

BOLTON PERCY, COLTON & STEETON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

Thursday 1st February at 8:00pm

Old School Room, Bolton Percy

1. **Present:** Cllrs Steele (chair), Robinson (Vice Chair), Tucker, Nicholls, clerk
2. **To receive and consider for approval, apologies for absence and reasons given:** Kevin Roberston, business commitments
3. **To receive declarations of interest:** None
4. **To confirm the minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting 11/1/24 as a true and accurate record**
The Minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. Robinson; seconded by Cllr. Nicholls
5. **Members of the Public:** 3
6. **CLERK'S REPORT – Outlining actions/outcomes following the meeting held on 11/1/24**
 - a) Clerk confirmed a Multiagency Meeting with all concerned for 2/2/24 at The Old School Room, Bolton Percy. Hall booked. Representatives are attending from NYC, including Highways Dept; EA; Fire and Rescue Service. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Community Emergency Plan and how flooding impacts on residents at Station Road and beyond The Rampart, and how to mitigate risks.
Information Noted.
 - b) Access to the village for Station Road Residents when roads are cut off due to flooding - Clerk, as lead representative for Station Road, arranged a discussion with farmers local to them. A solution has been proposed to facilitate safe access to the village and is being investigated. The desire of North House Farm is for this to be actioned independently of Parish Council involvement. **Request noted.**
 - c) Change of monthly Parish Council Meeting to Thursday has been notified to Pat Watson for Feb/March. Plus all further dates booked in from 4/4/24 to 6/5/2025. The School Hall is booked for local elections 2/5/24. Resolved to change the monthly meeting date to 9th May 2024. **Action:** clerk to notify Pat Watson.
 - d) additional hours conducted by clerk in Jan, attributable to the vacancy and Community Emergency Plan were discussed. **It was resolved for clerk to submit the hours to the council for payment and follow up with Autela Ltd.**
7. **CLERK'S POST – VACANCY**
Clerk reported that there has been interest from 5 candidates, 3 of whom have sought informal discussion. Chair reported no formal applications received to date. There are 4 weeks to the closing date. **Information Noted.**
8. **NYC/ENVIRONMENT AGENCY :**
 - a) Cllr. Nicholls confirmed that a Maintenance Schedule was indeed received in June 2023. This is already saved to Documents/Correspondence/EA./Maintenance of Flood Penstock and flaps.
 - b) EA will keep the PC up to date with a Service Plan.
 - c) The EA report that the flap valve at the Rampart is working as best it can.

e) Residents should report anything they feel is not right to the EA on the Incident Hotline 0800 80 70 60.

The above information is Noted.

f) Following discussion around the purpose and function of the Rampart flap valve and flood gate on the Wharfe it was resolved for the appropriate people/person from the EA to be invited to a future Parish Council Meeting. It was suggested by Cllr. Robinson that questions need to be submitted for this meeting.

It was resolved for Cllr. Nicholls to arrange this meeting.

9. FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT

a) Following on from the Special Flood Meeting which was part of the November 2024 monthly meeting, Cllr. Nicholls reported that all work is going ahead as planned for the eligible residents that applied for property resilience funding.

b) Funding of fuel for the pumps servicing Pump Alley area of the village of Bolton Percy - Cllr. Nicholls has contacted NYC Andrew Lee via e-mail and is awaiting a reply. **It was resolved for Cllr. Nicholls to progress this further with Andrew Lee and our local MP, Keir Mather.**

10. BOLTON PERCY CHRISTMAS TREE

Following the January meeting of Bolton Percy PC a proposal has been received, via Cllr. Tucker, that this seasonal project is handed over to the Parish Council. Councillors agreed to continue to fund trees and lights for both Colton and Bolton Percy. It was felt that the social side in Bolton Percy requires further discussion. A resolution was passed to purchase a rooted tree of reasonable size for Bolton Percy, for siting within the church yard. Solar lights are proposed for 2024. Again a rooted tree can be provided for Colton if a suitable area can be located for this.

