

**STILLINGFLEET PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**THURSDAY 7 OCTOBER 2021**

21040 **Welcome and Apologies:**

The Chair welcomed all those attending the meeting as follows:  
Parish Councillors: Paul Elmhirst, John Cook, Juan Brooks, Richard Daniel, David Swinglehurst, Lesley Collingridge, Emma Powell, Joanne Sears.  
Clerk: Ruth Swales  
District Councillors: Neil Reader  
Parishioners: Ross Powell (Play Stillingfleet), Frances Coad, Annette Strickland, Stephen Galpin, Carole Galpin  
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr James Atkinson.

21041 **Public participation: Traffic Calming**

21041.1 Stephen Galpin advised that when resident in Stillington in order to tackle speeding concerns he had been part of a group of volunteer residents who had successfully collaborated with North Yorkshire SpeedWatch. Mr Galpin offered to organise such an initiative in Stillingfleet.

21041.2 Cllr Powell advised that at the suggestion of Cllr Musgrave she and Cllr Musgrave had met with Gary Lumb of North Yorkshire Highways to enquire about traffic calming possibilities. NY Highways advised that they would take action if there was an identified risk to life or a pattern of accidents but that costs are likely to be prohibitive.

21041.3 As an alternative Council asked Cllr Powell to liaise with Mr Galpin to bring forward proposals for a SpeedWatch initiative in Stillingfleet to the December meeting.

21042 **Declarations of Interests:**

Cllr Swinglehurst declared an interest in agenda item 21049 – the ByeLaw Field.

21043 **Play Area:**

21043.1 By way of an introduction Cllr Elmhirst explained there were 3 issues to discuss:

- Whether to choose a scheme upon which to base a planning application and upon which to base fund raising applications.
- Whether to progress an appropriate planning application.
- To begin to consider possible headings in principle for the management responsibilities of the Play Area.

21043.2 Cllr Elmhirst explained that the Play Sub-Committee had met with Play Stillingfleet and invited Ross Powell to deliver the resultant Play Stillingfleet presentation which details a design proposal for the play area, which carries the support of the Play Sub-committee.

21043.3 After some discussion Council **RESOLVED** to prefer the Play-Scheme proposal as the scheme on which to base an application for planning permission to install a play area on the allocated site and on which to base the Council's grant applications.

21043.4 Council noted that this resolution does not commit the Parish Council to any contractual obligation to Play-Scheme and stressed that no contractual

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obligation will be entered into with any contractor until full funding arrangements have been confirmed.

21043.5 Council **RESOLVED** to apply to Selby DC for planning permission to construct a play area as set out by Play-Scheme although recognised that at this stage the path to the play area is being considered as an optional extra.

21043.6 Council authorised the Chair to spend up to £250 on the planning application.

21043.7 Some discussion took place regarding how to structure the management responsibilities and legal obligations for the play area. Council postponed making a resolution on this aspect of the presentation and asked that Play Stillingfleet and the Play Sub-Committee meet to discuss legal obligations and management responsibilities and the relationship between Play Stillingfleet and the Council in order to bring back their findings to a future meeting.

Ross Powell, Stephen Galpin and Carole Galpin left the meeting at this point.

21044 **Minutes from last meeting:**

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 August 2021 and the Chair signed the minutes as a true record.

21045 **Matters Arising from the last meeting:** Council received information on the following ongoing issues and decided further action where necessary:

21045.1 **Village Green:**

- i Council noted that the Council's solicitors have advised that approval of the draft deeds of easement re the drainage and right of way in relation to the Fearndale development are still awaited. Cllr Elmhirst is to follow up with ElmhirstParker.
- ii The developer of the Fearndale site has re-affirmed his intention to restore the verge and hedging upon completion of the development and to make good any damage caused to the road adjoining the Fearndale site.
- iii Cllr Elmhirst offered to progress the obtaining of quotations from Anthony Atkinson and David Atkinson re the laying of a drain from the wet patch identified on the Green into the beck to deal with the rising spring water.

21045.2 **Section 101a application for mains sewage:**

Council received an update from Cllr Elmhirst following a recent meeting with Yorkshire Water at which they had outlined that the next steps in developing the assessment was to complete a detailed survey of the existing sewage/ drainage arrangements of all properties within the village believed to be non-compliant with current requirements.

21045.3 **Environment:**

- i Council considered the report on Stillingfleet Street Lighting prepared by Cllr Cook and noted that a second quotation from NYCC of £300 per unit had far exceeded that provided by Acorn Lighting (£195 per unit). Council **RESOLVED** to proceed with changing all the villages' sodium lights to LED and to authorise the Vice-Chairman to place an order with Acorn Lighting with the intention that the conversion is undertaken during this budgeting year.

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- ii Council considered NYCC's Environment and climate change commitments (as set out on their websites <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/biodiversity-and-wildlife> <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/beyond-carbon>) and concluded that, with the exception of conversion of street lighting, none of their other commitments were relevant to Stillingfleet.
- iii Council considered participation in the Queen's Green Canopy initiative but decided against it.
- iv Council noted there was no intention for any councillor to attend the NALC event on "Levelling up the environment through biodiversity net gain."

21045.4 **Selby Community Fund** (raised by Cllr Reader)

Council noted receipt of the criteria for applying for funding under the Selby District Members Community Fund.

21045.5 **BT Telephone Box:**

- Council **RESOLVED** to write to Richard Lee to ask him to undertake the work to address the subsidence problem of the BT telephone box subject to Cllr Elmhirst checking the issue of works adjoining the highway.
- Cllr Collingridge agreed to assemble quotation(s) for the refurbishment of the box as a community library with the objective of meeting the conditions for applying to Cllr Reader's Community Fund (i.e over £300 and Christmas).
- Cllr Sears agreed to ensure the telephone box is covered by the Council's insurance given the potential exposure it creates for the Council as the legal owners.

