

## Topcliffe Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Topcliffe Parish Council held at Topcliffe Village Hall on Thursday 6th February 2020

Present: Cllrs Morey, Holt, Key and Moores

Also present were: District Cllrs Robson & Bardon, County Cllr Baker, 3 Members of the Public & Alexandra Little, Clerk

20/001 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Beckwith

20/002 The issue of molehills on the way into the village was raised, this is NYCC land and will not be addressed  
A resident queried the barriers and fencing on Mill Bank, it was confirmed by County Cllr Baker that this remedial work is in the works programme for the current year  
Access to the footpath at Swale View was raised as this is not a suitable path for wheelchair users. Councillors agreed to have a look at the area in question and report back to the next meeting.

*19.08 Cllr Key joined the meeting*

20/003 The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 5th December 2019 were signed as a correct record

20/004 County and District Councillors

Cllr Baker reported that the county council will increase council tax by 3.9%. The county council are pressing the government for an improved funding formula to assist with costs of social care.

Cllr Robson reported that the district council will increase council tax by £5 on a Band D property, and will remain the 3rd lowest district in the country and lowest in North Yorkshire. Further investment will be made into leisure centres, the prison site and the crematorium. The consultation for the crematorium will take place at the end of February.

Cllrs Robson, Bardon and Baker expressed disappointment in the recent article in the TATler. Cllr Robson highlighted that this was a North Yorkshire County Council matter and the two Hambleton District councillors have no jurisdiction over this area. Much discussion took place and it was concluded that the Parish Council remains extremely frustrated with the slow progress North Yorkshire County Council are making in addressing the dangerous situation with the fence at Mill Bank. The article was written to highlight the issue and no offence was meant to the three local councillors, who are supportive of the Parish Council.

Cllr Morley will liaise with other parish councillors, as resolved in minute 19/041 May 2019, prior to the TATler being published in future

20/005 Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere

1. Village Tidy Day will be 29th March 10.00 - 12.30 followed by refreshments at the village hall
2. Wildflower seeds will be sourced for the Sheepwash in the spring and the gate will be replaced
3. Thanks were offered to Mr & Mrs Brown who used their road sweeper in the village recently
4. Cllr Moores has looked into the use of cameras to monitor HGV traffic in the village with the relevant authorities. Policies need Parish Council approval and signage needs to be arranged, in consultation with the police. Residents are encouraged to complain about HGV traffic to the police on 101  
**Resolved Policies to be brought to March meeting for approval**
5. Stone for Dean Square will be purchased as agreed previously and put in place by J Barningham Contractors now the weather is improving. The middle drain is still blocked  
**Resolved Clerk to report this to highways**
6. Thanks were offered to the family who have cleaned up Back Lane
7. Footpath and Bridleways signs are in disrepair or missing around the village  
**Resolved Clerk to report this to highways**
8. The overgrown trees opposite the Angel have been trimmed slightly but are still obstruction the pathway for wheelchair and pushchair users  
**Resolved Clerk to report this to highways**

Signed  
Chairman  
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9. Playing Field - moles are causing damage around the play equipment

**Resolved Clerk to engage services of Pest Controller**

10. The War Memorial cannot be placed in the Jubilee Garden due to the nature of the stone. A temporary solution will be considered

20/006 New Agenda Items -To agree purchase of Moveable Vehicle Activated Sign

**Resolved Topcliffe Parish Council purchase Moveable Vehicle Activated Sign, associated battery and post for installation and use in the village**

**Resolved Clerk to place orders with NYCC and SWARCO to this effect**

20/007 Planning:

19/02551/FUL Demolition of 2no garages and construction of new dwelling with 2no integral garages to serve both the existing and new dwellinghouse and 19/02552/LBC Listed Building Consent for the demolition of 2no garages and construction of new dwelling with 2no integral garages to serve both the existing and new dwellinghouse Walkers Ground Church Street Topcliffe North Yorkshire YO7 3PA

**Topcliffe Parish Council wish to see this application refused. There are concerns about the additional parking pressure this development would put on an already busy street and that the application has given no consideration to access for disabled residents.**

19/02575/FUL Replacement of 2No. timber windows to front elevation with Acoya wood windows and to replace 4No. timber rear elevation windows in rosewood uPVC and 19/02576/LBC Listed Building consent for replacement of 2 like for like timber windows to the front elevation and to replace 4 timber windows in rosewood uPVC. in rear elevation 3 Riverside Apartments Catton Road Topcliffe North Yorkshire YO7 3RZ

**Topcliffe Parish Council wish to see this application approved**

20/00064/FUL Construction of a detached, two storey, 3 bedroom dwelling with integral garage to include landscaping & means of enclosure Land On The North East Side Of Catton Road Topcliffe North Yorkshire

**Topcliffe Parish Council wish to comment that there are concerns that this application as follows:**

- there are potential safety issues as there is movement in the wall behind the site and there would be no access for maintenance of said wall
- assurances are sought regarding the sewage process and overflow, as there is already pressure on the system on Front Street which is under investigation by Yorkshire Water
- the property would be in a flood zone
- vehicular access from the property onto the lane would be difficult

**Resolved Clerk to feed back comments to the planning department**

20/008 Financial Matters

1. Receipts
2. Payments for approval

spreadsheet circulated

**Resolved all payments be approved**

20/009 Correspondence

1. Emails have been circulated between meetings, requiring no further action
2. YLCA Hambleton Branch Meeting details circulated to councillors

20/010 Date of next meeting: Thursday 5th March 2020 at 19.00

The meeting closed at 20.41

Signed  
Chairman  
Date