets gained from the sale of council land to the benefit of all in the community. A questionnaire included in October edition of this newsletter received poor response but some plans have been formulated and the council is trying to move forward. Negotiations are still taking place with involved parties regarding the possibility of a footpath/cycle way between Fryston and South Milford.

An overwhelming response of a questionnaire (600 signatures) against the introduction of parking restrictions to alleviate congestion in the square resulted in the application being refused last year by NYCC to implement Yellow lines. The Council continues to monitor the long term parking situation outside the windows of the two cottages.

Projects group cont.

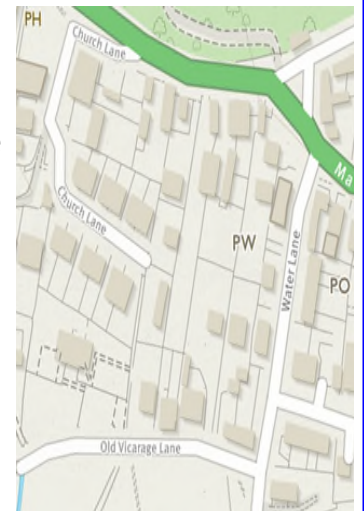
This may result in applying for a restricted waiting time at the places mentioned. The council is also exploring the possibility of establishing a car park central to the village, available to all motorists.

All subjective comments on these proposals would be welcome by the council to help resolve a very difficult issue.

Church Lane footpath

The Parish council has been aware for some time of the poor state of the footpath that runs from Old Vicarage Lane to Church Lane. Council view is that it should be maintained by the Highways department of North Yorkshire County Council

The 1835 Highways act deemed that any highway in existence before the act was maintainable by the *Public at Large* putting responsibility squarely on the shoulder of the surveyors of highways, the modern equivalent of which is *County Highways Department*. Maps in possession of Council show Lane prior to 1895 and conclude that responsibility and maintenance lies with County Highways, a claim Highways are disputing for lack of evidence.



We are asking for the help of the Public in pursuing this matter. Parish Council is aware of three people who have sustained injury on this footpath and this is unacceptable, repair of the footpath is needed to prevent further injuries. If any resident has sustained any injury in the past or is unfortunate to occur of any future injury please contact the parish council as soon as possible. It may be the only way to determine the outcome of this conflict lies in the courts.