Cllr. Robinson agreed to follow up with Rev. Mumford for BP tree siting.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) **Dog Fouling on Main Street, Bolton Percy, in the location of the old phone box.** This continuing situation has been highlighted in a letter from a resident, together with photos of overflowing dog refuse bins. The problem has also been reported on NYC portal by another resident. Following discussion and empathy by Councillors for the irresponsible behaviour of some dog owners, it was felt that residents living nearby and others affected by this, should report each incident to NYC. <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/environment-and-neighbourhoods/animals/dogs/dog-fouling> but please note that the offender ie dog owner, needs to be identified.

Information Noted.

b) **NYC: Urban highway grass cutting for the financial year 2024/25.**

The areas of grass to be cut within the Parish by NYC are outlined in blue on the online grass cutting map, to be found on the website www.northyorks.gov.uk/verges. Parishes are invited to undertake their own urban grass cutting and some payment towards this is offered. NYC will continue to fund five cuts per year of visibility grass areas, as identified on the map. Following discussion the parish council resolved to continue as before and advise NYC to conduct the cutting as part of their schedule. Please note that this is distinct from the annual grass cutting of verges within the Parish that is arranged locally. **Clerk will advise NYC.**

c) **Defibrillator pads due for renewal**

The main co-ordinator for the defibrillator in Bolton Percy has advised that the defib pads are due to expire in 2024. Following discussion, it was resolved for the clerk to raise an order now for a set of adult pads, and place a further order in June so that a spare set is always available. The paediatric pads require replacement 28/06/24. **Clerk will action, diarise the order needs and advise Claire Tucker of outcome.**

12. PLANNING: to consider planning decision notification(s). NONE

13. FINANCE –

(a) to review and approve items of expenditure

- NPower – Q4 to 31/12/23 NIL for advice only

The above invoice is for information only and Noted.

- Replacement Adult Pads for defibrillator £80.40 (inc. delivery £10)

Approval given to place this order.

b) The cost of oil for the pumps – see 9b) above

14. LEEDS EAST AIRPORT and COMMUNITY ISSUES

Community Issues Church Fenton, Ulleskelf and Bolton Percy – attributable to development at the airport

Stewart Rogerson attended the meeting on 15/1/24 via Teams as a representative of the Parish Council. He reported back regarding the airfield at Church Fenton and some of the issues being caused by its ongoing development. Ulleskelf and Church Fenton residents raised the impact of heavy goods and construction vehicles using the local streets dangerously and not in compliance with planning conditions which were set by NYC but were not being enforced by them. There is no impact on Bolton Percy in this regard.

A response from NYC to Stuart Vendy's (Veritas Planning) letter of objection which was lodged October 2023, is still awaited. This relates to continued low flying aircraft by some pilots.

15. MATTERS ARISING

a) Yorkshire Water Sewerage system

Cllr Robinson has reported to Yorkshire Water the problems experienced with the sewerage systems in Bolton Percy and Colton. The response from Yorkshire Water advises that they require a record of ongoing incidents to be reported by any residents affected. **The following extract of their policy refers to this:**

“Yorkshire Water operates something called EDA. This is simply a record of ongoing issues and problems; it helps us to prioritise our investment programme for large capital schemes that will improve our assets and resolve problems.

Every five years we allocate a fixed amount of money to maintain and improve our assets which is agreed with our regulator Ofwat and supported by customers. We manage this funding so that any capital investment or significant repair works we undertake resolve as many problems as possible.

All risks undergo a prioritisation process; this is to decide which particular problems across Yorkshire we will invest in. This process takes account of the number of customers affected, the impact of the issue and any supporting evidence that is available. A capital scheme is only promoted to be delivered if it passes this prioritisation criteria.

Once this has been added to EDA, every time there is a flooding incident, we would ask you to contact us so we can come out, take photos, mitigate the issue and add this information to further push the case up the list.

If you have any questions, please let us know. You can reply to this email or call us on 0345 124 24 24.

Customer Recovery Team

Waste Water”

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

7TH March 2024

Meeting closed at 21:31