

GRANTLEY, SAWLEY, SKELDING & EAVESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

INCLUDING THE VILLAGE OF RISPLITH

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 25th January 2024 at 7.30pm at Sawley Village Hall

Note: this meeting had been deferred from Thursday 18th January due to adverse weather conditions. It should be noted that the Clerk's absence from the meeting originated from poor communication relating from this.

(2023-2024 – 109) Present were Cllr Martin Kirbitson (Chair), Cllr Simon Learoyd, Cllr Mark Smeeden and Cllr James Wigginton. and two parishioners.

(2023-2024 – 110) Also present were 2 members of the public.

(2023-2024 – 111) Apologies were received from Cllr Lennon & Cllr Parry.

(2023-2024 – 112) No **Declarations of Interest** were received and so no **Dispensations** were requested.

(2023-2024 – 113) It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2023, having been circulated for consideration beforehand were true and correct records. The Chairman was authorised to sign them accordingly.

Reports:

(2023-2024 – 114) As the Clerk was not present, there was no Clerk's report.

(2023-2024 – 115) Cllr Felicity Cunliffe-Lister (FC-L) (Ward Cllr NYC) was not present. The Clerk had circulated her report of November 2023. Cllr Learoyd asked for an update on actions relating to road safety issues outside Fountains School, Grantley. Cllr Wigginton read from Cllr F C-L's report. Parish Cllrs shared FC-L's frustration with delays in progressing action on this matter, which now involves a Traffic Regulation Order to be made. This could take 6- 12months to put in place before road markings to denote parking restrictions could be installed. Also still awaiting information on proposed measures and costs relating to a 20mph speed limit in Grantley. Clerk to circulate any updates, he may have received and contact Cllr C-L to express the PC's concerns about the slow progress of these matters.

(2023-2024 – 116) Cllr Smeeden raised issue of painting the play equipment at Grantley and also surface cleaning the safety matting around swings etc. Agreed to obtain price for painting and instruct DTMS to carry out surface cleaning.

(2023-2024 – 117) North Yorkshire Council Housing Strategy Consultation – the draft strategy was noted. Consultation period ended in December 2023. Final version due for adoption in May 2024

(2023-2024 – 118) North Yorkshire Council - Draft Statement of Community Involvement - with reference to the item on NYC Local Plan in Cllr F C-L's report. Cllrs agreed that Parish Council should register with NYC portal to be kept informed when stages of the Local Plan consultations etc are taking place. Clerk to register PC at www.northyorks.gov.uk/localplan

(2023-2024 – 119) Councillors **considered** clearing the lane between High & Low Grantley and it was resolved that Cllr. Smeeden should photograph condition of lane. The

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matter should be considered further at next meeting of the Parish Council. Alternatively, information to be circulated to Cllrs to discuss via email.

(2023-2024 – 120) To **consider** crown lifting the lime trees on the edge of Sawley Village green Crown lifting to be looked at by qualified arborist and prices to be obtained. Agreed that epicormic growth around base of trunks be cut back in dormant period. DTMS to action.

(2023-2024 – 121) It was resolved to compile a list of damaged/obscured road signs, potholes and broken/rutted road edging in the Parish area. This to be provided, with photographic evidence, to Cllr Kirbitson. It was noted that damage to carriageway edges and deep ruts in verges caused by heavy vehicles and agricultural machinery now becoming prevalent not only on lanes but also sections of classified roads in the Parish. This presents a significant danger to car and light commercial drivers, motor cyclists cyclists etc. To **report**, with photographic evidence, damage to the verges on Sawley Moor Lane sustained by agricultural machinery.

The following Correspondence was considered:

(2023-2024 – 122) Via email: NYC, Let's Talk Money - 23 October to 18 December 2023 this was noted and attention was drawn to Cllr C-L's report.

(2023-2024 – 001) Via email: Nidderdale Plus Annual General Meeting 2023 it was noted that this event had by then taken place.

(2023-2024 – 123) Via email: Skell Valley Partnership update / Happy New Year news from the Skell Valley Project. Update on Skell Valley Partnership meeting of 24th October 2023 noted. (Although it was found that not all attached videos still accessible.) Key information is that project concludes April 2025. Next partnership meeting on 24th February 2024. Also, Cllr Wigginton reported Skell Valley Project team (SVP) are proposing a series of walking routes, centred mainly on Fountains Abbey / Studley Roger, but also extending up the valley. Consultants had prepared draft information and maps. Copy had been sent to Parish Clerk. Proposals are for two "hubs" at Sawley and Grantley, where information on the route and items of interest would be available. A further meeting should consider the consultant's report and recommendations following initial consultations. (Note to follow).

