

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

DECISION RECORD

Re: Nomination for The Blacksmith Arms Biggin Sherburn in Elmet as an Asset of Community Value

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This form should be used to record:

- **EXECUTIVE decisions (key or otherwise) taken by an individual Executive MEMBER; and**
- **EXECUTIVE decisions (key or otherwise) taken by an OFFICER (either alone or in consultation with an Executive Member), but not those executive decisions of a purely administrative/operational nature;**
- **A non-executive decision taken by an OFFICER which falls into one of the following descriptions:-**
 - (i) under a specific express authorisation; or**
 - (ii) under a general authorisation to officers to take such decisions and, the effect of the decision is to**
 - **grant a permission or licence;**
 - **affect the rights of an individual; or**
 - **award a contract or incur expenditure which, in either case, materially affects that relevant local government body's financial position;****but not those non-executive decisions of a purely administrative/operational nature.**

(One form per decision)

The following decision has been taken: -

- a) The nomination for The Blacksmith Arms, Biggin, Sherburn in Elmet is successful and meets the definition of community value as detailed in the Localism Act 2011
- b) It should be placed on the North Yorkshire Council Assets of Community Value List of Successful Nominations

By whom:

Rachel Joyce Asst Chief Executive-Local Engagement

On:

3rd June 2024

<i>Was this an executive decision?</i>	YES
<i>If an executive decision, was it also a key decision?</i>	NO
<i>Does the call-in period apply?</i>	NO
<i>Have any urgency or call in exemption procedures been followed?</i>	NO

- **Constitution** Schedule 4 Officers Scheme of Delegation - Section 14 Delegation to the Assistant Chief Executive Local Engagement page 189 (b) (iii)

Reasons for decision: -

The Blacksmith Arms has been a public house for many years and is at the heart of the local community.

The parish council believes it is a place generally, to share information and socialise, where knowledge and skills can be shared, learnt and a place to sell and promote local businesses and products.

Without this asset in the village many residents would struggle with social isolation and local groups may not have an alternative venue in which to hold their regular meetings and annual events. Those who do not drive may find it considerably inconvenient and expensive to travel to other venues in surrounding villages The Blacksmith Arms has been a focal point of the village for many years and is used as a social hub for residents to meet with friends and family, hosting cultural events and activities within the village.

It is a place where the public can discuss issues of concern, to celebrate local, national, and charitable events. It is also used by local families and the wider community to come together for family fun days, barbecues, and weekly quiz/bingo nights. The pub also hosts regular live music, Christmas fairs and charitable support events.

Biggin Parish Council believe The Blacksmith Arms is at the heart of the village geographically, socially, culturally, and that it is essential to the social wellbeing of the village residents and wider community.

The use as a public house, meeting venue and community hub has been continuous, and it reasonable to think the property will be used as a public house and as a community hub in the future. It is realistic that if the owners did not renew their lease, or if the land were sold, the public house would continue under the same directive. Therefore, it is considered central to the local community's wellbeing and an asset of community value.

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected: -

None. Not to consider the nomination for The Blacksmith Arms Public House, Biggin, Sherburn in Elmet would not fulfil the Council's responsibilities required by the Localism Act 2011 and The Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012.

Conflicts of Interest

Please record below details of any conflict of interest declared by a Member or Officer regarding the decision and any dispensation granted by the Standards and Governance Committee or Monitoring Officer in respect of that conflict.

Conflict	Dispensation?
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None	None
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Background Papers

Please attach to this decision record, for publication, the background papers that disclose any facts or matters on which this decision, or an important part of the decision, was based and which were relied on to a material extent in making the decision, but this does not include published works or those which disclose exempt or confidential information (as defined in Access to Information Procedure Rule 10).

Publication Date: ***[to be inserted by the relevant Directorate Governance contact officer]***

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