ESKDALESIDE CUM UGGLEBARNBY
PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council held on **Monday 4th November 2024 at 6.30pm in Sleights Village Hall** pursuant to Summons

Present:

PRESENT: Councillor A Watson (Chairman) in the Chair. Councillors; D Tate (Temp Proper Officer), A Harrison (Temp Financial Officer) J Parkin, P Perry, R Corner, M Warner & L Jones.

There were no members of the public present.

There will be a public session prior to the start of the meeting and this will be from 6.30pm - 6.45pm
Members of the public will adhere to the rules set by the council for this session.
Following issues raised:

1	**TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & APPROVE REASON FOR ABSENCE IF REQUIRED.** NONE RECIEVED
2	**TO IDENTIFY AND RESOLVE ANY ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION THAT MAY REQUIRE THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.** a) It was resolved that member of the public be excluded from Agenda item No 8 due to consideration of personal; information. NO EXCLUSIONS NECESSARY
3	**TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Members to declare any personal, pecuniary or prejudicial interests they may have in the following items that are not already declared under the council's code of conduct or members' Register of Interests: NONE DECLARED
4	**POLICE MATTERS.** i) To receive any reports from the Police: Written report received, 3 RTC and one fracas on Eskdaleside
5	**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL (NYC) REPORT.** To receive general update reports from the Unitary Councillor representative and any updates on relevant items, detailed below from recent meetings, and to decide on further action where necessary, Cllrs have an opportunity to ask questions. The following issues were discussed and decided upon: Councillor Clive Pearson gave a report. Parish Forums were badly attended although their content was very good. The bridge at Grosmont has been reopened, however further repairs necessitating closure will be required. The Parish councillors discussed the lack of communication with NYC on future planned works and the poor quality of the highways work and waste of taxpayers' money. It was agreed to send the latest response from NYC Area 3 to Councillor Pearson.
6	**MINUTES** To consider the accuracy of minutes of the Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council meeting held on 7th October 2024 for approval and signing. RESOLVED TO APPROVE AND SIGN Thanks were expressed to Cllr Parkin and his wife for assisting in the preparation of the minutes.
7	**REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING** To receive information on the following ongoing issues that required action at previous meetings and decide on further action where necessary, if not detailed elsewhere on the agenda. The following issues were discussed and decided upon: i) The failed road crossing at the junction of the A169/B1410 has now been rectified. ii) Awaiting a date for a meeting with NYS Highways in regard to the deed water filled hole on Ugglebarnby Low Lane. iii) All junction visibility splays have now been cut.
8	**APPOINTMENT OF PARISH CLERK**

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	To consider the applications received for the position of Clerk to Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council and decide, if appropriate, whom to offer the position. Three applications were received before the closing date of 31st October 2024, one withdrew, the interview panel consisting of Cllrs Corner, Harrison and Tate subsequently interviewed the remaining two candidates. The interview panel were impressed with both candidates and felt that either candidate could fill the post. All Cllrs had received copies of the candidate's CV's, letters of application and interview panel notes. Following a discussion, the chairman called for a secret ballot. This resulted in Ms Anne-Marie Benson being declared the winner with 5 votes to 3. It was resolved that a job offer be made to Anne-Marie Benson. Post meeting Note; Ms Benson accepted the job offer and Cllr Tate will work towards a handover prior to the meeting on the 2nd December 2024. An e-mail was sent to the other candidate thanking them for the interest shown in the position.
9	**PLANNING MATTERS** To receive reports on and consider the following planning applications and decide action where necessary: **9a) North Yorks Moors National Park (NYMNP) Planning Authority** NYM/2022/0316 Application for variation of condition 2 of planning to allow an extended period to 29 March 2026 to complete the exploratory drilling and remove the associated equipment from site at Woodsmith Mine, Sneaton RESOLVED NO OBJECTIONS **9b) North Yorkshire Council (NYC) Planning Authority** ZF24/01471/NSN New street name land adj.69 Carr Hill Lane. Suggestions required for new street names as the developer's proposal "Bridgford Gardens" does not reflect the relevance of the location. The names previously suggested, "Carr Hill View" or "Ridge View", were rejected by the Developer. Following Cllr Tates' discussion with the planning department, who advised that a further extension for a response is agreed so the council may suggest further names. RESOLVED to suggest "Hill Top Gardens", Hill Top Close", "High Fields", High Field Close", High Field Gardens". **9c) Anglo American (AA) / Woodsmith Project** i)To consider any issues in respect of mining activities that impact the parish and decide on actions to be taken: NO CURRENT ISSUES 9d) **Skills4Work Team** i) Update on works undertaken/to be undertaken, and decide further action if required Toilet car park area outstanding for de-weed and re-gravel – DEFFERED De-weed the War Memorial prior to Remembrance Day. COMPLETED 7TH NOVEMBER. Briggswath bus shelter, internal roof to paint – DEFFERED Various seats to be removed and returned to doners, and replacement seats to be installed. List of requirements sent to Skills4Work team and Anglo American. Requested that the seat on Brirch Grove be removed immediately as it is becoming dangerous. The replacement memorial seat at Littlebeck is due to be delivered on the 14th November. ii) To discuss/decide on any future works to be given to the team to undertake: De-weed the area around the village pump

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10 FINANCE

To consider the following and decide actions where necessary.

i) Payment Schedule
To receive the payment schedule and approve payment of the invoices detailed therin and sign cheques: RESOLVED TO APPROVE

ii) To receive and approve the bank reconciliation. AWAITING OCTOBER BANK STATEMENT

iii) To consider bringing forward the purchase of Laptop and Printer to coincide with the appointment of a new Parish Clerk. RESOLVED: Specification and prices to be obtained from our preferred supplier with consultation with the new Clerk. Provision of a printer to be discussed with the new Clerk when in post.

iv) Model Agreement 2025/26 – note review update at the forthcoming Parish Liaison meeting – Sleights Village Hall 26th November, 10am – 4pm.
Thanks were expressed to Cllr Harrison for his detailed notes on the Model Agreement.

It was noted that NYC have advised that the payment of the model agreement will cease after 2025/26. RESOLVED to express the PC's concern at the NYC Parish Liaison meeting on the 26th November at Sleights Village Hall and to obtain answers regarding the funding of services currently covered by the model agreement.

11 PARISH MAINTENANCE

The consider the following issues and decide further action where necessary.

1. Public Conveniences, Eskdaleside (VJP)
   a) To receive information on any maintenance or other issues and decide further action if required
      i) Ladies sink plug removed - NOTED
      ii) PAT testing and emergency light tests planned for Dec 2024 - NOTED

2. Maintenance/Repairs to Assets – update and to decide any further actions

   a) Village Pump maintenance requirements
      i) To receive update from Cllr DT on plan for renovation project following removal:
      Cllr Tate has discussed the requirements and obtained a quotation from Scawton sawmill for the supply of oak. RESOLVED to accept the quotation.

      ii) Plaque quotes – on hold until refurbishment undertaken - DEFERRED

   b) Daffodil Green Christmas Tree Lights:
      i) To Note - Lights to be keep status quo for this year and defer further discussion/decision to the 2025/2026 financial year - DEFFERED

3. Monitoring of Footpaths:
   i) To receive report from Cllr DT or the Clerk on any issues relating to footpaths within the parish boundary and to decide if any action to take:

      a) Featherbed Lane strimming: To note that Featherbed Lane has now been strimmed by NYC – NOTED.

      b) To decide if additional cuts of featherbed lane should be included in the Parish grass cutting regime. Quotation received for two stimming cuts of Featherbed Lane £175 RESOLVED to accept the quotation. The decision on when to cut will be determined when NYC's cutting schedule is known and on an as required basis.

   ii) To receive update from NYMNPA on PC's Priority Route" proposal, if received:
   NONE RECEIVED.

   iii) Whin Green to Iburndale Foot Path - to receive and consider feedback from the fact finding onsite meeting between NYC, contractor and Cllrs, held on the 5th July 2024, and to decide on further action regarding funding options if NYC cost analysis if received:

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	The NYC footpaths officer has been in contact and has proposed that NYC may be willing to joint fund some immediate repairs to the worst parts of the footpath. The suggestion is that NYC will contribute £1500 and the PC £500. RESOLVED to accept the proposal and make the joint funding contribution of £500. The PC would request confirmation of NYC's contribution prior to making the PC portion The PC is to be involved with planning the work to ensure value for money. iv) To decide on costs for a plaque denoting "Featherbed Lane" on the two relevant NYC footpath posts in the parish: - DEFFERED 4. NYC/Highways Issues to consider and decide any further actions required: i) To note as individuals, Cllrs can raise issues direct with NYCC Highways without having to go through the parish council or the Clerk - but cannot act or make decisions on behalf of the parish council: ii) To receive highway issues from Cllrs and to decide if any action to take: A discussion ensued regarding the general service provide by NYC Highways and the perceived lack of value for money at the taxpayer's expense. Two recently repaired sections of road on the A169 near the bridge over the river Esk and at the junction with Littlebeck Lane and Ugglebarnby Lane, have failed within 6 months of the work s being completed. RESOLVED to write to NYC Councillor Duncan Keane the executive member for Highways and Transportation, in the strongest possible terms expressing this PC's views. The grit bins on Lowdale Lane Bank are empty – REPORTED to NYC on the online portal The very poor work carried out by the Utility companies' reinstatement work at the junction of Carr Hill Lane and Ridge Lane has been reported to NYC Streetwise to investigate and report. iii) To receive and discuss NYC's management plan for the Linden Close Wildlife/Nature Area, if plan received: - NOTHING RECEIVED, Clerk to make further enquiries. 5. VE Day 80 8th May 2025, Beacon Lighting 9.30pm To Note, written permission has been received from the Sleights Moor/Grosmont Estate to hold this event: RESOLVED to ensure the emergency services are remined of the event.
12	**PARISH PLAN 2020-2027** a) To decide on the way forward with communications of the Parish Council with Parishioners in regard to the quarterly newsletter. DEFFERED. a) 2020-2025 Annual Review Report (NOTE Parish Plan extended to cover period to 2027) – next review by WGP to be undertaken for discussion at June 2025 meeting. NOTED.
13	**PARISH POLICIES** The following was reviewed and decided as follows: NONE TO REVIEW.
14	**COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL MEETINGS** Following issues considered and further action/decisions decided as follows: Cllr Tate attended a workshop at NYC Highways Area 3 office in Whitby. The Power Point presentation and notes from the workshop will be sent to Cllrs upon receipt from NYC. It was noted that from 11th December 2024 a new reporting portal will be available for Parish Councils to open a new account in order to report issues. Cllr Watson attended the Anglo American liaison group meeting, held on the 24th October in Hawsker village hall, reporting that works had slowed down following the considerable reduction in staff numbers.
15	**CORRESPONDENCE** The following correspondence was received and decisions made as follows: i) For Decision: (ii) For Information only (not for discussion/decision)

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	a) To note general correspondence circulated to Cllrs b) To note general updates from YLCA circulated to Cllrs c) To note any information and/or public consultations received from NYC and other third parties circulated to Cllrs, and where appropriate uploaded to PC website and put on noticeboards d) The Clerk has received contact by residents/Cllrs/contractors on the following issues and responded accordingly and/or reported to the relevant authority under delegated powers' i) Removal of Royal Mail Post Box Iburndale Lane – advised to contact Royal Mail direct. After discussion it was RESOLVED that the PC should formally contact the Royal Mail by e-mail regarding the reduced service and the inconvenience to Parishioners caused by the removal of this POST Box.
16	**CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR** The following was reviewed and decided as follows: a) Deadline for applications for the four vacancies is the 20th December 2024: **Members of public and press to leave the room** i) To consider applications received for co-option to fill the four vacancies for office of parish councillor: **Members of public and press to return to the room** ii) To vote on who to co-opt to the office of Parish Councillor iii) Upon co-option the Cllrs to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, if present, if not present to decide when the Declaration should be signed to validate the co-option To note positions not filled will be re-advertised: Noted positions to be readvertised. Post Meeting Note; Three parishioners have expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor
17	**DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** i) RESOLVED The parish council meetings will be as follows as per the meeting schedule agreed: Monday 4 November 2024 6.30pm—Joyce Sargeant Room, Sleights Village Hall Monday 2 December 2024 6.30pm—Joyce Sargeant Room, Sleights Village Hall Monday 6 January 2025 6.30pm—Joyce Sargeant Room, Sleights Village Hall Monday 3 February 2025 6.30pm—Joyce Sargeant Room, Sleights Village Hall Monday 3 March 2025 6.30pm—6.30pm-7.00pm for the Annual Parish Meeting with speaker to be confirmed followed at 7.00pm for the ordinary Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council Meeting— JS Room Sleights Village Hall—NO PUBLIC SESSION Monday 7 April 2025 6.30pm—Joyce Sargeant Room, Sleights Village Hall Monday 12 May 2025 6.30pm for the Annual Meeting of the Council, followed immediately by the ordinary Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council Meeting, —Joyce Sargeant Room, Sleights Village Hall —NO PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:15 pm

Signed: ……..Chairman. Dated: ……..

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