



Sutton-in-Craven Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Sutton-in-Craven Parish Council held at the Community Centre, North Street on Monday 6th March 2023 at 6.30pm
The Meeting followed the Annual Parish Meeting held at 6.15pm.

	<u>Present</u>																				
	<p>Clr. Morrell – Chair, Clr. Hawkins, Clr Ralph-Jennings and Clr. Cottrell. in attendance: Clerk: Mrs Emmott, Clr. Barrett and seven members of the public.</p>																				
17/03/2023	<u>Apologies for Absence</u>																				
	<p>Clr. Green, Clr. Bretan and Clr. Parsons</p>																				
18/03/2023	<u>Declarations of Member’s Interest in Matters on the Agenda</u>																				
	<p>Clr. Morrell declared a prejudicial interest in Planning Applications. Clr. Morrell is a District Councillor and a member of the Craven District Planning Committee. Clr. Morrell took no part in the discussion.</p>																				
19/03/2023	<u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u>																				
	<p>It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2022 and Monday 6th February 2023 (circulated to all members) were agreed as a correct record to be signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Clr. Morrell, seconded by Clr. Cottrell. Clr. Ralph-Jennings abstained.</p>																				
20/03/2023	<u>Public Participation</u>																				
	<p>A resident attended to reiterate the past of the Bowling Club and questioned why the Bowling Club had been thrown out of the Pavilion. The Chairman emphasised that this is not the case and the resident has been misinformed and in fact have use of more facilities.</p> <p>A resident who had attended a previous Council Meeting stated that no progress seems to have been made with blocked drains, leaves lining the streets. Particular sites included Crag Lane, North Road, Gatering Lane. Street Cleaning is under the remit of Craven District Council. Drains and Gully’s are under North Yorkshire. There is some disruption due to the changing over to the new Council. Clr. Barrett advised he will bring the matter up with Highways and the Clerk to email Craven District Council. The Chairman advised he has met with David Jones and regular checks are made after severe weather in particular on the catchpits on Crag Lane following severe weather.</p> <p>A resident reported a light out on Gatering Lane. Christmas Tree Lights - To be looked into.</p>																				
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22/03/2023	<u>North Yorkshire County Council Report from Councillor Philip Barrett</u>
	North Yorkshire Committee meetings took place on the 22 nd and 24 th February. These were long discussions regarding the budget. Skipton & Ripon Area Constituency Committee meeting on Thursday 9 th March 2023 at 10am at Craven District Council Offices.
23/03/2023	<u>Craven District Council Report from Cllr. Morrell</u>
	Sutton Lane Footpath – Steady progress is being made in negotiations with landowners.
24/03/2023	<u>Clerks Report and Correspondence</u>
a)	Email to Highways regarding speeding traffic on Ellers Road.
b)	Email to Highways regarding Sutton Lane End
c)	Email to Northern Powergrid informing the Parish Council agree to the diversion of cable subject that the area is checked for any rare species of plants etc including Lichen.
d)	Email to landowner informing the Council have no objection to them putting a small gate in the wall.
e)	Email to Yorkshire Housing requesting they do some maintenance work to trees on Manor Way by the post box and a Willow Tree on the old Yorkshire Housing site opposite Ash Grove.
f)	Information forwarded to Councillors on making comments on planning applications.
g)	
h)	<u>Insurance – Litter Pick</u> If the litter pick is a council-run event, it should be covered by the council's insurance policy. If, however, the council is merely providing litter-picking kits and/or collecting the waste at the end of the event, insurance cover is down to those participating – although not compulsory.
i)	<u>Funday – Village Committee</u> Confirmation for Sunday 18 th June 2023 for Funday.
j)	<u>Skipton & Ripon Area Constituency Committee</u> Thursday 9 th March 2023 at 10.00am at Craven District Council Offices.
k)	<u>Bench – Wainman's Pinnacle</u> A resident queried planning permission for a stone bench situated at Wainman's Pinnacle. The clerk to advise that the Parish Council had no knowledge of this bench until it was in situ. Cowling Parish Council advised that Wooler's installed the bench. The Parish Council resolved that having liaised with Craven District Council. The bench has been in situ for some time. It is not causing sufficient harm to warrant its removal. The Parish Council does have a Bench Policy on its website and any applications for the placement of a bench need to be made through the form provided.
25/03/2023	<u>Conservation Group</u>
	None
26/03/2023	<u>Park / Pavilion</u>
a)	Refurbishment is underway following a burst pipe in December.
27/03/2023	<u>Flooding/Footpath/Lighting/Highways/Trees/Land</u>
a)	Ellers Road – Response from Highways 'I am sorry but at present due to budgetary cuts, the County Council has very limited funding for highway improvements and therefore we must prioritise spending in locations where there is a history of collisions and a genuine need to improve safety. The County Council's Traffic Engineering Team maintains a list of cluster sites and high risk routes in both urban and rural settings. This forms the basis for the annual Accident Investigation and Prevention (AIP) programme of capital works, i.e. road safety engineering schemes to reduce the number and severity of collisions on the local road network and these are targeted at for investigating and addressing the issues at those locations. Locations where there have been 4 or more personal injury collisions reported to the Police in the previous three years are considered for inclusion in our safety scheme programme. The recorded personal injury collision history for Ellers Road has been looked at and this shows that there has been no recorded personal injury collisions on Ellers Road in the last five years. The most recent recorded injury collision was on 03/05/2015.

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Therefore, Ellers Road does not meet the safety scheme criteria in terms of speed related collisions for the Council to consider further investigation or traffic calming at this time, but we will of course continue to monitor data for this location. 20mph limits and zones are only considered at present where there is a history of speed related injury collisions and where there is a school or other community amenity on the road.

As you are concerned about speeding, you may wish to get involved in the Community Speed Watch (CSW) initiative. This is a speed monitoring and awareness scheme that is co-ordinated by the Police and run by a group of local volunteers who use speed detection devices to monitor traffic and identify speeding drivers on a specific road or small area.

Speed checks on Ellers Road were last carried out in October 2016 which showed mean speeds of 18.3mph going uphill out of Sutton and 19.6mph going downhill into Sutton. The 85thile speeds (the speed at which 85% are travelling at or below) was 24.1mph up hill and 26.2mph downhill.

It was resolved to request the Police to Investigate the matter. To inform of the classroom used by the schools up the Ellers at Wild Lea.

b) Wayleave Agreement for Clough - signed

28/03/2023 Craven District Council –Planning Decisions

Date Received	Application No.	Proposal	Location	Decision Date	Decision
5 th December 2022	2022/24619/HH	Change of use of existing disused stables building to residential use (class 3) with associated external alterations	The Stables, Ellers Road	13th February 2023	Permission Granted
6 th January 2023	2023/24676/HH	Single Storey Rear Extension	2 Bay Horse Close	2 nd March 2023	Permission Granted

29/03/2023 Members Reports from Meetings and Community Reports

a) Main Street is to be resurfaced in the School Holidays. An email to be sent to notify Highways of Sutton Funday on the 18th June 2023.

b) **Trees- Greenroyd Mill – Sutton Beck**
 A resident has expressed concern regarding overgrown trees in the beck which may become a potential flooding issue. Usually the responsibility for the trees in the beck would lie with the landowner. The trees are covered by a Tree Preservation Order and written permission would be required from the Local Planning Authority (LPA) before any works can be conducted.

Sutton Beck is designated Main River its confluence with Eastburn Beck upstream to the Black Bull pub area on Holme Lane. This section is therefore under the remit of the EA. However, upstream from the Black Bull Pub it looks as though the beck is classified as an ordinary watercourse and therefore under the remit of the Lead Local Flood Authority.

If the Local Planning Authority (LPA) agree that the trees can be removed, then the Environment Agency field team may be able to complete the works. However, this decision will be made by the Environment Agency’s Asset Performance team. Their decision will be informed by any evidence that the trees cause flooding, the severity of the flooding, and the knock-on effect that tree removal would have. For example, we may be reluctant to remove the trees if it would negatively affect bank stability.

The other option would be for the landowner to remove the trees, in which case they would need to go down the [Flood Risk Activity Permitting](#) route. (Usually landowners owners are responsible for half way in the beck).

c) **Bench donated in Remembrance of Barry Pearce**
 A position has now been agreed. Concrete flags to be laid with steel fixings. A budget of up to £100 agreed for installation. Should this needed to be exceeded due to rising costs. The clerk has delegated authority.

30/03/2023 Finance

a) **Payments, Orders and Transfers**
 It was resolved to authorize payments, orders and transfers listed in the report (circulated). Receipts noted. Proposed Cllr. Morrell, seconded Cllr. Cottrell.
 It was resolved to allow the Park Keeper a budget of £40 towards a new coat.

31/03/2023 Future Agenda Items

None

32/03/2023 Date & Time of Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.00pm . The date of the next meeting will be held on Monday 3rd April 2023

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