

BIGGIN PARISH COUNCIL

Biggin, Sherburn in Elmet, North Yorkshire, LS25 6HJ

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of Biggin Parish Council held at The Blacksmiths Arms, Oxmoor Lane, Biggin on Wednesday 3rd July 2024.

The meeting opened at 6.32pm

Present: Cllr N Kaiper-Holmes (Chairman), Cllr V Earle, Cllr J Lamb and Georgina Ashton, Clerk to the Council. 3 members of the public present.

Minutes of Meeting

25/14 To receive and consider apologies for absence
Apologies received in advance of the meeting from Cllr Anderson and Cllr Hartley.
Resolution: to accept and approve the apologies for absence received from Cllr Anderson and Cllr Hartley.

25/15 To receive any Declarations of Interest from Members
Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by Biggin Parish Council for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.
None.

25/16 Public Participation Period
Resident 1 – can the website be updated.

25/17 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 15th May 2024.
Resolution: to accept and approve as a true and accurate record the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th May 2024.

25/18 RFO Finance Report
a) Financial update from the Clerk, balance at bank – to 15th June 2024
The bank balance as at 15th June was £4,9018.16

b) To approve the Bank Reconciliation and any payments

04/05/2024	Bank charges to 13 April 2024		£5.00	
04/05/2024	Go cardless: website hosting charge		£4.99	
04/06/2024	Bank charges to 13 May 2024		£6.20	
06/06/2024	Go cardless: website hosting charge		£19.51	
		£1,613.15	£551.93	
	Closing balance at 14 June 2024			£4,908.16
	<i>Schedule of Payments</i>			
03/07/2024	Recharge to G Ashton: Hire of EPC for Annual meetings		£11.00	
30/04/2024	NYC Grass cutting grant	£64.60		
NYC Bank account	NYC - CIL/S106 funding - held at North Yorkshire Council bank funds	£4,995.00		
		£5,059.60	£11.00	
				£9,956.76

Resolution: to approve the Bank reconciliation and schedule of payments as outlined above.

25/19 Planning

- a. To consider any live planning applications in the Parish.
Application for a Solar Farm (Woodcock Solar Farm), Little Fenton – Abei Energy Ltd are providing an early engagement opportunity on Tuesday 23rd June 2024 at 3-8pm at Eversley Park Centre, Low Street, Sherburn in Elmet (opposite Aldi).
- b. To receive an update on the renewal of the ACV on The Blacksmiths Arms, Biggin.
Successfully achieved from the Local Planning Authority in June 2024, lasts until 2029.
- c. To receive an update on the works at the Caravan site
2020/1205/COU and ZG2024/0515/DOC – contact Sophie King, Planning Enforcement Officer to provide an update.
Significant number of caravans on site, mobile home, lampposts.
Contravened – Condition 10:site lighting, proposal was to install low level lighting no more than 1m high. Streetlighting lampposts have been erected
Clerk to check portal and look at the latest plan (Condition 09), May 2024.
Resolution: Clerk to collate conditions which have been contravened and submit comments to Sophie King, Planning Officer.
- d. To note and consider S106 expenditure.
Chairman and Cllr Earle to arrange a visit with the Glasdon Area Sales Rep.
Resolution: for Cllr Earle and Cllr Kaiper-Holmes to contact the Glasdon Area Sales representative to arrange an onsite meeting.

25/20 Community Safety and village projects

- a) Defibrillator report – last checked by Cllr Anderson on 24 June 2024 with expiry date on the pads of December 2024 (Cllr Earle to check in August)
- b) Grass cutting – resident volunteer happy to carry on grass cutting.

25/21 To resolve that Biggin Parish Council adopt the General Powers of Competence under The Localism Act (2011) and The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order (2012) until the next Annual ‘relevant’ meeting of the Council (2027).

Councils no longer need to ask whether they have a specific power to act. Localism Act (2011) s1(1) gives local authorities, including eligible local councils, “the power to do anything that individuals generally may do” as long as they don’t break other laws. It is the power of ‘first resort’: this means that when searching for a power to act, the first question you ask is whether you can use GPC.

Biggin Parish Council has at least 2/3rds of its members who were elected in last full parish council elections in May 2022 and the Clerk is a ‘qualified’ Clerk having obtained the Certificate in Local Council Award.

Resolution: to adopt the General Powers of Competence under The Localism Act (2011) and The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order (2012) until the next Annual ‘relevant’ meeting of the Council (May 2027).

25/22 Correspondence received

Little Fenton Parish Council held a parish meeting on 2nd July 2024 and are in the process of purchasing a defibrillator for the parish through the North Yorkshire County Cllr Andrew Lee. To enable the parish to purchase this AED life saving device, they need the support of Biggin Parish Council as they do not hold a bank account. This would be a cost neutral transaction to Biggin Parish Council to receive the Locality budget funds to purchase a defibrillator and lockable cabinet.

Resolution: to provide consent to Little Fenton Parish Council to receive the grant donation from the Locality Budget and to purchase the defibrillator on behalf of Little Fenton Parish Council.

25/23 To note information exchange and representative reports

Both trees which have been commented on by residents have been reported North Yorkshire Council.

25/24 To note the date of the next meeting – Wednesday 18th September 2024

The meeting closed at 7.23pm

Signed: _____

Dated: _____