



# Acaster Malbis Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting** of Acaster Malbis Parish Council held on **Monday 11 February 2019** at **7:30pm** in the Acaster Malbis Memorial Hall.

**Open Forum** – No members of the public attended.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:33pm.

Present: Councillor W G Taylor (Chairman).

Councillors: L Frost, P Harlington, B Hawkins, R Jones, J Smith, D Walker.

Councillor: J C Galvin (City of York Council - Ward Member).

Clerk: M G Davies.

## Minutes

1. **To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.**  
All members were present.
2. **2.1 To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the council's code of conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.**  
There were none.  
**2.2 To receive and consider any applications for dispensation.**  
There were none.
3. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2019 as a true and correct record.**  
Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Cllr Harlington seconded by Cllr Smith and agreed by all.
4. **To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.**

#### **4.1 Broadband - update on situation regarding cabinet 26 and cabinet 30.**

The clerk reported that a number of properties in the Moor End area have not been connected to cabinet 26 as previously promised. Openreach have advised that it has not proved feasible as the cabinet had to be moved from the original planned location to be near a suitable power supply. It is noted that these properties are much closer to cabinet 26 than many of those planned for cabinet 30 so the Openreach argument does not seem to be valid.

Cllr Galvin reported that agreement had been reached between Openreach and Ainsty (2008) Internal Drainage Board to move cabinet 30 from its current location to a position some 15m nearer Appleton Roebuck as the current position is unconsented and breaches Ainsty 920080 IDB bye-laws. Digital York has advised Cllr Galvin that the cabinet is now expected to be live and accepting orders by the end of April 2019 a month later planned. The clerk commented that whether this deadline is achieved remains to be seen. Openreach have a poor record of maintaining planned dates based on past experience and this latest delay is, in the Parish Council's opinion, entirely their responsibility

#### **4.2 To discuss proposals to seek volunteer help to maintain the Intake Lane bus shelter and Intake Lane verges.**

Cllr Galvin is to ask Brunswick Nursery to look at both the bus shelter and The Pinfold with a view to them removing ivy and other accumulated vegetation. Consideration needs to be given to Brunswick workers highway safety and the verge work on Intake Lane will need to be undertaken by volunteers or a paid contractor

#### **4.3 To receive an update on forthcoming Parish elections 2 May 2019.**

The clerk reported he had attended a meeting at City of York, West Offices on 30 January to receive advance information. The information packs promised had yet not been received but will be circulated as soon as they are received. An article has been submitted for the March issue of Link.

#### **4.4 To present the draft agenda for the Annual Meeting of the Parish 18 March 2019.**

The draft agenda was discussed and it was agreed to move the presentation by Sgt Danny Leach of North Yorkshire Police to the head of the agenda to avoid possibly keeping him from more pressing matters. The clerk reminded councillors that the Parish Council accounts to be presented are supplied for information only. The Parish Council now complies, as required by law, with the Transparency Code (2015). All accounting documents are published on the council's website as in compliance with the code. The period for public consultation on financial information and the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) expired on Tuesday 24 July 2018. No comments were received.

### **5. To consider the following planning applications(s):**

Following a report from Cllr Smith on the two new applications received it was resolved unanimously as stated below.

#### **5.1 18/02922/FUL - 28 Lakeside, Acaster Malbis, YO23 2TY**

Erection of new front boundary wall with railings above and electric vehicular gate (part retrospective).

Resolved - B. We have no objections.

5.2 19/00018/FUL -Elverbredde, Mill Lane, Acaster Malbis, YO23 2UL  
Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement 2 storey dwelling  
(resubmission).  
Resolved - B. We have no objections.

**6. To receive the following planning decision(s) / information:**

An update report was given by Cllr Smith. Tree works at Chestnut Tree House, Mill Lane (18/02920/TPO) have been approved. The application for The Bungalow at The Boatyard (18/01993/FUL) is still pending decision. An appeal in respect of non-determination of an application has been submitted in respect of The Carpet and Bed Warehouse, Acaster Lane (18/00764/FUL). There are no updates on Whinney Hills and Mount Pleasant Park boundary wall.

