

Minutes of Marton Cum Grafton Parish Council Ordinary Meeting

Date Held: Thursday 4th January 2024

Present: Mr R Shepherd (RS) Chair, Vice Chair; Mrs C Sanderson-Lewis (CS-L) Mr T Cole (TC), Cllr Arnold Warneken (AW)

Apologies: Mr A Robinson (AR), Mr P Gill (PG), Ms J Baldanza (JB) Clerk

Resident attendance 9

Agenda Point	Subject	Action
1. Note Apologies	Mr A Robinson (AR), Mr P Gill (PG), Ms J Baldanza (JB) Clerk	
2. Declarations of interest	None	
3. Minutes 12 th Dec 2023	<p>Minutes agreed and Signed</p> <p>The meeting opened with a reading of the minutes from the corresponding Parish Council meeting 120 years ago in January 1904;</p> <p><i>'The Chairman opened the meeting and asked if the gentlemen present had anything to propose and they said No, and the meeting closed with a 'Happy New Year'</i></p>	
4. Area /County Issues	<p><u>4. County</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AW stated that with the wet weather, flooding remained a problem not just within the Ouseburn Division but throughout the county. The one persistent area of concern locally was Cattal Bridge and communication with residents as to its operational status needed to be improved and not solely reliant upon residents Facebook posts. • In terms of Rougham Farm a meeting the following day is scheduled in immediate proximity to the site, between AW and the Enforcement Officer with a view to achieving a tangible outcome. The Planning Department at NYCC is still 3.5 solicitors short of full strength and this continues to hamper progress with planning and particularly enforcement. TC interjected to ask whether the cost savings resulting from this under resource could be used to task external solicitors with some of the enforcement work and help clear the backlog. AW to report back. • AW stated he would look to facilitate a meeting between the PC and the Northern Energy HQ construction/planning team to discuss the impact to the village in terms of lighting, landscaping and future operations with a view to mitigating the impact on the Parish. • AW was concerned about the possibility of NYCC undertaking the Compulsory Purchase of land for the proposed Cattal/Green Hammerton development as it was unclear where the funds for this could be raised from, particularly in light of the projected funding shortfall at the council and the inherent financial risk associated with such a venture which could fall on the shoulders of council taxpayers • AW is looking to provide the village with some blue recycling bags which have replaced the plastic ones. He mentioned that these can also be used in place of the black plastic boxes. 	AW

<p>5. Playing Fields and Woodlands</p>	<p>Domestic food waste recycling was also discussed – NYCC are currently looking into this area but it appears to be a slow process with an introductory date of 2034</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A third quote for the upgrading of the initial portion of the playing fields track is to be sourced next week with another contractor undertaking a site visit 	
<p>6- Village Shop</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A suitably qualified electrician has been booked in to survey the electricity supply for the shop in order to satisfy the shop insurers 	<p>TC</p>
<p>7- Village Hall</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report 	
<p>8 – Planning</p>	<p>The following planning applications and decisions were read and noted, other comments raised in blue.</p> <p>a) APPLICATION NO: 6.71.96.C.TPO ZC23/03961/TPO</p> <p>PROPOSAL:</p> <p>4no. Beech Trees (G1) fell and remove. 6no. Beech Trees (G2) fell and remove. Crown lift 1no. Beech Tree (G3) to 4.5m. Crown lift 1no. Beech Tree (G3) to 3m. 1no. Beech Tree (G3) fell and remove. Crown lift 1no. Sycamore Tree (G4) to 5m. 2no. Sycamore Trees (G4) fell and remove. Crown lift 1no. Beech Tree (G5) to 4m. Crown lift 1no. Sycamore Tree (G5) to 3.5m. Crown lift 1no. Sycamore Tree (G5) to 4.5m. 3no. Sycamore Trees (G5) fell and remove. Remove lowest 2no. branches to 1no. Sycamore Tree (G6). 4no. Sycamore Trees (G6) fell and remove. Prune branch at 4m to 1no. Sycamore Tree (G6). 1no. Larch Tree (G6) fell and remove. 3no. Sycamore Trees (G7) fell and remove. 1no. Sycamore Tree (G7) cut ivy and basal shoots, crown lift on west, remove the 2no. branches above the lowest branch, lateral reduction by 2-3 metres. 4no. Beech Trees (G8) fell and remove. 1no. Larch Tree (G8) fell and remove. 1no. Ash Tree (G8) fell and remove, within Tree Preservation Order 21/2018.</p> <p>LOCATION:</p> <p>Prospect Farm Thorny Hill Lane Marton Cum Grafton York North Yorkshire YO51 9QJ</p> <p>PUBLIC ACCESS:</p>	

<https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S3CHT2HYICS00>

Further to my notification on the above to the Parish Council I write to inform you that this application has now been **WITHDRAWN**.

Decisions

a) Decision No ZC23/03915/FUL

PROPOSAL: Proposed extensions and replacement garage

LOCATION: Limebar House Limebar Lane Marton Cum Grafton York North Yorkshire YO51 9QH

APPLICANT: Mr Adam Ellis

North Yorkshire Council being the Local Planning Authority for the purposes of the application received on 25 October 2023 for Full Planning Permission, as described above, have resolved to

GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.

b) Decision No ZC23/02483/FUL

PROPOSAL: Demolition of Applegarth bungalow (approved for office use). Change of use and erection of vehicular workshop building and creation of new access.

LOCATION: Applegarth Limebar Lane Marton Cum Grafton York North Yorkshire YO51 9QQ

North Yorkshire Council being the Local Planning Authority for the purposes of the application received on 16 August 2023 for Full Planning Permission, as described above, have resolved to

GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

Planning action points -follow up from previous meeting

1. Garage Lease and Land Registry – [No update](#)
2. Appeal for planning at Chapel Fields – [No update](#)
3. Asphalt Plant

The meeting was joined and updated by Michael Helmsley who is leading the campaign to object to the proposed Asphalt Plant

- He has commissioned an Ancient Woodland report for the land adjoining the proposed site, this has identified 5 notable trees and a veteran tree

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is utilising Freedom of Information Act to make NYCC release various documents relating to the proposal • The Sound Survey commissioned by the developers was sub-standard, as such a detailed survey has been commissioned, this will also include readings from existing Asphalt plants operated by the applicant • A survey for contaminants is also being undertaken • It was suggested the Parish Council submit a document to NYCC in conjunction with all the other Parish Councils that have the A168 within their area. This document would state the type of development the respective Parish Councils believe should not be approved • Public objections now stand just shy of 11,000 • Looking to appoint a specialist planning consultant to assist the campaign <p>Enforcement: Updates on going</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land on Gallabar Lane – possible resident use- on going • Land back of Punch Bowl and left vehicles- on going • Priestcarr Lodge- Pheasant Sheds- Breach of condition 7 ongoing • Rougham Farm- See point in County Issues 	
9 – Financial Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of recent payments/receipts, current financial position – To be shared at next meeting 	
10 – Any other business, items for next meeting and on-going items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graveyard Extension – A water table survey to be undertaken in the Spring • Clerk Role vacancy - Representations are being made to fill this role although volunteers are encouraged to come forward • Councilor vacancy – An announcement will be made shortly • Proposed purchase of a strimmer for work in the woodland and graveyard – quotes at next meeting <p>Date of Next Meeting: next meeting – Thursday Feb 1st, 2024 at 7.30PM in the memorial Hall, Marton.</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>RS</p> <p>RS</p>

Signed: Dated: