

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF POTTO PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY 2021 AT 7.00 PM REMOTELY VIA TEAMS**

Parish Council Meeting

In line with new government legislation and NALC Guidelines regarding social distancing etc. the Parish Council Meeting will continue to be held remotely via TEAMS.

Any member of the public wishing to join the meeting remotely can contact the Clerk for an invitation.

The Chairman explained the current restrictions and regulatory changes that have been put in place due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, including the new rule of six and its implications.

Further the Annual Meeting and election of officials have been postponed to a time when the current restrictions are lifted.

Meeting open to the public

Two residents joined the meeting to discuss planning application 20/02738/MBN – Land and buildings West of Rawcliffe, 46 Cooper lane Potto. Some objections have been sent into Hambleton Planning; however, the application has also received some support from residents. The residents provided some background to the application and detailed their aspirations for the site. The residents explained that the family have a farming background and intended to improve the whole site and make it an asset to the village as it is currently an eyesore and will only deteriorate if the site is not allowed to be developed. The residents informed the council that they have submitted an amendment and that an extension of 3 weeks had been granted. The residents stated that they do not want it to look like a converted barn, want it to be a house that they are proud of.

Discussed permitted development for conversion from agricultural use, it was noted that the planning consultant has summed up the application well and stated that it has been used previously for agricultural use.

Discussed previous applications for dwellings on the site and the differences between the various applications that had been made for the site over the years.

1. Reminder by the Chairman of the Councils expectations for the audio or visual recording of this meeting

No requests received

2. Apologies for Absence and approve reasons for absence

Present: Councillor Mr A Wilde (Chairman), Councillor Mr J Greco, Councillor Mr S Agar, Councillor Mr I Macpherson, Councillor Mrs E Griffin and County Councillor Mr D Hugill.

No Apologies.

3. Minutes of December Meeting

The minutes of December's meeting were discussed proposed, seconded and resolved.

4. Matters Arising from last month's meeting

- 4.1 Covid-19 – Parish Council can either cancel meetings or use available technology to hold meetings remotely. The Parish Council is committed to continue to provide as normal a service as possible to the residents of the parish during these difficult times. YLCA and NALC current recommendations are to continue meeting virtually.

- 4.2 Police Report – PCSO Snowden emailed the December Police report which had been circulated to Councillors. One report of anti-social behaviour in the area which was Covid-19 related.
- 4.3 Working together with Swainby Parish Council, Hambleton District Council and NYCC, Potto Parish Council have secured funding to replace and widen the bridge on the bridleway over Swainby Ellers. County Councillor Hugill has provided Potto Parish Council with £1000 financial support for the project, the Councillors thanked David for his support.

Discussed the current state of the surface of the bridleway due to the recent heavy rainfall. Cllr Hugill informed the council that not there had much take-up for the HDC Making a Difference Fund, it was agreed to submit an application to support maintenance and re-surfacing on the bridleway.

Arriety Heath of NYCC sent a note supporting volunteer activities on the footpaths, requesting updates on any work going on with footpaths, and said that she is looking forward to meeting us this year (restrictions allowing) and installing some more stiles.

- 4.4 Annual Returns – Nothing to update.
- 4.5 Parish Plan – Email received from a member of the public regarding Ingleby Arncliffe's village statement. Circulated to councillors for their information.
- 4.6 Traffic Calming – Discussed possible 40mph speed limit between Hutton Rudby and Potto. Cllr Hugill suggested contacting the 95Alive organisation, Councillor Wilde will look into this. More forms have been received from Police Commissioner for completing the grant for the speed signs. Mr Orr from Crathorne Parish Council has received £500 from localities budget towards funding for the project.
- 4.7 Defibrillator – The work to re-site the defibrillator is due to start tomorrow. North Yorkshire Ambulance Service were local and checked the defibrillator, they informed the Parish Council that the defibrillator requires a new battery. These cost £180.00 plus VAT which comes with 4-year guarantee. We will check info previous maintenance offered if it is still available, if not then agreed to purchase battery.
- 4.8 Potto Village Hall – The minutes of the Potto Village Hall committee meeting have been circulated. The Chairman and Clerk have been assisting Mr Harper with registering the Village Hall for VAT. Some events pencilled in for March/April, may have to be rescheduled.
- 4.9 IT systems – A new Huawei laptop has been purchased for the clerk with Microsoft Office. Thanks, given from the clerk.
- 4.10 New Planning Pro-Forma – Created and to be used when responding to Hambleton Planning

5. Report from County and District Councillors

County Councillor Mr D Hugill explained that some covid-19 signs have been put up in Osmotherley and Swainby warning visitors to stay away, however some local people had also been putting signs up.

