

MUKER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT 7.30PM THURSDAY 27th JUNE 2024 MUKER VILLAGE HALL

The Parish Council meeting was held on the 27th June 2024.

Councillors: Cllr Reynoldson, Cllr Rukin, Cllr Metcalfe, and Cllr Calvert 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 21st May 2024 have been circulated. The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed By Cllr Reynoldson and Seconded by: Cllr Metcalfe.

4. **Matters Arising**

a. Relocation of recycling bins from Keld Lodge. Cllr Calvert said he had spoken with Mr John Rukin at who has identified 2 potential sites in Keld, subject to agreement by landowners.

b. NYC school proposals. The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Rutter from Reeth will speak at the meeting on 16th July all questions to be submitted by 9th July. Cllr Peacock via mail, suggested it would be beneficial if someone spoke on behalf of the Parish about the Kirkby Stephen proposal. It is known that one parent will attend the meeting venue unknown and that Cllr Calvert may also attend.

c. Car parking Muker. Highways have offered two options.

1. To retain existing parking restrictions.

2. To Install signs that permit parking on the common land. Cllr unanimously agreed that existing parking restrictions should remain otherwise it could create chaos with obstructive parking. The proposed signage is not easy to understand and needs to be more explicit and unequivocal in its meaning. A simple and cheaper option would be to leave it as it is and simply do not enforce the issue of parking tickets on the common land. Cllr Metcalfe showed a copy of the Common land in Muker from NYC's own website, that shows that all of the land where tickets have been issued is Common Land. Clerk to forward comments to Highways.

d. Website and Transparency Code. As suggested at the last meeting the Clerk has contacted both Reeth and Arkengarthdale Councils who have websites. Neither consider this a suitable option because of complications around administration and management of the sites. The clerk had also explored how other local councils comply with the code. It was established that an insecure site is used, this is not considered suitable as it allows data to be stolen, altered and manipulated. At present because of the election the grant funding of £100 is no longer available until a new government is elected. Cllrs accepted that a website is the only reliable solution, but will await the result of the election.

e. Restoration of benches Thwaite. Previously some of the residents had agreed to restore the benches. They have been removed to Gayle Mill for restoration. Unfortunately, the benches are in a worse state than anticipated and some hard wood will be required, an estimate of £250.00 has been obtained. Cllr Reynoldson asked if the Council could pay for or contribute to the repairs. Cllr Reynoldson said he had some off cuts of wood that may be suitable. It was decided to wait to see if the wood was suitable.

Cllr Calvert asked if the parking situation at Thwaite was resolved Cllr Reynoldson said the situation was satisfactory at present.

5. **Finance**

Cllrs decided that a debit card was not necessary at this time

6. **Highways.** The Clerk reported that no replies have been received to matters raised at the last meeting. Cllr said that nothing visible had taken place. Cllr were also concerned about the inordinate time being taken to commence bridge repairs at Usha gap and Scarr House, the latter is considered dangerous the protective barriers are unsuitable and lay on the road repeatedly.
7. **NYC** – Nothing to report.
8. **NALC** – Nothing to report.
9. **YDNPA R/06/272B** Full planning permission for erection of replacement extension to building at Skeugh Head Barn, Skeugh Head Lane, Angram, DL11 6DU. Cllrs noted this was subsequent to previous applications. The Council does not support the extension to barns with wooden structures and are not convinced a previous extension structure has ever existed. It does not accept that such structures are not uncommon. Few extensions exist and where they do they were usually part of the original construction. The comparator of an extension approved in planning application R/06/250 in 2020, is not comparable, this was a roadside barn adjacent to a settlement. This application is for a traditional exposed barn in keeping with the cultural heritage and beauty of the dales. The inclusion of a stove pipe and extension are not appropriate as it significantly alters the appearance and does not preserve it as a traditional barn in a conservation area. Clerk to respond to YNNPA.
10. **YLCA** – Nothing to report.
11. **Correspondence/AOB:** None
12. **Date and Time of Next Meeting:** 7.30pm Thursday 8th August 2024 at Muker Village Hall.
The meeting closed at 8.15pm.