

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF POTTO PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 25 MARCH 2025 AT 7.00 PM AT POTTO VILLAGE HALL**

1. Reminder by the Chairman of the Councils expectations for the audio or visual recording of this meeting

No requests received.

2. Apologies for absence and approve reasons for absence

Present: Councillor Mr A Wilde (Chairman), Councillor Mrs E Griffin, Councillor Mr I Macpherson, Councillor Mr S March, Councillor R Walker and County Councillor D Hugill.

Apologies: None

3. Minutes of February's meetings

The draft minutes of the February 2025 meeting were discussed and agreed as a true record and resolved.

4. Matters Arising from last month's meeting

- 4.1 Police Report - received from PCSO Maguire. Nothing to report.
- 4.2 Footpaths, Bridges and Stiles - Discussed replacing tree which was cut down near the owl bench with a new one, closer to the gate, so as to not spoil the view. Railway footpath has been cleared back.
- 4.3 Annual Returns 2023-24 - The response to the Final Report and Certificate together with the decision letter from PKF Littlejohn were discussed. Objections received from a member of the public.
- 4.4 Appointment of Internal Auditor. Proposed to appoint Chipchase and Manners - Agreed.
- 4.5 Traffic Calming - The speed sign is currently in Crathorne.
- 4.6 ICO - Freedom of information requests and reviews, the following cases were discussed:
 - IO-227960-L6Q7 - case dismissed
 - EJ-2023-0005 - rescheduled
 - IC-293418-Z2B3 - ongoing
 - IC-329882-J6G7 - dismissed
 - UA-2924-001502-GIA - Member of the public V The Information Commissioner - ongoing
- 4.7 Village Heating Project – An update on the project has been sent to parishioners.
- 4.8 Parish Plan - To be reviewed at next meeting.
- 4.9 Potto Village Hall. Upcoming events:
 - Monday 31st March - Lent Lunch
 - Sunday 13th April - Annual quiz, in aid of Dementia.

5. Report from North Yorkshire Unitary Councillor

Council Tax

The Council Tax Setting meeting took place on Friday 14th February with the recommendations from the Executive carried by a small majority despite attempts by opposition groups who proposed dipping further into reserves. Increases are capped at 4.99% but this year the government is letting six Councils bypass the 4.99% cap. Bradford will be allowed a 10% increase Newham and Windsor and Maidenhead can both implement a 9% rise. Birmingham, Somerset and Trafford can increase by 7.5%. We are fortunate in North Yorkshire to have a good track record of sound financial management and leadership with a politically stable council allowing that to happen.

Changes to Waste collection

This was debated by Council on Wednesday 26th February. After a lengthy debate lasting around half an hour it was approved by a massive majority with only a small number of members on the coast having concerns about the number of bins. There has been a cross-party task and finish group looking at the various options together with a resident's survey entitled "Let's Talk Rubbish". Members stressed the need to continue the communication as we move to the implementation phase.

Planning

There has been changes to the NPPF Presumption in favour of sustainable development to give different emphasis and approach to certain areas of planning policy. There are no transitional arrangements that apply to NYC, but Government has been asked to reconsider this.

The New North Yorkshire Local Plan will be expected to deliver 4077 dwellings per annum in full Measured across the County. We do not have a 5-year land supply for this figure.

The call for sites process is ongoing with 1500 put forward to date. An assessment process is underway. There is a need to bring forward the local plan as quickly as possible. An issues and options consultation (not site specific) will be launched May 25.

6. Planning Applications to consider and decide upon

- 6.1 Ref: ZB25/00298/MRC - Application for variation of condition No2 (minor interior design alterations) Land adjacent to Rawcliffe, Potto. *Recommended for approval.*
- 6.2 Ref: ZB25/00332/MRC - Application for the removal of Condition 6 (occupancy) on two holiday lets, Potto Fields Farm. *Recommended for approval.*
- 6.3 Ref: ZB25/00332/MRC - Application for removal of Condition 4 (Occupancy) and 8 (access) for previously approved application 08/03395/FUL. Potto Fields Farm, Black Horse Lane, Potto. *Recommended for approval.*

7. Planning Decisions of Hambleton District Councils

- 7.1 Ref: ZB23/01873/CLP - Proposed use of houses, curtilages, land and grounds at Numbers 3 and 6 Potto Hall as two properties with private residential garden and curtilage. Potto Hall, Parson Back Lane, Potto. *Awaiting Decision.*
- 7.2 Ref: 22/00984/FUL - Change of use of land for the siting of 3 holiday chalets. Land to the south of Butcher Lane, Potto. *Awaiting Decision.*
- 7.3 Ref: ZB23/01765/REM - Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval 20/02290/OUT for the construction of one detached dwelling; Land Rear Of 42 Cooper Lane. **GRANTED.**
- 7.4 Ref: ZB24/01593/FUL - Retrospective application for a shepherd's hut with hot tub and toilet. Potto Grange Farm, Potto. Send comments regarding concerns as to the amount of these type of applications in the area. *Awaiting Decision*

- 7.5 Ref: ZB23/01765/DCN - Application for discharge of conditions re levels and parking (5&6) 20/02290/OUT - Land to rear of 42 Cooper Lane. **GRANTED.**

8. Matters requested by Councillors.

- 8.1 Traveller Site - Concerns were raised around use of traveller site near Preston's of Potto. Amount of white commercial vans and static homes have appeared on site. Enforcement has been contacted and chased for an update by Parish Councillor Wilde and Unitary Councillor Hugill.
- 8.2 Stell Inspection - Date will be organised, no blockages noted at the moment. Discussed flooding around the village, photos will be taken after next big rain fall.
- 8.3 Pam Fanthorpe Bench - Discussed email received from Pam Fanthorpe's daughter and offer of a new bench in memorial to her. Councillor Macpherson is corresponding with Pam's daughter and highways.
- 8.4 Grass Cutting - Contacted by Council regarding grass verge cutting for 2025, discussed and approved.
- 8.5 Complaint was made against Councillor Wilde to the standards board by members of the public. It was noted that this behaviour is clearly a continuation of the vexatious campaign being carried out against the Parish Council by this individual.

9. Finance

- 9.1 To receive bank reconciliation and budget comparison to 25th March 2025.

• Community Account	£ 8,185.93	
• Business Premium Account	£ 5,158.72	
• Invoices:		
Defrib Warehouse - Battery	£346.80	Agreed
SLCC Annual fee	£80.00	Agreed

- 9.2 Precept - The precept for 2025/26 was sent to NYC in November.
- 9.3 Budget - The current budget and expected expenditure were discussed.
- 9.4 Clerks Salary for March. Agreed
- 9.5 Urban grass cutting discussed, including price increase request.
- 9.6 2024/2025 AGAR.
- 9.7 Funding Opportunities - Community First Yorkshire Funding newsletter.
- 9.8 The outstanding invoice for PKF Littlejohn was discussed.

10. Correspondence

To note correspondence received not specifically dealt with on this agenda.

- 10.1 Discussed Emails correspondence and actioned responses.
- 10.2 Review of Correspondence.

11. Any Other business

None

12. To confirm date & time of next meeting

Next meeting date Tuesday 15 April 2025 at 7.00pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.30 pm.