(2023-2024 – 124) HSBC - Important changes to your statements - noted

(2023-2024 – 125) Via email: Introductory Webinar for the North Yorkshire & York (for information only as this had already taken place.

(2023-2024 – 126) Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) – noted but no comments to make.

(2023-2024 – 127) Via email: Polling District Review - one week until the end of the consultation. Noted with no comment to make.

(2023-2024 – 128) Letter for the Parish Council from local Citizens Advice. Contents were noted. The parish Council does contribute to the CAB.

(2023-2024 – 129) Via email: NYC Recharging for Parish By-Elections from April 2024. It was noted that recharging costs for Parish Councils would only apply in the event of a by election taking place. Chair commented that, based on past experience, this would be an unlikely occurrence. Noted that if a by election occurred costs to PC would be quite significant.

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(2023-2024 – 130) Tim Forber confirmed as next Chief Constable for North Yorkshire was noted.

(2023-2024 – 131) Home upgrade grant 2 - information for parish councils to share with residents. This was noted. (Should this information be put on our website?)

Financial Matters:

(2023-2024 – 132) The meeting **considered** the quotation in respect of grass cutting in the parish from Oaks Landscaping Ltd. Chair reported that three quotations had been obtained in respect of grass cutting in the parish on the areas denoted on plans sent out by the PC. Chair advised that Oaks Landscaping was the cheapest at a cost of some £3000 for 10 cuts per year. Due to absence of Clerk documents from the three contractors were not available for Members inspection. Cllrs agreed that it was important to get a contractor in place well before the start of the cutting season and so authorised the appointment of Oaks Landscaping Ltd on the basis of their quotation.

(2023-2024 – 133) It was **resolved** to sign a cheque in respect of the Grantley payphone kiosk purchase in the sum of £1.00.

(2023-2024 – 134) It was **resolved** to defer the matter of the annual Precept demand for the forthcoming year to March meeting of the Parish Council.

(2023-2024 – 135) It was **resolved** to sign the letter of engagement from Elkerlodge Bookkeeping in respect of the 2023/2024 Internal Audit.

(2023-2024 – 136) It was **resolved** that in the absence of relevant information from the Clerk the accounts for payment as listed on the agenda (with the exception of Item 30(e)) would be deferred to March meeting. The Chair was authorised to pay the DTMS accounts for Caretaker duties where the costs were broadly in line with the usual monthly costs incurred for this work.

Planning Matters:

***NB- Planning applications.** All Comments and returns from the Parish Council can be seen on the HBC planning portal. Please see the note below for the meaning of Return Options.*

The following **Planning Notices** were received: -

(2023-2024 – 137) **Planning Enforcement Letter: 24-00002-PR15.** Low Grantley Farm Grantley HG4 3PH. Creation of concrete hard surface, dropped curb and access to field. Notification of investigations by North Yorkshire Council into alleged breaches of planning control at Low Farm Grantley were noted

(2023-2024 – 138) **Planning Enforcement Letter: 23-00334-BRPC15.** Grantley Hall Grantley HG4 3ET. Potential breach of condition 24 of 15/05473/FULMAJ (Firework Displays) Notification of investigations by North Yorkshire Council into alleged breaches of planning control at Grantley Hall Hotel Grantley Hall Hotel were noted.

(2023-2024 – 139) **Planning Decision Notice ZC23-02602-FUL.** Erection of estate railings, gates and alterations to surfacing etc. West Lodge Grantley Hall Grantley. Mr R Sykes.