21046 **Planning Matters:**

21046.1 **Stillingfleet Mine Site:**

Council noted that the nomination of the mine site as an asset of community value had been unsuccessful on the grounds that the Localism Act only allows for an asset to be so registered if its current main use furthers the well-being and social interest of the local community. As the current main use of the mine site is power generation (and mining obsolescence) which does not really benefit the local community, it does not qualify.

21046.2 **SDC Local Plan – Heronby New Town proposal**

Being mindful of the Prime Minister's pledge to the Conservative Party Conference that no homes shall be built on green fields Council **RESOLVED** to write to Selby DC, NYCC and our local MP to request that the greenfield Heronby site be clearly distinguished from the brown field sites at Burn and Church Fenton and to seek reassurance that the PM's pledge would be honored when considering the proposed Heronby development.

21046.3 **SDC Local Plan – further consultation**

Council noted that further consultation is underway on the following Evidence Base documents which will further inform the SDC Local Plan but felt it had no further observations to submit.

- Green Belt Review (2021)
- Greenspace Audit (2021)
- Local Plan and CIL Viability Report (2021)

- Indoor and Outdoor Sports Facilities Assessment (2021).  
The Evidence Base consultation documents are available at the following link on Selby DC's website: <https://selby-consult.objective.co.uk/kse>

### 21046.3 Leeds East Airport consultation:

- Cllr Brooks advised the meeting that the Council's objections and observations about the expansion of Leeds East airport had been submitted and that the consultation period had now closed. Cllr Brooks updated Council with the results of that consultation which can be viewed at <https://www.leedseastairport.co.uk/leeds-east-airport-consultation-report>
- Cllr Brooks advised that the main objections were about the noise disturbance and traffic which would arise from the increased size and volume of aircraft estimated as approximately 16 additional movements per day and the equivalent of an additional one jumbo sized movement every 4 days.
- Council noted that the Leeds East ACP submission had now been lodged with the CAA and can be viewed at [Leeds East Airport GNSS RNAV approaches | UK Civil Aviation Authority \(caa.co.uk\)](https://www.caa.co.uk/leeds-east-airport-gnss-rnav-approaches)
- Council **RESOLVED** that Cllr Brooks should, on behalf of the Council, register a challenge against the LEA's response on the grounds that no environmental impact assessment had been undertaken.

### 21046.4 Council noted the following planning decisions:

- **Permission refused** re the erection of a double garage with work from one office space at Stickle Barn, Haverland Farm, Stewart Lane (ref 2021/0558/HPA)..
- **Application permitted** for the change of use of land to a caravan park for up to 12 touring caravans and associated operational development (retrospective) at Old Pasture Park York Road, Stillingfleet (ref: 2021/0088/COU).

### 21046.5 Council noted receipt of its planning application: (full details can be found on the Selby DC planning public access site under the reference no.)

- Application for consent to remove 4 low branches from a crack willow tree within the conservation area on the Green which prevent mowing of an area of the green under those branches – ref: 2021/1092/TCA.

### 21047 Matters raised by Councillors:

#### **Broadband speeds:** (raised by Cllr Cook)

- Council recognised that reliable broadband connectivity has become a vital part of modern life with working from home and home schooling during the Covid pandemic and people's use of broadband for entertainment having placed enhanced demands on residents' existing broadband systems. Cllr Cook urged the Council to endeavour to ensure the broadband infrastructure in the village is ready for greater use of the facilitating technology.
- Council **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Powell and Sears instigate a survey using the Stillingfleet Community Chat facebook account to ascertain what the levels of satisfaction are with current broadband supply and its variations

within the village and surrounding properties with a view to lobbying for improvement if there is a substantive demand.

21048 **Financial Matters:** Council noted:

21048.1 **Recent receipts:**

Northern Powergrid re Wayleaves	£248.96
2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of precept	£2,000.00

21048.2 **Closing balances** as at 30 September 2021:

Parish Council current account	£8,731.29
Parish Council NS& I account	£5,119.97

21048.3 Council **RESOLVED** to make the following payments:

S R Smowton re annual support contract for laptop/programmes	£60.00
Solutions for payroll	£12.05
HMRC re Clerk's tax (July/August)	£26.60
Lower Derwent Valley Conservation group re weed wiping	£200.00
Community First Yorkshire re National Lottery funding	£5.00
Ruth Swales - Expenses	£41.98
Samantha E Lyth re website maintenance	£130.00
To note payment of Clerk's salary July & August	

21048.4 **Internal Control Check** : Council noted that Cllrs Daniel and Brooks have been requested to undertake the half yearly internal control check as at 30 September and report back to the December meeting.

21049 **ByeLaw Field:**

21049.1 As Trustee of the Charity Fund the Council considered a proposal tabled by Cllr Daniel on behalf of the PCC and **APPROVED** a grant of £1,120 towards the upkeep of the churchyard and cemetery.

21049.2 Council noted that the signed Farm Business Tenancy of the ByeLaw Field had still not been received. The Clerk is to chase up Cundalls.

21049.3 Cllr Swinglehurst advised that the production of an estimate to repair the kissing gate on the boundary of the charity field is in hand.

21050 **Dates of future Meetings:**

Council noted the date of the next ordinary parish council meeting as Thursday 2 December 2021 at 7.00pm in the village institute.

	PAUL ELMHIRST, CHAIRMAN	
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Signed as an accurate record of the meeting held on 7 October 2021		2 December 2021
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