Hambleton are working on a new Gypsy Traveller housing needs survey/policy. Consulting with Gypsy Travellers and they have been very forthcoming with assisting the council. Discussed how parishioners do not like to comment on Gypsy Traveller planning applications publicly for fear of reprisal.

The issue of flooding in the area and in particular Northallerton was discussed, NYCC have been extremely busy dealing with the current situation.

There is a County Council election scheduled for May, however there is uncertainty around whether this will go ahead, may be a last-minute decision. However; Potto Parish Council received an email from Sheena Spence at the YLCA saying that the elections will be going ahead.

6. Planning Applications consider and decide upon

- 6.1 Ref. No: 20/02738/MBN – Land and buildings West of Rawcliffe, 46 Cooper lane Potto. Councillor Wilde, and Councillor Agar have declared an interest in the application and Cllr Macpherson noted that he was acquainted with the applicant. Discussed the application and it was noted that a suitable development would dramatically improve the current state of the site and enhance the character of the village. Discussed the application of the Class Q status and reviewed previous submissions and comments from members of the public. Extension now is 18 February await amendment information from HDC.
- 6.2 Ref. No: 20/02744/FUL – Demolition of existing conservatory and new Single storey extension Old orchard, Cooper Lane Potto. It was noted that this was a very large extension to an already well-developed site. However, due to the location there will be very little impact on the street scene. Recommended for Approval.
- 6.3 Ref. No: 20/02696/MBN – Change of use from Agricultural building to 1 dwelling house, Goldgate lane. It was noted that this is a well-hidden site and that there would be no visual impact on the street scene. Concerns were raised about the precedence that class Q applications are providing a loophole to landowners to make developments at a number of locations in the parish. Recommended for Approval.

7. Planning Decisions of Hambleton District Councils

- 7.1 Ref No: 20/02423/FUL. Extension to and Renovation of Existing Dwelling Bread and Beer house, Butcher Lane, Potto. GRANTED.
- 7.2 Ref No: 20/02290/OUT. Outline application with some matters reserved for the construction of one detached dwelling. Land Rear Of 42 Cooper Lane, Potto. GRANTED. A number of residents have approached councillors with concerns regarding this application since the last meeting was held. Residents feedback was discussed, and it was agreed that the issues would be taken up with HDC planning department.
- 7.3 Ref No: 20/02347/FUL. First floor side extension and single storey infill extension to the front of the dwelling house. 9 Cooper Close, Potto. GRANTED. Residents have appealed against the decision on a number of grounds, residents were informed that their comments to HDC planning were treated as confidential so were not included on the website or with the decision-making process. HDC also said they did not take PPC comments into consideration. Discussed lack of confidence in HDC Planning Department. As with 7.2 it was agreed that the issues would be taken up with HDC planning department.

Glen Rock – No response yet

Container on land adjacent to Rawcliffe – Initial response received, to follow up.

The parish council is concerned at the arbitrary manner in which planning applications are handled within the parish, and why parish council and residents' views are not being considered. It was agreed that a letter to the senior planning officer will be drafted to try and understand what the issues are and to engage more closely with the planning department at HDC.

8. Matters requested by Councillors

Councillors worked hard to replenish the salt bins in the parish during the recent cold spell. It was noted that the stock of road salt will need to be assessed during the summer.

9. Finance

9.1 To note the following payments previously authorised.

Bridge	£ 2,500.00
Defibrillator battery	£ 180.00

9.2 To receive bank reconciliation and budget comparison to December 2020

Community Account	£ 5,921.85
Business Saver Account	£ 10,000.73

9.3 Budget review – spending planned on community projects.

9.4 An application to the Making a Difference Fund will be made for the bridleway maintenance

10. Correspondence

- 10.1 YLCA
- 10.2 Correspondence from a member of the public, re. planning.
- 10.3 Correspondence from a member of the public, published records.
- 10.4 Correspondence from a member of the public, information queries – Agreed to amend.

11. Any Other business

None

12. Next Meeting

Current meetings will be held via video conference until such time as restrictions are lifted.

Any member of the public can request an invite to the meeting from the Clerk.

Next month's meeting date Wednesday 17 February 2021 at 7.00pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm