

5. Reports

5.1 Report from Cllr Les – NYCC

Cllr Les said the VAS sign draft protocol has been signed off. Suppliers are currently being sought. The suggested cost will be £2500 plus VAT. Details will be notified to Parish Councils with the conditions in due course. It will start at the beginning of April 2019. Cllr Les will have more information at the next meeting on 11 April.

Cllr Les will meet with the Chairman to discuss River Lane and the riverside footpath. The resurfacing option for River Lane will be discussed. A pedestrian crossing for Brompton-on-Swale will also be discussed at the meeting.

Council Tax will increase by 2.99% plus 2% Adult Social Care levy. Each 1% of council tax = £2.7M.

Locality Budgets are still available for 2019/2020.

NYCC must approve the Police precept. This has increased by 9.6%. Assurances have been given this will be spent on 50 more police officers and 25 more PCSO's. Out of these Officers there will be a City Task Force set up for the City of York. Officers will be recruited to deal with mental health issues. There will be online PCSO's who will be available to deal with issues regarding securing your property. Cllr Rutter mentioned Education Budgets. Cllr Les said the Government is putting more money into education. Unfortunately, the cost base is increasing. There are more schools in financial difficulty than there has been. NYCC are being stringent with trying to help balance budgets.

Schools in inner London receive twice as much funding per pupil as those in North Yorkshire. Our deprivation is about social isolation. It is hopeful the Education Minister is listening to the issue.

5.2 Report from Cllr Threlfall – RDC

The RDC precept increase is 1.77%.

The lights on Bridge Road (close to the Junction with the Farmers Arms) appear to be the original entrance lights into the Cadbury Smash site. RDC are in contact with the new owners, North Yorkshire Timber, to find out if they are live.

The RDC Enforcement Officer is looking into the issue of the containers in the field to the rear of the sports hall. Investigations are ongoing.

The Chairman mentioned the complaints regarding parking issues in Curteis Drive. The Chairman asked Cllr Threlfall if Parking Enforcement could look at this area as one of concern. It was noted that large vehicles are parked on driveways which overhang the footpath and completely block it. Residents are having to walk in the road to get past.

Action -Cllr Threlfall

5.3 Report from the Village Society

The Chairman summarised - the Village Society is progressing well. There is one person taking charge of maintenance and another fundraising.

6. Current Issues

6.1 **To discuss/decide upon an increase in Cemetery Fees from April 2019**

The Clerk had previously circulated details of current and suggested fees increase to all Councillors. Councillors agreed to increase the fees by 10% to cover increasing costs.

Proposed: Cllr M Rutter

Seconded: Cllr D Dempsey

Action – The Clerk

The Chairman said if there were any significant works required at the cemetery grants would be secured for the purpose.



6.2 To discuss and receive an update on the A1 noise protection

RDC Environmental Team Manager had previously met with A1L2B. Under discussion was the customer satisfaction survey (end January), completion of the tree planting (end February) and the Acoustic Noise Protection Fencing will be extended Northwards beyond Station Road.

The Chairman was concerned the customer satisfaction survey has not taken place in Brompton-on-Swale. He asked what had happened regarding the equipment to measure the sound levels from the new motorway. Cllr Threlfall said since it was agreed to extend the Noise Protection Fencing Northwards, measure of sound would seem unnecessary.

Action – Cllr Threlfall

6.3 To discuss and receive an update on the riverside footpath

The Chairman will meet with Cllr Les on site to discuss the riverside footpath.

Action – Cllr Les and The Chairman

6.4 To discuss/decide upon Planning Application Consultation process

The YLCA recently drew attention to an issue regarding the planning process adopted by Parish Councils. Planning applications received from the District Council for comments or objections from the Parish Council *must be taken at a meeting of the Council. With one exception to that and that is a situation where the Council has already agreed and minuted that the power to take a decision on behalf of the Council on planning applications that come between meetings is delegated to the Clerk.* The Chairman reminded the Councillors of the current process for planning applications. The Chairman proposed the Council continue with the current arrangement and the power is delegated to the Clerk to send a decision to RDC. The Clerk will copy planning decision emails to all Councillors. The copy of Councillors' comments would be kept for each planning application should any decision be questioned.

Proposed: Cllr N Mason Seconded: Cllr D Sharp

6.5 To discuss Basketball hoop at Augustus Gardens

Cllr Sharp was approached by young residents of Augustus Gardens requesting a net be purchased for the basketball hoop. Councillors agreed a metal net could be purchased. Cllr Dempsey and Cllr Sharp to ascertain the diameter of the hoop. The Clerk will look at the cost.

Action – Cllr Dempsey & Cllr Sharp, The Clerk

7. Parish Finances

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

No questions were raised. The figures were approved.

Proposed: Cllr R Haynes Seconded: Cllr D Sharp

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

Budgeted for 17 grass cuts this year but only used 14 cuts to date. There may be another cut for March 2019. The cost for purchase of the defib is still accounted for in the budget expenditure. However the purchase of a new defib will probably be accounted for in April 2019.

No questions were raised. The figures were approved

Proposed: Cllr R Haynes Seconded: Cllr D Sharp

7.3 The following payments were approved.

There were no new accounts for payment.



8. Correspondence

8.1 A letter was received from The Bridge, which provides services to older people and disabled adults in the local community. The Chairman read the letter to Councillors who agreed to make a donation to the charity of £50.00.

Proposed: Cllr D Dempsey Seconded: Cllr D Sharp

Action – The Clerk

8.2 An email received from Richmondshire Leisure Trust has asked for the opportunity to give a brief update to the Parish Council about their work at Colburn Leisure Centre. Councillors agreed. The Clerk will contact the writer to discuss dates available.

Action – The Clerk

8.3 An email was received from a resident of Pembury Mews regarding hedges in the lane which runs down the lane between Brompton Park and Station Road. Councillors and the Clerk will try to ascertain ownership of the hedge.

Action – The Clerk

9. To consider and decide upon the following **Planning Applications**
No new Planning Applications had been received

10. To receive the following **Planning Decision/Information**

10.1 **18/00829/LBC** – Inglenook – 15, Richmond Road - GRANTED

10.2 **18/00846/FULL** – 9 Nightingale Close AMENDED PROPOSAL - GRANTED

10.3 **19/00070/FULL** – 39 Brompton Court – NO COMMENTS OR OBJECTIONS

11. Minor matters

11.1 Cllr Haynes mentioned a channel gouged out in the road, next to the gutter, along Richmond Road between the telephone kiosk and Brewery House. He has asked if NYCC could fix this section of the road when they resurface River Lane.

11.2 Cllr Rutter mentioned the Local Plan Review Workshop he will be attending on Wednesday 27 March at RDC, Mercury House.

11.3 The Clerk had been to a meeting at RDC this morning regarding the forthcoming local elections and gave advice on the method of completion of forms for those Parish Councillors who wished to put themselves forward for election.

12. **Date of next meeting, Thursday 11 April March 2019 at 7.00pm**

Signed: 

Date: 