



A maintenance person is being sought for installation of the equipment.  
The Council agreed it is content to enter into the agreement for the Places to Ride grant should it be offered.

Proposed: Cllr Frankland

Seconded: Cllr Birch

Action – The Chairman, Cllr Threlfall & The Clerk

- 4.5 Basketball Hoop, Augustus Gardens (minutes 17 October, item 4.4)** The Chairman and Cllr Dempsey confirmed the hoop was regularly used. The hoop and backboard needs replacing. The Chairman said it was a possibility funding could be secured.

Action – The Chairman

- 4.6 Riverside Footpath – (Minutes 17 October, item 4.5)** Cllr Woodley visited the area. Cllr Guest is concerned about the barriers that obstruct the footpath. Cllr Frankland will speak to the tenant to discuss whether he is able to remove the barriers.

Action – Cllr Frankland

- 4.7 Cemetery Gates – (Minutes 17 October, item 4.6)** No further update at this time.

- 4.8 Grass Verge behind Bus Shelter on River Lane and corner of Curteis Drive (Minutes 17 Oct, item 5.2)** Cllr Threlfall said the lane is owned by NYCC. He will look into the supply of no parking signs by RDC.

Action - Cllr Threlfall

- 4.9 Redmond Review/Financial Regulations (minutes 17 Oct, item 6.2)** Cllr Woodley has asked for printed documents to be delivered to him. He will then review the documents and compare to the current Parish Financial Regulations.

Action – The Clerk

- 4.10 Contract of Employment, Job Description – Clerk and RFO (Minutes 17 Oct, item 6.3)** Cllr Frankland will send prepared documents to The Chairman and Clerk prior to the next Parish Council meeting. The item will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Action – Cllr Frankland

- 4.11 Village Society – Boundary Fencing and Soft Landscaping (Minutes 17 Oct, Item 6.5)** No update at this time.

- 4.12 Riverside Trees safety concern – (Minutes 17 Oct, item 8.3)** Cllr Guest has attended and looked over the area. He found no safety concerns at this time. The riverside area continues to be monitored at regular intervals.

- 4.13 Motorway Services Exhibition – (Minutes 17 Oct, Item 5.2)** Cllr Birch and Cllr Guest attended an event at which they could discuss plans with the developers. It is understood there will not be an increase in traffic passing Fort Bridge junction. Councillors suggested there was a dedicated left turn at the slip road on the southbound exit of the A1 this would avoid any issues with queuing. The Chairman said the suggestion of a dedicated lane off the northbound exit might also help to avoid queuing traffic on the A1.

The Chairman is concerned about the impact of traffic increase when the shopping/event centre opens at Scotch Corner.

## 5. Reports

### 5.1 Report from NYCC – Cllr Les

Cllr Les gave reassurance that NYCC were prepared for the winter weather. Gatherley Road traffic orders for a 30mph speed limit have been sealed.

Central Government have confirmed NYCC can increase general Council Tax by up to 2% and Adult Care by 2% if required. This is currently out to consultation. There is a £19m gap to fill, an increase of

2% will bring in an additional £6m. Currently 50% of the budget is used for adult social care, 30% children's social care and 30% on the remainder of services.

Cllr Guest mentioned the £25000 upper limit income and expenditure for smaller Councils. (Expenditure or income over £25000 triggers an automatic external audit) and whether there were any further updates on the matter. Cllr Les said that if the Parish Council would write to him he would pass it to the Secretary of State for Local Government

**5.2** Report from RDC – Cllr Ian Threlfall

Cllr Threlfall answered questions and gave advice during the meeting.

**5.3** Report from Police

A report had not been received at this time.

**5.4** Report from Village Society

The Clerk said a new Chairperson had been appointed for the Village Society. No further updates.

**6. Current Issues**

- 6.1** **To discuss and consider the proposed Budget 2020/2021** – The Clerk had presented the budget to the Chairman prior to this meeting. It was circulated to all other Councillors. Various increases in costs were discussed and explained.  
The budget for 20/21 was agreed by the Councillors.

Proposed: Cllr Frankland

Seconded: Cllr Dempsey

Action – The Clerk

- 6.2** **To discuss and consider the Precept 2020/2021** – The amount for the Precept is to be notified to RDC by 10 January 2020. The precept for the current year is £13429. The Chairman said an increase of 22% would mean an approximate increase of £1.10 per annum per household. Councillors agreed a precept increase of 22%.

Proposed: Cllr Woodley

Seconded: Cllr Birch

Action – The Clerk

- 6.3** **To discuss and consider the Meeting Dates 2020** - The proposed dates had been circulated prior to the meeting. The dates were agreed by the Councillors.

Proposed: Cllr Guest

Seconded: Cllr Frankland

- 6.4** **To discuss and consider the transfer plan of Augustus Gardens** – On 17 January The Chairman and Clerk will meet with a representative of Persimmon Homes (and their contractor) and RDC for a walk around the area to discuss work that must be completed prior to adoption. New plans, containing details of the areas for adoption had been received. These were compared to previous plans. The Chairman will focus on trees and tree lines, play parks, the wooded area (to become a useable space) and the beck.

Action – The Chairman & The Clerk

- 6.5** **To discuss and consider Cemetery Maintenance** – The Clerk received an email from the contractor. Who is concerned he cannot maintain the cemetery to the standard required. He said people are planting shrubs and bringing their own pots and other items which does not allow for the grass to be cut easily. He said it will be necessary to flatten some graves and back fill others to allow the mower to get through.

The Chairman had discussed this with the Clerk prior to the meeting. An item was put in the village newsletter asking relatives to get in touch with the Clerk if they had family/friends buried in the cemetery. The Clerk will contact as many families as possible over a period of 3 to 4 months (details of relatives/families are not kept on record). The Chairman said we could meet people on site to discuss

what work would need to be done and any concerns they might have. After the initial 3 to 4 months contact period notices will be put out informing relatives/families and residents of details of the work that will be done.

Councillors agreed to put details onto the village face book page, notices in the cemetery, notice in the post office and noticeboards around the village.

Action – The Clerk

- 6.6 To consider a Parish Resilience Plan** – The Clerk attended a precept meeting at RDC. In the light of recent flooding in the Yorkshire Dales there was a presentation from Helen White of NYCC about a Community Emergency Plan. Cllr Guest said there was an emergency plan in place for the village (circa 2005). Councillors agreed to contact Helen White, NYCC for assistance.

Action – The Clerk

- 6.7 To consider increasing the number of Village Newsletters** – The Clerk said there were not enough newsletters for residents in the village. This is because new properties have been built or old properties have been refurbished and brought back into use. Prices had been obtained for additional copies to be printed. Councillors agreed to increase the number of newsletters from 750 to 800 at an additional cost of £9.00

Proposed: Cllr Frankland                      Seconded: Cllr Dempsey

## **7. Parish Finances**

- 7.1 To receive and note the payments previously authorised and receipts (circulated prior to the meeting).**

£1000 had been received from NYCC for the red telephone box refurbishment. This will be earmarked specifically for the project. A new dog waste bin was purchased to replace the one that had broken near Curteis Drive. No further questions were raised.

Proposed: Cllr Guest                      Seconded: Cllr Frankland

- 7.2 To receive a Bank Reconciliation and Budget Comparison for the year to date (circulated prior to the meeting).**

VAT refund of £953 has been applied for. No further questions were raised.

Proposed: Cllr Guest                      Seconded: Cllr Dempsey

- 7.3 The following payments were approved.**

There were no new accounts for payment.

## **8. Correspondence**

- 8.1 Email received from Power for People regarding the Local Electricity Plan** – No further action

- 8.2 Email received from RDC regarding Senior Leadership** – Cllrs Angie Dale and Helen Grant offered to attend a future Parish Council meeting. Councillors agreed meetings were regularly attended by District Councillors and it was not necessary for members of Senior Leadership to attend.

- 8.3 Email received from RDC regarding communication** – The Parish Council were asked for its views on current communications to parish and Town Councils. Cllr Guest said communication between Parish Council and the planning department could be improved. The planning department does nothing to inform Parishes what has transpired or happened to the comments that have been made.

Action – The Clerk

- 8.4 Email from resident regarding a pedestrian crossing** – at the triangular area close to the junction of Richmond Road, Bridge Road and Station Road. It is not thought a suitable crossing point at this junction. However, there have been discussions about a crossing in the village. Cllr Les will follow the matter up with Highways.

- 8.5 **Email received from RDC re Local Plan Review: Preferred Options Workshop** – The Chairman and Cllr Guest will attend the event on Wednesday, 26 February at Mercury House.
9. To consider and decide upon the following **Planning Applications**
- 9.1 **19/00860/FULL** – Sundial House, 18 Richmond Road, BOS – This application is for a garage and agricultural store. There is no agricultural land attached to this property and it is not a farm. Why would it be necessary for a building such as this to have an upstairs with windows when it is required to store vehicles? The building appears to be larger than anything that was there previously. The Parish Council object to this planning application.
- Action – The Clerk
- 9.2 **19/00871/FULL** – Orchard House, 44 Richmond Road, BOS – No objection
- Action – The Clerk

Cllr Guest asked what the procedure was for advertising planning application consultation at the properties in question. Cllr Threlfall said that RDC Planning Department attended to put a notice close to the property where it could be seen by the general public/residents. Cllr Guest noted he had not seen notices for either of the above-mentioned applications. Cllr Threlfall will follow this up.

10. To receive the following **Planning Decision/Information**
- 10.1 **18/00158/FULL & 18/00159/LBC** – Bridge Farm, Gatherley Grange – OBJECTION SUSTAINED
- 10.2 **NYCC/2019/0123/FUL** – Brompton-on-Swale CE Primary School, Brompton Park – GRANTED
- 10.3 **19/00503/VAR** – 9 River Lane, Brompton-on-Swale – GRANTED
- 10.4 **17/00467/FULL** – Rosy Hill Farm, Scorton Road, BOS – GRANTED
- 10.5 **19/00414/VAR** – Brewery House, 14 Richmond Road, BOS - GRANTED
- 10.6 **19/00305/VAR** – Hambleton Steel, Unit 2, Gatherley Road Ind Est, BOS – NO COMMENT/NO OBJECTION
- 10.7 **19/00449/FULL** – 22 Wellington Way, Brompton-on-Swale - GRANTED
- 10.8 **19/00780/LBC** – Holly Cottage, 33 Richmond Road. BOS – NO COMMENT/NO OBJECTION
11. **Minor matters**
- 11.1 Cllr Woodley mentioned the issue of a van parked on the footpath at the entrance to Stephenson Road. The vehicle is often parked in the same place, blocking the footpath. Cllr Threlfall will escalate the parking issue.
13. **Date of next meeting**, Thursday 5 March 2020 at 7.00pm

Signed: .....  
Date: 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020.....