

WELL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING
HELD AT WELL INSTITUTE ON MONDAY 8th MAY 2017

Present: David Webster (Chairman), Sarah Sharp (Vice-Chairman), Avril Lane, Sydd Perry, Julia Hamby (Parish Clerk), Cllr John Weighell and 8 parishioners.

1. **Apologies**

2. **Minutes of the Last AVM.** These had been circulated to all Councillors, published on the village website, and were available to anyone who wanted to see them via the Parish Clerk. Agreed that the minutes were acceptable; this was carried unanimously, and they were signed accordingly.

3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes.** No matters arising

4. **Reports.** The following reports were presented to the meeting:

a) **Well Institute Trustees.** Mark Sampson reported that the Trustees had met during the last year, resolved to revamp the building making it more up to date. Not looking for grants at the moment

b) **Well Quoits Club.** No report

c) **Well Ringmaster Scheme.** This had been closed down during the year, the Clerk had registered to receive notifications and was sending these out via the Village Email Contact List facility which is BCC to all on the list to protect personal information.

d) **Well Oiled Club.** No report

e) **Community Police.** A report had been received via email that was circulated at the meeting and was available via email from the Clerk for anyone who required it. It gave crime figures for Well, West Tanfield, Snape, there was nothing significant to report. See Appendix 1

f) **Well United Charities.** No report

g) **Nevill's Trust.** No official report although Mark Sampson, one of the trustees reported that the Trust continues to meet at least once a year and also consider applications as they arise

h) **St Michael's Parish Church.** David Webster reported that at last we are underway with our repairs and improvements to St. Michael's Church. As can be seen by the scaffolding, the Tower roof and Bell Tower Louvres are being repaired. Also, the south aisle roof will receive considerable attention. This work has been facilitated by the Historic Lottery Fund, and all credit must be given to John Knopp, our Snape Church Warden for wading through mountains of forms, meetings and telephone calls to get us to where we are. Works are programmed to take ten weeks, which suggests completion by the beginning of July. This work is as a result of our quinquennial inspection which identified it as urgent.

A stewardship scheme has been launched this month, encouraging villagers to become financially involved in the Church's income. This is part of our efforts to bolster our financial security and the

continued running of the Church. It has been met with some success, and I would like to take the opportunity of thanking those who have contributed.

Grass cutting, which has been a difficulty in the past, is programmed to be undertaken again by Tarmac Quarry, as a contribution to the Community. We are very grateful to them for this generous gesture.

Finally, Church services continue in the traditional pattern of first and third Sundays in the month at 11.45 a.m., along with extra services at Christmas and Easter. Congregations always make double figures, even if it is only just!

i) Hambleton District Council. District Councillor David Webster reported 2017 marks the mid-way point of this Council's term. With other County and General elections under way, the work of Hambleton may seem less important. However, it is one of Hambleton's functions to organise the actual elections. Thus, the work load has suddenly increased.

Hambleton continues to have one of the lowest Council taxes in the country, yet has recently been voted one of the best places to live. This, in part, is due to our natural environment which is much valued by the Council.

Because we take great care with our finances, your money, we are able to offer various grants, like "Making a Difference grant" and more recently our Small Grant Scheme, both of which are important for our smaller communities.

Major projects which are currently being undertaken include the purchase and re-development of Northallerton Prison, which will offer benefits to all who live in the District. Two major house building schemes, in Sowerby and now commencing in Northallerton are providing almost two thousand new homes, and many other sites in our market towns are forging ahead. Also building small schemes in our villages have been made much easier by our recently introduced Interim Housing Guidance.

Northallerton Leisure Centre is getting a new fitness suite, which should help those of you wishing to shed a few pounds. It is proposed to be open twenty-four hours a day.

I am always available to help and advise on District Council matters, and look forward to serving the community to the best of my ability.

J) North Yorks County Council.

DW congratulated County Cllr John Weighell on being re-elected as a Councillor on NYCC. Cllr Weighell said that he had no served for 24 years and was pleased with the result. As far as finance is concerned there is no change, Council Tax + 1.99% for general workings plus specific precept 2% for Adult Social Care which is in crisis in the UK. Living wage is taking increase out of it. Social care is rising 2-3 times inflation. Austerity cutbacks means that the CC has £40m to find. Most libraries run by volunteers now and opening for longer hours. A & B roads are quite good, unclassified C roads, not so good and were not built for the volume, size and weight of vehicles that are using them now, it could be decades before repairs begin.

SS asked about the 2% on Social Care and how it was being spent. Going into Social Care & NHS, not into more Care Homes. Extra Care in Bedale in the future, these days elderly tend to be in their own homes, care within the community, with carers going in

k) Nosterfield Quarry Liaison Committee There have been two meetings in the last twelve months, 21st. October 2016 and 21st. April, 2017.

6. **Date of Next Meeting.** The dates of all meetings for the coming year would be agreed at the next Parish Council Meeting; however, the next meeting is already scheduled to be held on Monday 12th June, at 7.00 pm.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Signed:

Position:

Date:

POLICE UPDATE FOR WELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 8th MAY 2017

Between 1st April to 6th May 2017 crime reported within Bedale District increased by 6 from 25 to 31 (+24%) compared with the same period in 2016. **Figures in brackets are for Well, Tanfield, Pickhill & Kirklington parishes have increased from 1 to 4 (+300%) reported crimes compared to the same period last year.**

Arson & Damage remain at 3: +/-0%	(up from 0 to 1: +100%)
Burglaries down from 3 to 1: -66%	(None: +/-0%)
Theft up from 3 to 9: +300%	(None: +/-0%)
Shoplifting up from 2 to 3: +50%	(None: +/-0%)
Vehicle offences down from 3 to 1: -66%	(None: +/-0%)
Violence (including harassment) up from 8 to 10: +20%	(up from 1 to 2: +100%)
All other crime up from 3 to 4: +33%	(up from 0 to 2: +100%)

Bedale Staffing

Sergeant Perrin recently received a request to clarify police staffing across Bedale District.

Bedale District Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) comprises three PCSO's and a Sergeant however we are carrying a PCSO vacancy since PCSO Bryan Tongue moved to the Rural Task Force in 2016, his replacement has been recruited and is currently training at Head Quarters and will start work in Bedale 5th June.

We also have a civilian support staff officer who works Monday to Friday 09.30 to 12.30 and a number of police volunteers who staff the police station front office every Saturday morning from 09.30 to 12.00.

On 1st December 2016 Sgt Perrin took over responsibility for Bedale, Thirsk and Easingwold NPT's, we are currently recruiting a Beat Manager (Constable) for Bedale District who will be permanently based at Bedale and deal with long-term problem solving. We expect the officer to be appointed as soon as they can be released from their current role.

Bedale also have five response officers, one per shift stationed at Bedale Police Station. Officers start and finish duty at Bedale but can be deployed anywhere in Hambleton or Richmondshire districts depending on resourcing demands. Bedale officers do occasionally resource other towns and districts but the district also receive support from other stations when an officer is on leave or operationally deployed elsewhere.

North Yorkshire Police are recruiting Police Constables at present, we have twenty eight new student officers (constables) and twenty student PCSO's training at HQ who will be deployed

across the county 5th June 2017. Further recruiting is ongoing to bring NYP warranted officer numbers up to the Chief Constables target of 1400 warranted police officers.

Project Servator

North Yorkshire Police is implementing new policing tactics to deter and detect criminal and terrorist activity, as well as to reassure the general public.

A blue rectangular graphic with a white border. In the top left corner is a white silhouette of a dog's head next to the text "PROJECT SERVATOR". The main text in the center reads "She's here to help keep you safe." Below this, in smaller white text, it says "Don't worry, our search dogs are friendly. They sniff out drugs, firearms and explosives and help us keep them off the streets." At the bottom of the graphic, it says "Together, we've got it covered." The bottom half of the graphic is a close-up photograph of a black and white speckled dog's face, looking directly at the camera.

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WHAT?

Project Servator is a new way of working. It uses unique and cutting edge training for officers, which will:

- Cut crime
- Increase community rapport, engagement and support

- Deter would be perpetrators of hostile reconnaissance
- Raise public confidence and reassurance

Hostile reconnaissance is the purposeful observation of people, places, vehicles and locations with the intention of collecting information to inform the planning of a hostile act against a target. Criminals, whether extreme protest groups, organised crime or terrorists, have to conduct hostile reconnaissance in order to plan a successful attack. If we can disrupt and deter them at an early stage, it is likely they will abandon their plans.

Following three years of intensive work and study by a Government organisation, the City of London Police ran an initial pilot scheme which heralded a change in the way police use tactics to deter hostile reconnaissance. Because of the way the scheme works, these tactics should also have beneficial effects on crime in general. Following the success of the pilot and some further refinement, the tactics were launched under the name of Project Servator in February 2014.

WHY?

Keeping North Yorkshire safe remains our main priority and, as the nature of the threat evolves, deterrence measures need to develop accordingly.

These new tactics will mean a more enhanced and strategic approach to protecting the county and they are part of our drive to deploy our resources effectively.

The tactics provide reassurance to the general public whilst deterring would-be criminals and making a wide range of criminals (from petty criminals, to extreme protesters through to terrorists) easier to detect by specially trained officers. The use of specially trained officers has been proven to be very effective in detecting those with criminal intent.

WHERE?

Project Servator is “business as usual” for the force and will operate across the county.

HOW?

These measures comprise the staging of spot operations designed to deter and raise concerns amongst criminals along with the deployment of specially trained officers and CCTV operators to increase the likelihood of correctly detecting them.

Along with supporting information and materials, people will see more high profile deployments in and around communities and at key locations. These deployments will vary from one day to the next.

HOW CAN I HELP?

You can make a real difference. Please report any suspicious activity you may see by calling 101. Please use 999 if an immediate response is required.