(2023-2024 – 140) **Planning Decision Notice ZC23-02603-LB.** Erection of estate railings, gates and alterations to surfacing etc. West Lodge Grantley Hall Grantley. Mr R Sykes. **Noted the Planning Permission was granted.**

(2023-2024 – 141) **Planning Decision Notice ZC23-03092-FUL.** Demolition of existing Garage & Conservatory. Erection of replacement garage in revised location. West

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Farm Eavestone HG4 3HD. Mr & Mrs Gray. **Noted the Planning Permission was granted.**

(2023-2024 – 142) Planning Decision Notice ZC23-03825-FUL. Installation of external lighting to driveway and garden. Erection of replacement greenhouse. West Lodge Grantley Hall Grantley HG4 3ES. Grantley Hall Hotel. **Noted the Planning Permission was granted.**

(2023-2024 – 143) Planning Decision Notice ZC23-03482-FUL. Erection of detached stable block. Town End Farm Grantley HG4 3PJ. S Wills. **Noted the Planning Permission was granted.**

(2023-2024 – 144) Planning Decision Notice ZC23-03648-FUL. Proposed outbuildings (Store and Greenhouse). Oakfield House Sawley HG4 3EG. Mr and Mrs T Green. **Noted the Planning Permission was granted.**

(2023-2024 – 145) Grantley Hall Hotel helipad Although not listed as an agenda item this matter was discussed and caused some concern amongst Councillors. The notice of decision by a Planning Inspector to allow the appeal by Grantley Hall Hotel against an enforcement notice issued by the former Harrogate Borough Council in 2022 and grant planning permission for the helicopter use and retention of the helipad was included with the agenda papers by the Clerk.

Comments made:

1) Cllrs were disappointed that the Planning Inspectorate had ignored the PC's request for the appeal to be dealt with by an Informal Hearing, not written representation. The opportunity for local people most affected by the unauthorised use to be heard by the Planning Inspector had been denied.

2) NYC is to be asked to provide to the Parish Council the reports on helicopter movements that Grantley Hall Hotel are required to produce as a condition of the planning permission. NYC is to be urged to continue requiring the reporting of helicopter movements beyond first year, as provided for in the planning condition.

3) An item is to be placed on the village websites/Facebook pages as well as the Parish Council website to inform parishioners of the decision and to include the plan showing the agreed flightpaths to and from Grantley Hall Hotel and the exclusion areas where overflying is not to take place.

The following **Planning Applications** were considered: -

(Planning Application Consultation Notices are returned using 4 options – these are listed below)

(2023-2024 – 146) Planning Application ZC23-03891-LB. Conversion of an existing garage/store into a biomass boiler plant room with wood chip store(s) and boiler flues (x2) terminating externally above the existing roof. Sawley Hall Sawley HG4 3ED. Mr Stephen Fenby. It was **resolved** to return **Option A** – the Parish Council has no objections.

(2023-2024 – 147) Planning Application ZC23-03094-FUL. Conversion of barn, erection of extension, garage etc Brim House Farm, Eavestone. Mssrs Wibberley It was **resolved** to return **Option A** – the Parish Council has no objections.

(2023-2024 – 148) Planning Application ZC23-02517-FULMAJ. Retrospective change of use of land to form camping site and wellness retreat to include erection of 12 etc. Yurtshire Site, Eavestone Lake Eavestone. Yorkshire Yurts. Cllr Smeeden declared an interest in this item. He also commented that he understood the application had now been

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approved. Matter was deferred in order to check if that was the case and, if not, to consider any further comments.

(2023-2024 – 149) Planning Application ZC23-04573-DVCON. Application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of Planning Approval 21/00569/FUL – etc. Oakfield House Sawley HG4 3EG. Mr and Mrs T Green. This matter has previously been registered as an enforcement investigation. It is thought to be an a sustainable ground for refusal, but it was thought that works were done in full knowledge that the approved plans were not being complied with. In the circumstances no comment to be made. Therefore it was resolved to return Option C with the above comments.

(2023-2024 – 150) It was confirmed that the next regular meeting of the Parish Council would a regular meeting on 14th March at 7.30pm at Grantley Village Hall.

These minutes were and prepared from notes taken by Cllrs Wigginton & Kirbitson by the Clerk to the Parish Council, David Taylor.

Signed as a true record by Cllr Martin Kirbitson, Chairman

Date:

At the Regular Meeting of the Grantley and Sawley Parish Council held on **14th March 2024** it was resolved by unanimous vote to approve these Minutes, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, as a true and correct record. These Minutes were then signed by the Chairman accordingly.

The signed Minutes are held in the Parish Council minute book at the Clerk's address, below, and can be viewed by prior appointment.

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When returning a standard form Parish Council Notification consultation decision there are four options that the Council can return. These are:-

Option A – The Parish Council has no objections.

Option B – The Parish Council objects on the planning grounds set out overleaf.

Option C – The Parish Council does not object to or support the application but wishes to make comments or seek safeguards set out overleaf.

Option D - The Parish Council supports the application.