**7. Matters requested by councillors:**

7.1 To consider a proposal received to update the Parish Council website to include a "blog".

Following discussions it was resolved unanimously that this proposal be refused. When the Parish Council website was developed it was agreed as a matter of policy that the site would be created solely to enable compliance with the requirements of the Transparency Code (2015). It would function as a Parish Council website and not as a general village website and appropriate grant funding was claimed to facilitate this. The Parish Council has neither the technical knowledge; funding nor time available to create, maintain and manage a "blog" and such a change would have uncertain consequences in respect of the council's need to comply with GDPR.

7.2 Cllr Walker gave a comprehensive report on a meeting of the YLCA branch representatives held on 7 February 2019 he had attended with the clerk. The guest speaker was Julian Sturdy MP who gave a talk on a number of points of interest. Matters reported on included Askham Bog, he is wholly against the proposed nearby housing development. Progress on the changes to roundabouts on the northern ring road is on schedule and it is hoped funding for the dualling of at least part of the road will be forthcoming shortly.

Three proposals have been submitted for the dualling of the A64 between Hopgrove roundabout and the existing dual carriageway that starts at the Jinnah Restaurant. The three alternatives run to the north, south and along the route of the existing road.

Mr Sturdy confirmed that the fibre broadband upgrades in Askham Bryan and Askham Richard were almost completed but he understood there were still issues in Acaster Malbis and that responsibility lay with Openreach. The clerk confirmed that this was also his understanding.

**8. Financial matters:**

8.1. To approve the following accounts for payment:

There are no amounts due or receivable in February 2019. The monthly control sheet was passed to Cllr Smith to be signed off at the end of the month assuming it agrees with the bank statements when received.

8.2. To receive a bank reconciliation report to 28 February 2019.

This report had been be circulated by email.

8.3 To receive a budget / actual comparison to 28 February 2019.

This report had been circulated by email.

8.4 To confirm submission of the Parish Council precept claim of £3499 for the financial year 2019 - 2020.

The clerk confirmed that the signed demand had been submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 as required.

**9. To consider the following new Correspondence received and decide action where necessary:**

There was no correspondence to circulate.

**10. North Yorkshire Police local PCSO Crime reports.**

There were no incidents reported in January 2019. The council was pleased to receive a 10 minute visit during the meeting from PCSO5645 Laura Thompson who had a brief discussion with councillors. The local policing team try to attend Parish Council meetings when resources available. *(Clerk's note - the local policing team based at Acomb police station can be contacted via the 101 non-urgent telephone number or by email to [snayorkwest@northyorkshire.police.pnn.uk](mailto:snayorkwest@northyorkshire.police.pnn.uk). Information is available on their website <https://www.northyorkshire.police.uk/neighbourhoods/york-outer> ).*

**11. To consider matters raised with / by the Ward Member – Councillor J.C.Galvin.**

Cllr Galvin reported that the planned increase in City of York Council precept is 3.25% He reported that the CoYC road maintenance team now consists of two inspectors, 2 x two person tarmac teams and a further two person team for larger repair work. These staff have to cover the whole of the City of York area. Work to repair the large potholes near Holy Trinity Church is in hand but is subject to resources. Cllr Walker reported that the flood sign at the junction of Acaster Lane and Main Street, Bishopthorpe appears to be permanently open and may be broken; Cllr Galvin will notify the appropriate department. The clerk has reported a damaged bend sign on the Acaster Malbis side of Liberty Corner that appears to have been struck by a vehicle. Cllr Galvin will check on progress to repair this and also arrange removal of a vehicle bumper that was on the verge near the Liberty Corner village boundary sign

**12. To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.**

12.1 Parish elections 2 May 2019.

13. **To confirm the date of the next meeting as Monday 11 March 2019 at 7:30pm.**

**To confirm the date of the Annual Meeting of the Parish as Monday 18 March 2019 at 7:30pm. All residents are invited to attend.**

Both dates and times above were confirmed. Both meetings will be held in the Memorial Hall as usual.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:53pm by thanking all for attending.

W G Taylor (Chairman)..... Date of approval 11 March 2019