

Kettlewell with Starbotton Parish Council

Wednesday 6 May 2015, 7:00pm in Kettlewell Village Hall

Present: Cllr Belk (Chairman), Cllr Charlton, Cllr Nelson, Cllr Parker, Clerk and seven parishioners

Apologies Cllr Appleton (at work)

1. Election of the Chairman

It was resolved that Cllr Belk be chairman

2. Election of Deputy Chairman

It was resolved that Cllr Charlton be Deputy Chairman

3. Chairman's report

Cllr Belk's report on the last year is attached as Annex 1

4. Financial statement

The Clerk's short summary of the accounts for 2014-15 is attached as Annex 2

5. Asset register

The Clerk reported that she had surveyed the Council's assets and would be bringing a report to a future meeting to confirm that they were correctly listed.

6. Council representatives on other bodies

Playground Committee - Cllr Belk

YLCA - Cllr Nelson

Chairman's Report 2014-15

Whatever successes, failures, or events I comment upon in this my second Chairman's report, one event totally overwhelms everything. The tragic loss of John Roberts earlier in the year is a huge loss to his family, the community which he served so admirably for many years and this council in particular.

I miss him as a councillor, a friend, rugby companion, mentor and advisor. Whoever subsequently replaces John as a councillor has huge boots to fill.

In my last Chairman's report in May 2014, I said that the overriding event was the anticipation of The Tour De France passing through the village on 5 July 2014. The anticipation and preparation was immense, the actual event was perhaps less so due to the road closures much earlier than anticipated restricting the number of visitors. The legacy of the event, I am sure will be great for the whole of Yorkshire especially in the light of the recently completed first Tour de Yorkshire. I would like to show my appreciation to the local TDF committee which performed so admirably organising decoration, events and keeping us informed of how the TDF event day would work. Also for the formation of the resultant Mayfest event of which more later.

This year has seen the appointment of first Freeman of Kettlewell in Michael Wilkinson an award for the many years of tireless work he has put into the community, nobody deserves it better.

With respect to planning issues in last year's report I intimated that we hadn't heard the last of the planning consent in respect of The Old School House in Starbotton, looking at the agenda for tonight's regular meeting, my fears were well founded.

Sadly, we were unable to stop consent for a structure to be built on Maypole Croft; a decision which I believe will bring further problems for the council in the future.

As with all Villages, but Kettlewell with Starbotton more than most, the village and community are well served by people who give their time and effort for the benefit of others. Although not an exhaustive list I would like to thank the following:

My fellow councillors for dealing so well with all the slings and arrows thrown at them.

Our clerk, Sara Spillett, who keeps us all in check and at times is pretty scary with her knowledge of procedure.

Councillors Parker, Messrs Cuthbert and Wilkinson for their efforts with the street lighting in all weathers.

Paul and Caroline Hatton for providing 'Saturday Night at the Movies' on a regular basis.

Jenny Howarth for all the things that we take too easily for granted. Generally maintenance, planting, litter removal.

We are lucky to have such people in the community. The annual events of the Scarecrow Festival and Mayfest seem to go from strength to strength due to an immense amount of work from both committee members and a hard-core group of volunteers.

Draft minutes – subject to approval

What of the future? I believe it would be good if the issues regarding Public Transport could be fully resolved, sadly I think we may, in forthcoming years, struggle to maintain what we have.

I have wondered about the possibility of the Parish Council in conjunction with the Horticultural Society promoting or creating a festival of flowers 'Blooming Kettlewell' perhaps.

Finally my thanks to all the parishioners who support the council.

I trust that everyone in the community with exercise their franchise this Thursday.

David Belk
6 May 2015

Financial report for Kettlewell with Starbotton Parish Council**Annual Meeting May 2014**

On 1 April 2014 the Council had £5459.89 in the bank. VAT has still to be reclaimed for some of 2012/13 and all of 2013/14.

The precept this year stood at £5,100.00

The Parish Council housekeeping continues to be prudent. Councillors do not claim any expenses (for example no mileage to attend meetings). Cllr Wilkinson continues to maintain the streetlights at no cost for his time. The new Clerk has declined to take a salary for the role.

Receipts

Leader	Salt sales	Interest	Donations*	Precept	Total
£1,080.00	£61.75	£2.38	£2,570.00	£5,100.00	£8,814.13

*Donations include: Scarecrow Festival donations for the War Memorial £300, website £70 and Jubilee Bridge rails £800; with YDNP giving £400 for the Bridge rails; and a memorial bench donation in memory of his wife by Les Scarborough £1,000.

Payments

Clerk	Caretaker	Other*	Electricity	Subs	Insurance	Website	Audit
£898.95	£1,600.00	£2,995.05	£1,114.90	£205.00	£328.66	£870.00	£240.00

Play insp	Expenses	Broadband	Donations	Total
£92.00	£193.76	£1,750.00	£35.00	£10,323.32

*Other includes: Jubilee bridge rails £1430, 2012 returning officer fees £53; Village Hall rent for Parish Council Meetings £146; street lighting supplies £75; War Memorial tubs and contents £300; and memorial bench purchase £738.

The Council's fixed assets, include the War Memorial; playground lease; street lighting poles, wall mounted fittings and assorted spares; Maypole, benches, notice boards, and 23 bags of salt.

Sara Spillett

Clerk and/ Responsible Financial Officer, 5 May 2014