

Fountains Abbey Parish Council

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 25th September 2023 at 7.30pm At Studley Roger Village Hall

(2023-24 – 043) Present were Cllr Derrick Slater (Chairman), Cllr Jenny Atkinson, and Cllr Charles Johnson.

(2023-24 – 044) Also present were David Taylor, Clerk, and 6 members of the public.

(2023-24 – 045) Apologies were received from Cllr Vic Lawson.

(2023-24 – 046) No **Declarations of Interest** were received and so therefore no **Dispensations** were required.

(2023-24 – 047) Justin Scully, General Manager of the Fountains Abbey Estate gave a summary of the development plans for the remodelling of the interior and exterior of the Canal Gates/Studley tea-room complex which is the subject of a current Planning Application.

The main points covered were:-

He is expecting that the application go before the planning committee sometime in mid-November.

Generally he said that:-

1. To date the statutory agencies, in particular, Historic England, have been extremely positive
2. North Yorkshire Highways are yet to respond as part of the application but in a screening process prior to the application being lodged, NYCH said that they would have no objection.
3. He was content for the Parish Council to express it's view but he did point out that he, on behalf the National Trust, has tried hard to engage with the Parish Council regarding the problem being experienced in Studley Roger.

The main points covered concerning the application itself were:-

4. He then gave a presentation on the proposal starting with an image of the existing tearoom, the single storey wooden building.
5. The next slide showed what the site would look like after the development, including the revised landscaping. An obvious benefit would be an uninterrupted view along the balustrade whereas at present there is a fence breaking the line of sight.
6. He stated that 80% of the customers for the tearoom come in from the Visitor Centre end of the Estate ie. From with the paying side of the estate.
7. He showed a slide of what would be seen from the walking route from the Abbey with the "Canal Gate" directly ahead with the entrance in front.
8. He acknowledged that in the past there had been various promises made regarding things to be done and things not to be done.
9. He showed a photograph taken (circa) 1970s/80s that illustrated what a terrible sight the existing building was from around the rear.
10. He spoke of the volume of traffic coming through Studley Roger and the parking in the village.
11. He agreed with the views expressed by Cllr Slater that a difference was made on the traffic levels in Studley Roger when the Visitor Centre was opened in the 1990s and showed a pre-Visitor Centre image showing cars parked all along the driveway to

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- Cocked Hat. He did acknowledge that parking was, however, still a live issue in Studley Roger.
12. He pointed out that the tearoom has been used as such since at least 1880; therefore for the last 150 years it has always been a visitor service attraction.
 13. It will not be signposted from Studley Roger or the road off the Pateley Bridge Road into the village.
 14. He showed a slide telling where visitors had travelled from. This information is captured from NT membership cards being scanned at the ticket machine on the car park at the tearoom. 60% of the visitors were coming from Ripon / Harrogate and close surroundings (30 minutes away). This compares with the estate as a whole where only 30% make up the same group. 20% came from 2hrs drive away.
 15. He therefore stated that it is Ripon residents who park in Studley Roger.
 16. He therefore drew the conclusion that the tearoom development would make no difference to the present parking situation – traffic volume, numbers of cars coming through Studley Roger and parking in the village.

A member of the public asked why St Mary's gate could not be made into an access? Mr Scully replied that it was not possible to create a walk from the visitor Centre to St Mary's Gate because of the shoot. Also, the turning into St Mary's Gate is a bit tricky.

(2023-24 – 048) The correct procedure of notices having been completed prior to the meeting; it was **resolved** to **co-opt** Dr Steve Byfield on to the Fountains Abbey Parish Council. He was welcomed to the Parish Council and took a seat at the Council table.

(2023-24 – 049) The Parish Council **received** the resignation from the position of Chairman from Cllr. Derrick Slater.

(2023-24 – 050) Cllr. Slater **presided** as Chairman of the meeting until a new Chairman of the Parish Council was elected.

(2023-24 – 051) The meeting **resolved** to move a motion of thanks to Cllr Slater for all his dedicated service to the Parish Council as Chairman for the last 44years and Councillor for 49 years.

(2023-24 – 052) Cllr. Steve Byfield was **nominated** for the position of Chairman of the Parish Council. He consented to the nomination. The nomination was made by Cllr. Atkinson and seconded by Cllr. Johnson. The **vote** was **unanimous** with no abstentions.

(2023-24 – 053) Cllr. Byfield, the newly elected Chairman of the Parish Council made the following comments:

Firstly, he thanked Cllr. Slater for his sterling service over these many past years. He reiterated that many residents in the parish area valued the work Cllr. Slater had put into the role over such a long period.

He then said that he was keen to discuss with Councillors and review how the Parish Council will move forward.

He looked forward to getting started in the new role.

Because of the format of the meeting so far being somewhat out of the ordinary it was decided to allow members of the public to voice their worries on a matter of concern locally;

A local farmer in Aldfield has recently been allowing helicopters, that are destined for Grantley Hall Hotel (who has a planning dispute with North Yorkshire Council over the matter), to land in his field and for the passengers to be collected by road and then taken on to the hotel.

The problems experienced are twofold;

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1. The vehicles collecting the passengers block the lane adjacent to the landing field whilst they are waiting for the incoming helicopter.
2. The helicopter traffic fly close to a residents house, horse paddocks and pasture. They seriously disturb the horses and wildlife such as curlews. The person who owns this land has it under environmental schemes and she is worried that the helicopter traffic will permanently disrupt this.

It was reported that on one occasion there were 6 take offs & landings in one day. They have reported the matter to David Potts the Enforcement Officer at North Yorkshire Council who advised then to make a record of the flights. He also advised that a land owner has a right under planning law to land / take off on 28 days in a 12 month period. The person asked if this applied to commercial flights rather than private flights.

The flights appear to be between Leeds Bradford Airport and the area.

All present noted that there was a growing problem with fast cars from Grantley Hall and firework displays.

(2023-24 – 054) It was **resolved** that as the minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2023, were yet to be completed they would be submitted for approval at the next meeting.

Reports:

(2023-24 – 055) A written report from Cllr Felicity Cunliffe-Lister of North Yorkshire Council having been circulated prior o the meeting was noted by the Parish Council.

(2023-24 – 056) The Clerk **Reported** that:-

1. He had attended a Highways Seminar at the Area 6 offices.
2. He drew special attention to the meeting to a Commuted Sums email from NYC.
3. He had attended a Rural Broadband meeting at Masham on the 19th July, details of which had been circulated.
4. He had attended a training event with YLCA in July.
5. Much of his time had been taken up with the Studley Roger Traffic Committee meeting where by the report from the committee had been presented to and discussed by local decision makers concerned with the traffic problems in the village.

(2023-24 – 057) Cllr Byfield reported on progress the Studley Roger Traffic Committee and in particular regarding the meeting held on 20th July 2023 at which the findings of Studley Roger Traffic Committee were presented to local decision makers and influencers.

1. It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting should be circulated to Councillors and put up on the website.
2. It was **resolved** that a letter should be sent out to residents regarding a proposed speed counter that is to be installed in order to provide evidence in support of a 20mph speed limit being imposed in the village.
3. It was proposed that white lines should be installed in the village at the following locations:-
 - a. As traffic enters the village,
 - b. Outside Bumble bee cottage,
 - c. Outside Laurence House,

These being the identified traffic pinch points in the village.

Cllr. Byfield **noted** that this was an ongoing project and that a great more work was required in the future.

(2023-24 – 058) The meeting heard from Cllr Byfield that work on painting the telephone box in Aldfield had started in preparation for installing the defibrillator unit.

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The following Correspondence was considered:

(2023-24 – 059) Correspondence was received from North Yorkshire Council regarding Phase 4 of Superfast Broadband North Yorkshire. This was noted.

(2023-24 – 060) Email Correspondence was received regarding the retirement of Chief Constable Lisa Winward. This was noted.

Financial Matters:

(2023-24 – 061) It was **resolved** to instruct Elkerlodge Bookkeeping to act as internal auditor for the financial year 2023-2024.

(2023-24 – 062)

Planning applications:

NB- Planning applications. All Comments and returns from the Parish Council can be seen on the HBC planning portal. Please see the note below for the meaning of Return Options.

The following Planning Notices were received:-

(2023-24 – 063) **Planning Decision Notice - ZC23-01987-FUL.** Demolition of existing conservatory and replacement etc. The Old Post House 25 Studley Roger Village. K Creed.

Planning Permission Refused.

(2023-24 – 064) **Planning Decision Notice - ZC23-01988-LB.** Demolition of existing conservatory and replacement etc. The Old Post House 25 Studley Roger Village. K Creed.

Refuse Listed Building Consent.

(2023-24 – 065) **Planning Decision Notice ZC23-02795-TPO.** Fell T1 Horse chestnut and fell T2 Sycamore - TPO 01/1969. Studley Lodge Plumpton Lane Studley Roger. Mr Bell.

Permission Granted Subject to conditions.

The following Planning Applications were considered:-

(2023-24 – 066) **Planning Application ZC23-02883-FUL.** Remodelling of the interior and exterior of Canal Gates/Studley tea-room including landscaping; etc. Studley Royal Tea Rooms Studley Park. National Trust.

After extensive consideration it was **resolved** to return Option C; (The Parish Council does not object to or support the application but wishes to make comments or seek safeguards as set out below;) and to draft a response after the meeting and circulate the said draft to members for approval, however specific criteria were settled as being the basis of the response.

(2023-24 – 067) **Planning Application ZC23-02903-FUL.** Partial change of use of existing building from toilet block to provide refreshment kiosk etc. The Lake, Studley Park, Studley Roger. National Trust. After consideration it was **resolved** to return Option A (The Parish Council has no objections.)

(2023-24 – 068) **Planning Application ZC23-02884-LB.** Listed building consent for works associated with remodelling of the interior and exterior of Canal Gates etc. After extensive consideration it was **resolved** to return Option C; (The Parish Council does not object to or support the application but wishes to make comments or seek safeguards as set out below;) and to draft a response after the meeting and circulate the said draft to members for approval, however specific criteria were settled as being the basis of the response.

(2023-24 – 069) **Planning Application ZC23-03348-FUL.** Demolition of existing garden room and replacement etc. Bumblebee Cottage 14 Studley Roger. L Hawkyard. After consideration it was resolved to return Option B (The Parish Council objects on the planning grounds set out below:-

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Studley Roger Village is within a conservation area and forms part of the buffer zone of Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal Deer Park which is World Heritage Site. The Parish Council has a duty to ensure that any development is in keeping with the village scene. The Parish Council considers that the proposed application falls far short of these parameters in that:-

- 1. The Carport / Garage detracts from the village scene due to its height, style, enclosed fencing and positioning.*
- 2. There is no existing shutter door of this nature anywhere along Studley Lane especially in such close proximity to the properties boundary wall and will be a clearly visible feature within the conservation area. It is totally out of keeping with the existing village scene.*

(2023-24 – 070) The Clerk **requested** that agenda items to be considered at the next meeting of the Parish Council should be sent direct via email or post to arrive no later than 1 week prior.

(2023-24 – 071) It was **confirmed** that the next regular meeting of the Parish Council would be on 13th November 2023.

A schedule of meetings appears at "**Appendix C**", below.

(2023-24 – 072) The meeting **closed** at 9.20pm

These minutes were recorded and prepared by the Clerk to the Parish Council,
David Taylor.

Signed as a true record by Cllr Steve Byfield, Chairman

Date:

At the Regular Meeting of the Fountains Abbey Parish Council held on **13th November 2023** it was resolved by unanimous vote to approve these Minutes, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, as a true and correct record. These Minutes were then signed by the Chairman accordingly.

The signed Minutes are held in the Parish Council minute book at the Clerk's address, below, and can be viewed by prior appointment.

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When returning a standard form Parish Council Notification consultation decision there are four options that the Council can return. These are:-

Option A – The Parish Council has no objections.

Option B – The Parish Council objects on the planning grounds set out overleaf.

Option C – The Parish Council does not object to or support the application but wishes to make comments or seek safeguards set out overleaf.

Option D - The Parish Council supports the application.

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Appendix "A" – Schedule of accounts approved for payment.

DN Taylor Stationary etc re SRTC meeting	£	77.02
DN Taylor StOfEx - June 2023	£	28.68
HMC PAYE - Jan 2023	£	24.80
DN Taylor Clerk Salary - June 2023	£	114.65
DN Taylor StOfEx - July 2023	£	20.88
DN Taylor Clerk Salary - July 2023	£	118.85
HMC PAYE - Jul 2023	£	24.60
X2 Connect - Telephone Kiosk Paint	£	110.83
DN Taylor StOfEx - Aug 2023	£	17.10
HMC PAYE - Aug 2023	£	24.80
DN Taylor - Website Build	£	300.00
DN Taylor Clerk Salary - Aug 2023	£	114.65
DN Taylor - Meeting refreshments	£	11.24

Appendix "B" – Bank reconciliation for the period to 25 September 2023

Bank Reconciliation as at 25.09.2023 Including all payments (up to and over £100.00)

Nat West - 0000000061	£	1,869.27	
Nat West - 0000000073	£	2,680.50	
	£	4,549.77	£ 4,549.77
Less Accounts Outstanding - Sched 1	£	-	
Sub Total			£ 4,549.77

Cash Book

As at 26.06.2023

Nat West - 0000000061	£	1,863.19	
nat West - 0000000073	£	3,668.60	
Sub Total	£	5,531.79	£ 5,531.79
Add receipts - Sched 2	£	6.08	
	£	5,537.87	£ 5,537.87
Subtract payments - Sched 3	£	988.10	£ 4,549.77
Less Accounts Outstanding - Sched 1			£ 4,549.77

Schedule 1

£ -

Schedule 2

Interest	31.08.2023	£	2.22
Interest	31.07.2023	£	2.10
Interest	30.06.2023	£	1.76
Total Sched 2		£	6.08

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Schedule 3

DN Taylor Stationary etc re SRTC meeting	27.06.2023	£	77.02
DN Taylor StOfEx - June 2023	27.06.2023	£	28.68
HMC PAYE - Jan 2023	10.07.2023	£	24.80
DN Taylor Clerk Salary - June 2023	10.07.2023	£	114.65
DN Taylor StOfEx - July 2023	07.08.2023	£	20.88
DN Taylor Clerk Salary - July 2023	07.08.2023	£	118.85
HMC PAYE - Jul 2023	07.08.2023	£	24.60
X2 Connect - Telephone Kiosk Paint	14.08.2023	£	110.83
DN Taylor StOfEx - Aug 2023	12.09.2023	£	17.10
HMC PAYE - Aug 2023	12.09.2023	£	24.80
DN Taylor - Website Build	12.09.2023	£	300.00
DN Taylor Clerk Salary - Aug 2023	12.09.2023	£	114.65
DN Taylor - Meeting refreshments	20.09.2023	£	11.24
Total Sched 3		£	988.10

Appendix "C" – Schedule of Forthcoming Meetings of Fountains Abbey Parish Council:

Schedule of Meetings 2022

Meetings are held in Studley Roger Village Hall

13th November 2023

Ordinary Meeting

Meetings begin at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.

Planning meetings will be held when necessary if there are new applications to consider. Please check notice boards and the Parish Council website for changes to dates, times & venues.