As well as being vigilant and reporting anything suspicious, a pivotal part of Project Servator is telling people about what’s happening. It is really important that the public understand the nature of the operations and, crucially, feel reassured rather than alarmed. That’s where you come in.

Providing information will help support the police operations by reinforcing the message that the county is not an easy target and those intent on criminal activity are not welcome, whilst also allaying any undue concerns of the public.

We would very much appreciate your support by:

- Displaying a poster in the window of your business during the operation. This may not be required in every area but an officer may ask you. These posters will help to reassure the public and deter hostile reconnaissance and criminals.
- Explaining to your customers and employees about the nature of these deployments, specifically that:

1) They are part of the force's commitment to help protect our communities and those working and visiting the county.

2) The deployments will involve highly visible and covert operations that will occur regularly. People shouldn't be surprised or alarmed if they see a sudden increase of police officers. Small deployments may include just officers while larger operations may include a mix of cars, motorcyclists, dogs and other measures.

3) Police officers may visit businesses and community centres during deployments to inform and reassure staff and customers about the operation

4) Members of the public and staff should report any suspicious activity immediately either to an officer or by calling 101. Please use 999 if an immediate response is required.

It is important to us that we get the right balance between deterring and detecting criminals while not upsetting communities and visitors. We are always looking for feedback, both good and bad. If you have any concerns or wish to discuss Project Servator, then please contact us on 101 or email general.enquiries@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Keep up to date with Project Servator via social media using the #ProjectServator hashtag.

[Facebook.com/NorthYorkshirePolice](https://www.facebook.com/NorthYorkshirePolice)

[Twitter.com/NYorksPolice](https://twitter.com/NYorksPolice)

We urge residents to be on lookout and report suspicious activity or vehicles at the time any suspect activity occurs using the national 101 non-emergency number. Always dial 999 in an emergency or if a crime is in progress.

Report to Well Parish Council 2017

Life at St. Nicholas CE Primary School continues to be busy. Faced with many challenges and changes within the education agenda we continue to provide a broad and balanced curriculum for all of our children. We currently have 46 pupils on roll in three classes.

At the end of the school year our ten Y6 children will be moving on to secondary schools including Bedale High, Outwood (Ripon) & Thirsk. In September we will be welcoming 7 children into our Reception class; our expected total on roll will be 43. Although this is a decrease in numbers we will continue to maintain 3 classes on a morning with Key Stage 2 working together on an afternoon. We have some exciting activities/ sessions planned to ensure that children are challenged, engaged and enjoy their learning.

This year we have had a major focus on 'Growth Mind-Set' which focuses on developing positive attitudes. We have taken part in training with other local schools and pupils, parents, teachers and governors have all been involved. We are encouraging the children to develop a '**can-do**' attitude our words and developing the '**power of yet**' so we don't say '**I can't**' we say '**I can't do it yet!**' Our motto is '**change your words, change your mind set**'. The children presented an informative parent assembly at the end of April on growth mind set.

A highlight of our year has been our successful 'Lottery Funding' Bid which has enabled us to develop our playing fields further. We have purchased a wonderful 'timber trail' which enables the children to have active playtimes and to develop their physical skills and agility. It has been a real success. We celebrated this success with a 'grand opening' by Nicola Wilson 'Olympian & Silver Medal winner', in early April.

We have really developed our outdoor activities this year and these have enhanced the learning opportunities for our children. We have developed the 'Forest Schools' area which now includes willow structures and dens. The children visit the area regularly – they all have a great time and develop new skills. We also offer an after school 'Forest School' club which is well attended. Sporting activities have also increased and we have been involved a wide and varied sports programme which includes training sessions, competitions and celebrations.

2016/17 has been the fourth year of our 'Collaborative Partnership with Kirkby Malzeard. There have been many benefits from working together and it is great for the children to have opportunities to develop new friendships. Our Y5/6 pupils joined with their friends from Kirkby for their second residential visit to Ingleborough Hall. These trips are bi-annual and once again they enjoyed a week of fun and outdoor pursuits. Our younger children joined with their friends from Kirkby to celebrate a mock christening including real cake! We have also worked with other schools in the local area for example- taking part in sporting events, as 'ambassadors' and school councillors - which develop the pupil voice. In November 2016 our ambassadors took part in a county wide event – they were so confident and represented our school well.

We continue to develop our strong links with Nicky's Pre-school and engage in activities with them.

Our school continues to enjoy close links with both the Methodist Church and St Nicholas Church, with clergy from both churches taking Collective Worship on Tuesdays. Once a month, a group of children represent the school at Family Worship at St Nicholas Church by reading or assisting with the address. Our PTA group, the Friends of St Nicholas School, organise many events to support the school by fundraising and to provide social events for the school and local community, such as an annual barbecue, discos and cake stalls etc. The school community has supported a number of charities in the last year, including Children in Need and Jeans for Genes and Comic Relief.

Our 'celebration assemblies' are held every Friday and are well attended by parents and families. They are a great opportunity to share the exciting things we do and the successes and achievements of our children in and out of school.

We look forward to the future and many more successes.

Andrea Peacock

May 2017