

MUKER PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT 7.30PM THURSDAY 17th
SEPTEMBER 2024, MUKER VILLAGE HALL

The Parish Council meeting was held on the 17th September 2024.

Councillors: Cllr Reynoldson, Cllr Rukin and Cllr Calvert Chair presiding.

The Clerk was Mr Michael Cleminson.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Metcalfe and Cllr Peacock
2. **Declaration of Interests:** None.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th August 2024 have been circulated. The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed By Cllr Rukin and Seconded by Chair Cllr Calvert.

4. Matters Arising

a. Grass cutting at Angram. A resident attended the meeting to seek advice from the Parish Council on his cutting of the grass next to the telephone box in the Village. Further, that he had been requested to not cut the grass around the telephone box by two residents, he had canvassed other residents many of whom supported his grass cutting. He agreed that he would not cut the grass in May respecting the 'No Mow May' ideology. The Council welcome residents who keep their villages tidy. The small piece of land in question is not registered as Common Land and is likely part of the highway. The Council approves of his grass cutting and supports endeavours to keep unmaintained land tidy and cared for. A safety concern was also highlighted that a culvert could be concealed by over grown grass creating a hazard. Clerk to forward a letter to the resident outlining the Council's agreement.

b. NYC school proposals. A further meeting took place yesterday Monday 16th September when further representations were made to North Yorkshire Council, The Clerk said he had received a telephone call from Cllr Peacock who said Upper Swaledale was again prominent in discussion and as yet no decision had been made. She advised that parents should nominate Richmond as their school as the matter was still under consideration. Cllrs reported that parents had received letters for children starting school in September 2025 with a range of schools the closest, but not Richmond. It is understood that risk assessments have not yet commenced or been completed.

c. Following the removal of the recycling bins from Keld Lodge. A number of the residents contacted the Clerk saying that they had not been consulted. The Parish Council supports the idea of recycling bins, but does not own any land for the placements of bins. It was agreed that those who have corresponded with the Clerk be informed of the Council's position and that residents be invited to identify a suitable location for the recycling bins.

d. Website and Transparency Code. The Clerk said he had taken part in a second on-line government meeting concerning a website the list of approved companies had been significantly

reduced to 16 Companies, fortunately 2 quotes had been obtained from the 16 Companies. The Clerk that Aubergine via the Yorkshire Local Councils Association still offered a discount and represented the most cost-effective option. The Council now has to decide what its requirements are to obtain a detailed quote. It was agreed that only the Clerk only would have a gov.uk e mail, and the Clerk would operate the website. The website has to include public access to all Agendas, Minutes, Declaration of Interests and all financial documents. Councillors asked what the site would look like. The Clerk outlined other Council websites which can be viewed for examples. Ultimately the Council will decide on the format and information that will be available to the public.

e Thwaite Village sign The sign had fallen from the small wall near to the Buttertubs junction. It was left in situ, But appears to have been stolen. Cllr Peacock previously said some funding was available for a new sign and that the Council would have to make a 10% contribution. Highways have proposed a new sign with the village name and beneath 'Please drive carefully'. Councillors agreed to proceed with the sign Clerk to inform Highways.

5. Finance. Nothing to report

6. Highways. The Clerk informed Cllrs that no replies had been received to enquiries concerning grass and hedge cutting. Information has been received about Usha Gap and Scarr House bridge repairs, which are awaiting planning permission. It is acknowledged that the repairs has potential to cause significant disruption. The council has asked that if possible the repairs be carried out at the same time to minimise disruption and identified that in 2018 Thwaite bridge was repaired without closure by the erection of scaffolding for work to be largely completed from that platform.

Cllr Rukin said that the cattle grid at Tan Hill was no longer effective animals are easily able to pass over the grid which is full with grass growing from it Clerk to contact highways. being taken to commence bridge repairs at Usha gap and Scarr House.

Cllrs raised the issue of grass cutting and hedge trimming in the dale. Only one grass cut has taken place this year which is what the council requested, but no hedge trimming yet! Clerk to contact Highways to request hedge trimming between Thwaite and Gunnerside Bridge to improve road safety.

7. NYC – NTR.

8. NALC – NTR

9. YDNPA - R/06/114H/LB Listed building consent to re-roof and underfelt the existing cart shed lean-to roof and to Flush point the east elevation of the cart shed and byre at Angram Farm, Angram, Richmond, DL11 6DT dealt with by email supported.

R/06/247C/LB Listed building consent for repointing of barn using lime mortar at Gill Head, Gunnerside, Richmond DL11 6JN. Dealt with by e-mail supported.

10. YLCA – Nothing to report.

11. Correspondence/AOB: Car parking Thwaite. Cllr Reynoldson said that the situation had remained calm and there had been some initial improvement, but there were still occasional times when there were obstructions, Cllrs agreed to continue to monitor the situation.

Car parking Muker. Clerk has twice requested a map of Common Land in Muker but has received no reply to contact Rishi Sunak if no response within 14 days. The Clerk following discussion with Councillor Metcalf, the Clerk has contacted Highways seeking clarification that the proposed parking signs will also be placed on the Common Land on the left as you approach Muker bridge before the entrance to the car park.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting: 7.30pm Thursday 31 October 2024 at Muker Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.