

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LOWER WASHBURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 12 JANUARY 2023 HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS AT LEATHLEY.**

**Present:** Mrs. P. Armstrong, Mr. N. Houseman, Mr. W. Keighley, Mr. J. Liddle, Mr. D. Portlock, Mr. J. Smith, Mrs K. Templeton, Mrs. L. Woledge, Mr. A. Wood

**Also in attendance:** County Councillor Nathan Hull,  
The Clerk and 1 member of the public

Mr. J. Smith took the chair for this meeting.

**1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

D.C. Victoria Oldham, Mr. D. Holmes, Mr. J. Buxton

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 10 NOVEMBER 2022**

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Councillor Mr. Portlock and seconded by Councillor Mr. N. Houseman and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish meeting held on the 10 November 2022 circulated previously were a true record. The minutes were signed by the chair.

**3. CLERK'S REPORT**

a) Telephone box in Braythorne – following a recommendation by Mr. Houldsworth I have contacted a Mr. Burgess for an estimate of what he would charge to refurbish the kiosk at Stainburn.

**4. LARGE VEHICLES CAUSING ROAD BLOCKAGES AND DAMAGE IN THE PARISH.**

Large commercial vehicles have caused serious traffic problems in the Lindley area getting stuck in the narrow lanes and churning up the verges. It seems that the delivery firms send large vehicles to save on costs.

**5. NORTH YORKSHIRE – 20s PLENTY – (speed limit)**

Councillor Hull informed the meeting that NY Police were not in favour of reducing speed limits to 20mph as it was felt it would be unenforceable. Some parishes have applied for the speed reduction but the legal requirements have to be met. Mrs. Woledge raised the situation with the Riverside estate which she felt should have a 20mph limit the same as the Leeds estate across the road.

RESOLVED that the 20mph for the Riverside Estate be referred to Councillor Hull for consideration at the County council and the wider issue of introducing 20mph areas in the parish be carried forward to a future meeting.

**6. CASTLEY DRAINAGE PROBLEMS**

A possible blocked culvert under the road at Castley is causing excess water to run onto the road causing a danger to traffic.

RESOLVED that this issue be reported to NYCC Highways.

**7. PARISH CARETAKER**

Mr. Walsh worked 15 hours in November.

RESOLVED that this be noted

**8. PLANNING**

**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

a) Mr. P. Martin, 14 Riverside Crescent, Farnley - Erection of a first-floor extension over existing porch. The parish council had no objections

b) Mr. D. Christie, Bumble Bee Cottage, 8 Castley hall, Barns, Castley - Change of use of dwelling (C3) to mixed use residential dwelling and short-term holiday let accommodation.

The Parish Council objected to this because: -

1. Castley is a small, quiet community. It comprises residential dwelling houses and a few farms. There is no pub or shop.
2. There is only light traffic through Castley, no rush hour traffic because it by-passes via the main road between Pool-in-Wharfedale and Huby.
3. Castley Hall Barns comprises of 9 cottages near the centre of which is Bumble Bee Cottage.
4. In the last year or so the peace and quiet of Castley and in particular of Castley Hall Barns has sometimes been disrupted by the unsocial behaviour of some of the tenants of the Bumble Bee Cottage.
5. Some of this unsocial behaviour is well documented by the four letters of objection from four Castley residents already on this HBC planning file.
6. The applicant states restrictions and rules will be placed on future lets. But who will police these restrictions? The residents fear their peaceful occupation of Castley will continue from time to time to be disturbed by the unsocial behaviour of some future tenants if planning permission is granted for short term holiday lets.
7. The granting of planning permission for short term holiday lets would be setting an unwelcome precedent, and would be detrimental to the peaceful environment of the other residents of Castley and Castley Hall Barns.
8. The parish council supports the residents of Castley in objecting to this planning application. Retrospective permission should not be granted.

#### **APPLICATIONS GRANTED**

- a) Mr. Mrs. K. Czajka, Riffa Manor Bungalow, Harrogate Road, Leathley - Works to provide additional storey including increase in eaves and ridge height, alterations to fenestration, erection of 3no. dormer windows and installation of 2no rooflights. Planning permission has been granted subject to the development hereby permitted shall be begun on or before 23.11.2025.
- b) Mr. Mrs. Kelshaw, Well Cottage, 3 Castley Hall Barns, Castley Lane, Castley PROPOSAL: Timber orangery. Planning permission has been granted subject to the development hereby permitted shall be begun on or before 24.11.2025.
- c) Mr. P. Martin, 14 Riverside Crescent, Farnley -: Erection of a first-floor extension over existing porch. LOCATION: 14 Riverside Crescent Farnley North Yorkshire LS21 2RS Planning permission has been granted - 1 The development hereby permitted shall be begun on or before 06.01.2025

#### **APPLICATIONS REFUSED -**

- a) A. Atkinson Livestock Ltd, land comprising Field At 423229 447815 Leathley Lane Leathley North Yorkshire – erection of agricultural building. Planning permission has been refused. The reasons for the decision are as follows: 1 By virtue of the scale and siting, the proposal is considered visually detrimental on the Landscape Character area in conflict with policy HP3, NE4 and GS6 of the Local Plan and guidance within the Landscape Character Assessment. 2 In consideration of the proposed building which has the opportunity to intensify the use of the access, there are significant concerns with regards to highways safety on the crossing of the existing pedestrian and joining of the vehicular highway from the proposal site. In addition, the required visibility splays cannot be achieved. This is contrary to paragraph 111.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE - NIL**

#### **9. HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

- a) Stephanie Ferguson at Leathley Lodge reported that the gully near to the house was blocked with the possibility that the excess water might cause the road to flood and water enter the lower part of her house. This was reported immediately to NYCC Highways who very promptly came and dealt with the problem.
- b) There were reports of other blockages in culverts and gulleys in the parish and it was decided that the location of these sites would be reported to NYCC Highways using the “what 3 words app”.

**10. FINANCIAL ITEMS**

1. a) M. Elam salary for the period October, November and December	£572.40
2. HMRC	£129.60
3. M. Elam, imprest	<u>£800.00</u>
Total	<u>£1502.00</u>

(Paid out of imprest:

1. Purchase of a defibrillator battery for Lindley	£ 204.00
2. M. Walsh 15 hours worked in November plus materials	£320.30
3. J. T. Atkinson building materials	<u>£113.14</u>
	<u>£637.44)</u>

RESOLVED that the above payments totalling £1502.00 be authorized for payment.

**11. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS**

a) The rains over winter have washed soil and vegetation onto the roads in the parish requiring the roads to be swept.

RESOLVED that this be reported to Harrogate BC

b) Lindley Lodge the access road in front of the lodge is now blocked with closed gates.

RESOLVED that the issue of the gates be investigated by referring to the NYCC definitive map.

**12. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the parish will take place on Thursday 9 March 2023 commencing at 8.00pm in the Leathley village hall.

Signed.....  
Chairman