

Fountains Abbey Parish Council

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 24th April 2023 at 7.30pm At Studley Roger Village Hall

Please note that this was an Extraordinary Meeting held for the purpose of receiving the report from the Studley Roger Traffic Committee (SRTC).

(2023–24 001) Present were Cllr Derrick Slater (Chairman), Cllr Jenny Atkinson, Cllr Vic Lawson and Cllr Charles Johnson.

(2023–24 002) Also present were Cllr Felicity Cunliffe-Lister of North Yorkshire Council, David Taylor - Clerk, Members of the Studley Roger Traffic Committee and 2 members of the public.

(2023–24 003) No **Apologies** were received.

(2023–24 004) No **Declarations of Interest** were received and so no declarations of interest were sought.

(2023–24 005) It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2022, having been circulated for consideration beforehand were true and correct records. The Chairman was authorised to sign them.

(2023–24 006) Both the Summary Document from the Studley Roger Traffic Committee and the Full Report from the Studley Roger Traffic Committee (referred to below as the Report) were received and considered.

(2023–24 007) It was **resolved** that after due consideration of the above report, it should be put forward to representatives of the Emergency Services and Local Authority as being the official recommendations of Fountains Abbey Parish Council in this regard. This should be by means of a meeting in the village.

- a. Dr Byfield read through the above documents (that had been circulated to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting).
- b. Parts of the Report that attracted specific attention were:-
 - a. The urgency of giving unimpeded access to emergency service vehicles.
 - b. This matter affects the safety of local residents and their property.
 - c. The possible use of white lines, verge marker posts, the "20s plenty" campaign and the failings of NY Highways Area 6.
- c. Bec Evans from the National Trust told the meeting that if the Lakeside carpark was made free of charge it would be overused and would have to be closed as a result.
- d. It was felt by the meeting that the Report could be open to review if circumstances changed in the future.
- e. Advice should be sought from NY Highways as to the effect of Whites Lines if they were laid in the village.
- f. Two amendments were agreed by the meeting (1) that white lines should be placed outside 6 Studley Roger and that it is made clear who decides on where the white lines are laid.

An outline plan was therefore agreed:-

- a. Draw up a Circulation List.
- b. Forward the reports to the Circulation List with invitations.

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- c. Start the meeting with a presentation to those present.
- d. The meeting should be in mid-July and not clash with the Great Yorkshire Show (which will take place from Tuesday **11** – Friday **14 July 2023**).
- e. Clerk to organise in conjunction with Dr Byfield.

(2023–24 008) The **resolution** to approve the Report was **proposed** by Cllr Charles Johnson and seconded by Cllr Vic Lawson.

(2023–24 009) Cllr Derek Slater, Chairman, gave thanks on behalf of the Parish Council to the members – past and present – of the Studley Roger Traffic Committee for their hard work in producing what has turned out to be a fine report which should benefit the village in the future.

(2023–24 010) A report was **received** from Cllr Felicity Cunliffe-Lister, the newly elected Councillor to North Yorkshire Council. This report can be seen at "**Appendix A**", below.

(2023–24 011) It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2023, having been circulated for consideration beforehand were true and correct records. The Chairman was authorised to sign them accordingly.

(2023–24 012) 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.

(2023–24 013) **It was confirmed** that the next regular meeting of the Parish Council would be on 5th June 2023 which will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, the Annual Village Meetings for Aldfield, Lindrick & Studley Roger and an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council.

(2023–24 014) A schedule of meetings appears at "**Appendix B**", below.

(2023–24 015) The meeting **closed** at 8.35pm.

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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These minutes are in draft form only and will not be classed as officially recorded minutes until ratified at the next meeting of the Fountains Abbey Parish Council.

Appendix "A" - Report to Fountains Abbey Parish Council Cllr Felicity Cunliffe-Lister - Masham & Fountains Division, North Yorkshire Council April 2023

Bus Routes : 136, 138, 139, 144, 159 : Ripon Roweller; Masham-Bedale; Richmond - Leyburn - Ripon

As previously reported, these routes remain at risk and we need more passengers on the buses for them to be viable. These routes have been run as council contracts for many years, relying on financial support to maintain them. Passenger numbers are currently 90% pre-covid levels; if more passengers use the routes, the increase in numbers can be used to demonstrate how much the community values them and be of influence the next time the council has to assess its priorities. To reverse the post pandemic decline there would need to be an extra 40 passengers per week on the routes 136 (Ripon/Melmerby), 138 (Ripon/Masham), 139 (Ripon/Sawley/Markington) & 144 (Bedale/Masham) and an extra 150 per week for the 159 service (Richmond/Leyburn/Masham/Ripon). Could you be one of those passengers? If we all used the bus just once a week it could make all the difference – please do what you can to help save these vital services, and give your car the day off in the process.

Rural Broadband

I now have the list of all those properties that fall within NYNet's Phase 4 roll out, leaving over half without broadband. I have a meeting at County Hall in early May with Robert Ling, the Director of Transformation – he advises that there are some Council solutions available as the NYNet contract comes to an end, and also some arising under the BDUK which is the new central government provision. I will advise further as soon as I have established what might be available – now and in the future. I have argued strongly that the lack of connectivity in our part of the world can have serious consequences for those who want to live and work in the area.

I am also aware that lack of mobile reception in some areas is having significant impact (Shaw Mills, Mickley and Markington to name a few), and I am discussing this further with NYNet as there have been projects elsewhere where the Council has supported the installation of a mast. I waiting on further detail and will report further.

Cutting Carbon Emissions and Saving on Energy Bills

Please see attached press release from NYC about workshops taking place in May to help bring down the carbon emissions and energy costs by developing net zero programmes for businesses and community climate action programmes. The workshops will help explain how these programmes could be developed with the assistance of funding to cover the cost of feasibility studies, consultancy, energy audits and the capital costs of adaptations.

Let's Talk

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The Let's Talk Climate survey on the County's Climate Change strategy has now closed – I'm advised that a Transport survey is to follow. The Under 25 Survey on Climate is still live and I would urge anyone in the 16-25 yr age group to take part in this. The survey closes on 15th May, and this is their chance to have their say and to influence the Council's strategy :

<https://letstalkny.commonplace.is/en-GB/proposals/under25-climate-transport/step1>

Youth Councils

The feedback about establishing Youth Councils in some of the Masham & Fountains villages has been very positive and I am now in contact with local schools to see if they can help act as a launch pad to get these off the ground. The secondary school age children who this would particularly appeal to would be those who want to get involved in community projects and fundraising and/or have an interest in politics and want first hand experience of the process. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to become involved, we will also need some adults in the community to lend assistance with this.

Community Bus

I have a meeting at County Hall at the end of April to establish what funding is available and what structures need to be in place to establish a Community Bus for the area. I am aware that there are many sixth form/college students in the area who are struggling without public transport, and the Community Bus may be able to provide a regular service to help them connect to the bus routes at Ripon and Bedale. It would also be available to schools and community groups for excursions, and a system would need to be put in place to ensure that the whole division has access to it – we will also need volunteer drivers! I will report further on this, but in the meantime if this is of interest please can the Parish put forward someone to act as a point of contact to help take this forward.

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Appendix "B" –

Schedule of Meetings 2022

Meetings are held in Studley Roger Village Hall

Monday June 5 th 2023	The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and will be preceded by the Annual Village Meetings for Aldfield, Lindrick & Studley Roger and followed by an Ordinary Meeting.
Monday 25 th September 2023	Ordinary Meeting.
Monday 13 th 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.