

Biggin Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Biggin Parish Council held on Wednesday 20 January 2021 as a Virtual remote meeting (due to Covid19 govt lockdown).

In attendance: Cllr JC Lamb (Chair), Cllr R Anderson (Vice Chair), Cllr C Hartley, Cllr M Duncan, Cllr N Kaiper-Holmes. District Cllr Musgrave. No members of the public were present.

The meeting opened at 6.38pm

Residents attended: none

Councillors present: Cllr Anderson, Cllr Hartley, Cllr Duncan, Cllr Kaiper-Holmes, Cllr Lamb, District Cllr Musgrave. Clerk, Georgina Ashton.

MINUTES OF MEETING

- (1) Apologies for absence
None. Cllr JC Lamb joined the meeting but had no microphone or video. He joined the call by telephone for resolutions of agenda items.
- (2) Open Forum for members of the public (limited to 15 minutes)
No members of the public present.
- (3) Declarations of Interest
None.
- (4) Minutes of the last meeting held on 26 August 2020
Resolution: It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting which took place on 20 August 2020 were a true and accurate record.
- (5) Planning

- a. Selby Local Plan – Preferred Options Consultation period (29 Jan 21 to 12 Mar 2021)

District Councillor Musgrave explained the current phase of adopting the Selby Local Plan was out for consultation between 29 January 2021 and 12 March 2021. The preferred options phase encourages local councils to respond and provide comments. The Local Plan involved the development of 8,040 new homes across the district over a 20 year planned period. In addition, this will involve 110 hectares of employment land. The main settlement areas of Selby, Sherburn in Elmet and Tadcaster will be considered as well as a potential new settlement. The sites for consideration for a new garden village of 1,250 new homes include the Old Airfield at Church Fenton, Burn Airfield and a site close to Stillingfleet Mine and Escrick. The site at Stillingfleet can take 4,000 new homes, however there is an assumption of 1,250 homes from the new site over the planned period. Burn Airfield is owned by SDC and has the support of the local Parish Council. There is also a potential urban extension to Eggborough with 1,200 new homes that would link with Wakefield City Council (neighbouring council) who are looking at building a new link road that will fit/support with the SDC area. No proposal to allocate land in Biggin in the Local Plan. However, this doesn't mean that there will be no development in the village over the planned period. For example, the LPA will support a Windfall Policy of small, appropriately scaled developments in smaller villages; conscious that some people want to live in smaller villages so therefore some scale development is appropriate. The NPPF promotes sustainable development and therefore one could argue legally that some small scale/high quality housing in smaller settlements is permissible. However, the LPA would aim not to build in flood zones. The final part of the consultation process will be in 12 months' time prior to presenting it to Parliament.

Unitary Council – Parish Councils will be key consultees on the Unitary Council proposals in Feb/March time. 2 proposals have been put forward to the Minister.

Resolution: Clerk to provide a summary document to the Council with regard to the Local Plan preferred options consultation.

- b. Consideration of the S106 monies - £5,475 re planning consent - 2015/1004/OUT (2017/0129/REM) available to draw down from SDC until 04 March 2025.

Resolution: Item deferred to a face to face meeting to enable a village “walk round” to discuss the final proposal and siting of village furniture etc.

- (6) Community Safety
No comment.

- (7) Finance – update from RFO, balance at bank.

- a. Precept Budgeting for 2021/22 (*needs to be returned to SDC by 22/1/21*)

Clerk provided a presentation to Council of current accounts, predicted expenditure to the end of the year. General Reserves stand at 200% at year end (31 Mar 2021) with annual budgeted expenditure for 2020/2021 to be £1,440. Agreement in principal to maintain the same level of Precept requirement for the coming financial year due to SDC 0% increase on council tax and to reflect the current position of a global pandemic and recessionary period.

Resolution: Precept Requirement for 2021/2022 for Biggin Parish Council to remain at 0%. Actual requirement to SDC will be £1,450 (2020/2021 was £1,450).

- b. Balance at bank & Bank Reconciliation

Current bank balance is £3,720.48 as at 14 January 2021. Clerk provided a bank reconciliation up to 14 January 2021.

2 payments to make, Clerks wage (April – September 2020) £162.90 and Grass Cutting wages to M Potts, £98.00 up to 31 December 2020.

- (8) Community Engagement
Nothing raised.

- (9) Correspondence

Clerk had received notification of a Briefing detail for the Local Plan Consultation on Thursday 04 February 2021, 6-8pm remotely.

- (10) AOB

None

- (11) Date of next meeting – Wednesday 12 May 2021 at 6.30pm venue TBC (this could be the Annual Parish and Annual Council meeting if Covid19 Regs change)

The meeting closed at 7.21pm