

MUKER PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM 18th May 2023 AT THE MUKER
VILLAGE HALL

The Parish Council meeting was held on the 18th May 2023.

Councillors: Cllr Metcalfe, Cllr Porter, Cllr Reynoldson, Cllr Calvert (interim chair) presiding.

The Clerk was Mr Michael Cleminson.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Peacock.
- 2. Declaration of Interests:** None.
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting:** The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th March 2023 have been circulated. The Minutes were approved as a correct record. Proposed by: Cllr Metcalf and Seconded by: Cllr Reynoldson.
- 4. Matters Arising:**
 - a. Co-opting of new councillor. The Councillors considered Mr Mark Rukin to be a suitable candidate as councillor and was unanimously approved his appointment. Mr Rukin then joined the meeting and completed the necessary documentation to be ratified by North Yorkshire Council. He remained as an observer, pending his appointment.
 - b. Election of Chairman. Cllr Metcalfe proposed Cllr Calvert as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Porter and unanimously agreed.
 - c. Election of Vice-Chairman. Cllr Reynoldson & Cllr Porter proposed Cllr Metcalfe as Vice-Chairman, agreed unanimously.
 - d. Election of Treasurer. Cllr Metcalfe & Cllr Porter proposed Cllr Reynoldson as Treasurer, agreed unanimously.
 - e. Angram Barns – An application for planning has been received today, see later planning.
 - f. Donations of Paintings & Erection of Memorial Bench. Mr Perkins had contacted the Clerk, wishing to donate the paintings of Muker area to the Parish Council for public display. The Parish Council were of the view that the paintings would be best displayed in the Village Hall or Institute. The Clerk to make contact with the secretary and committee of the hall and institute to see if they wish to receive them. With regard to the bench, the Council knows of no benches requiring replacement at present, and asked that Mr Perkins identifies a location for the proposed bench, so the Council can then consider it.
 - g. Dates of future meetings were discussed and the date of the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 28th June 2023, and future dates will be considered at the next meeting.
 - h. Emergency Plan & offer of generator. Firstly, the Council wish to thank Jackie Pope for her kind and generous offer of a generator. The Council considered Muker of Keld Village Hall as suitable locations for a generator. The Clerk to contact the secretary and committee of each venue. An Emergency Plan for the Parish was considered a good idea. The Council decided it was better if someone outside the Parish Council took the lead to develop such a plan. The Clerk to advertise and seek persons to lead and progress the plan.

5. Finance:

With the appointment of a new Treasurer, Cllr Calvert said he would progress the transition from himself to Cllr Reynoldson, which would require contact with Barclays Bank. It was agreed that the signatories for cheques, will be Cllr Reynoldson & Cllr Calvert, and Cllr Metcalfe to remain as an emergency signatory. During this process Electronic Banking will be sought to alleviate the necessity for writing cheques.

Orders to pay were raised for the following:-

North Yorkshire County Council for the Keld Signs

Subscription to Yorkshire Local Councils Association

The financial risk assessment was considered appropriate to manage the finances of the Parish Council. The End of Year's accounts showed the Business Premium Account as £524.61 and the Community Account £4419.58 were approved

The Annual Governance Statement and Financial Risk Assessment were discussed and approved, the internal audit report was noted and approved.

6. Highways:

The Clerk reported that since Ian Beighton had moved to another area, no responses had been received to all outstanding matters since December 2022. The Councillors agreed that this was an unacceptable situation and there was a need to establish what progress if any, has been made on reported matters. In particular, the damage to bridges at Usha Gap and Scarr House were considered to be in need of urgent repair. The plastic barriers on Scarr House bridge were not considered safe. Cllr Reynoldson reported that the BT cable was not now supported due to damage of the bridge. Clerk to contact Highways and BT to report the situations, and also Cllr Peacock.

7. Richmondshire D.C

Nothing to report

8. NYC

Nothing to report

9. YDNPA

Pre-planning consultation followed by the full Planning application R/06/270, a revised application has been received to increase slightly the height of the mast for the proposed installation of a new mobile telephone mast at Satron. In principle, as previously the Council supports this application as any improvement to communications is seen as positive, for the community, safety and the local economy. Clerk to submit comments to planning

Planning Ref R/06/269 – Permission for an extension of existing dwelling into adjoining former barn, to provide additional living accommodation at Kisdon Lodge, Kisdon Side Road, Keld. The applicant, Mr Neville has approached the Council, as YDNP Planning have refused the application, objecting to windows on the west elevation, and seeking that the Parish Council refer this to the YDNP Planning Committee. Cllr Metcalfe stated that historically and consistently YDNP planning oppose the installation of windows to some buildings. The Council believes that there is little likelihood of this changing and did not wish to intervene. The Council always supports applications that ensure the development, maintenance and longevity of a building, and this still applies to Kisdon Lodge.

Planning Ref R/06/272 – Change of Use of Barn to Camping Barn at Skeugh Head Barn, Angram

This is a retrospective application for works already completed. Cllr Porter said that the wooden outbuilding attached to the barn was not in keeping with the landscape of Swaledale. The Council has always consistently objected to the development of barns and outbuildings and do not support this application.

10. YLCA:- The consultation on holiday lets in rural areas was noted. The parish Council have no comments to make at this stage

11. Correspondence/AOB: Former Chair Cllr Whitehead – it was agreed that a letter of thanks would be sent to him, in acknowledgement of his outstanding and excellent service to the Parish for 50 years.

Date and Time of Next and Annual PC Meeting : 7.30pm Wednesday 28th June 2023 at Muker Village Hall.

The meeting closed at. 8.40pm