

Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held in The Supper Room on Thursday 21st January 2016

1. Present, Cllrs Mr T Swales (Chairman), Mr D Harland, Mr N Coward, Mr M Read, Mr D Manging, Mr T Wood, Mr N Ward, Mr M Stafford, Mr Robin Harker (welcomed to his first meeting) and Mrs A Atkinson, with one member of the Public.

Apologies Mr M Laverick and HDC ward Member Cllr D Hugill

2. Public Forum

The invited member of the public wished to observe rather than participate

3. Minutes of the meeting of 17th December 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman

4. Matters arising

4.1 Items not on the agenda

All items taken in the allotted section.

4.2 Police matters this item was taken before the main meeting business **PCSO Angie Preston** presented an incident Police report which showed 5 incidents, all in or close to East Harlsey and introduced items on the drink and drug operation carried out between 1st and 31st December 2015. The report showed an increase of 20% over last year and resulted in 124 arrests.

Also there is a concerted attempt to recruit Special Constables and new Street Angels to patrol Northallerton.

It was also highlighted that fish sellers were noticed in the area and it was agreed that vigilance would be needed by all to ensure that these were genuine.

A discussion introduced by the Chairman, which followed on from last month's meeting regarding the erection of CCTV cameras, on private property, but utilising the North Yorkshire County Councillor Locality grant of £4000.

There were some objections regarding misuse of council funding, even though it was agreed that it would have no budgetary effect on the council and after much discussion DM proposed a resolution that "the council undertake to assist with the purchase of the necessary CCTV equipment and make the necessary claim for reimbursement from the aforesaid budget". This proposal was seconded by TW and a vote resulted with all present agreeing to the proposal apart from NC and DH.

4.3 Highways

There were no new highways incidents to discuss however JR explained that during a recent training session at Area 2 Highways office in Thirsk that there existed an online reporting website for members of the public to utilise to report on potholes etc. It was agreed that these be mentioned in the imminent edition of the newsletter.

4.4 HDC

It was highlighted that a Mr Blythe was looking to link the Moors Bus and the regional bus routes by running visitors from the village to Clack Lane ends. Volunteers were being sought to run the service. It was felt that this was unlikely to gain support.

4.5 Maintenance

- > Toilets - The remedial building and drainage work has to be carried out and a claim will be submitted when that is completed but this MUST be before 10th March 2016.
- > The churchwall is still to be repaired and TS and DM will pursue.,
- > The repairs to the Bus Shelter remain outstanding.
- > West Halsey, trees were blocking a footpath but it was reported that this is in hand to be sorted out by the land owner
- > NC reported that the steps up to the Catholic Church were causing problems in the bad weather and it was agreed that this be looked into and reported to the next meeting.
- > There were a number of water leaks due to bad weather which were being attended to and the Pinfold water leak had been repaired but more work was still required to ensure that this is completed.

4.6 Village Hall

There is a damaged rain water pipe and DM reported that a roof hip at the east end is in need of repair and it was resolved that this be reported to the VH committee for action.

4.7 New Clerk

JR introduced the rules surrounding the submitted report on transparency of local authority councils. This included determining a website to ensure that council matters are visible to the public and discussions had been held with Eileen Webb and Shona Padbury to progress this further. Approval had been given to purchase office equipment to enable the office to run efficiently. Approval was given to recover funds from the YLCA, together with approval to reimburse travel expenses(45ppm) and broadband access(£5pm) at the clerks home office.

4.8 New Bench

Mike Thomsett provided details of the commemorative bench for Mr and Mrs Holmes and it was agreed to place the bench near The Old Hall (Catholic Church). It would be roughly in line with the right-hand window of the Hall. The bench would be angled, diagonally down North End and would look across towards David and Margaret's house. This was agreed.

5. Correspondence

Most correspondence is now electronic and is forwarded when received so Members can therefore raise concerns or comments by email to the Clerk should it need to be an agenda item. These items will only be minuted if they are discussed at a meeting.

6. Planning

a) Applications

6.1 Sowerby Grange, Sowerby Under Cotcliffe HDC15/02810/FUL, construction of agricultural building for storage. *Application supported with no objections.*

6.2 Cross Corner House, 2 South End, Osmotherley NYM/20160009FL, retrospective approval for heat source pump. Previously housed above ground in view from the churchyard, it is now rehoused below visible view. *No objections to the revised plans.*

6.3 Wheatsheaf House, Winton HDC 15/02746/FUL, ML asked to comment in absentia and agreed that, as the work is to the rear of the building with the extension to the garage only being visible from the road, the application should be supported. *No objections were made.*

6.4 56 North End, Osmotherley NYM/2016/0021/LB, Listed Building consent for damp proof render and dry lining works to internal walls together with plaster boarding to ground floor ceilings and installation of boiler. Unfortunately this was only sent on the day of the meeting and it was not discussed in detail.

6.5 NYM/2015/0830/FL, construction of dormer windows at 6 North End A member of the public brought to the attention of the committee certain aspects of the application that needed clarification. NYM were happy that the application was correctly made but on the 26th Jan they **refused** the application on the following grounds: *It is harmful to the character and form of the host building and undermines the appearance of the wider conservation area. It is also in conflict with the core policy and NYM design guide.*

b) Decisions

6.5 10 South End, Osmotherley – deteriorated appearance of the building. *Now improved, case closed.*

6.6 3 Piper Lodge, Ellerbeck 15/02616/FUL, ground and first floor extension. *Granted.*

6.7 Willow Tree Cottage, Kirby Sigston 15/02667/FUL, alterations and extensions to existing dwelling. *Granted*

c) Enforcement

None reported

7. Accounts

General a/c

Receipts

Vat	£1135.75
Honesty Box	<u>£37.15</u>
Total income for the period	£1172.90

Payments

J.Robinson Expenses & Office Equipment	£518.81
Mantank, investigation,	£786.00
Village Hall, hire	£8.00
Nigel Lightfoot, Toilet improvements	<u>£5561.63</u>
Total payments for the period	£6874.44

Balance of HSBC a/c at 11.01.16,	£25,636.62
Skipton Bond,	<u>£21,141.32</u>
Total Funds as at 11.01.16	£46,777.94

2015/16 Income to 21.01.16,	£25,339.85
2015/16 Payments to 21.01.16,	<u>£27,763.34</u>
Deficit year to date,	£2,423.49 (VAT to reclaim £1281.18)

8. Tour de Yorkshire

The route for the upcoming cycle tour on the 1st May was highlighted and discussed. Farmers are urged to dress the fields where possible to showcase the area. The route passes through East Harlsey and into Ellerbeck before heading off towards Northallerton on the A684.

9. Any Other Business

M R reported concerns with drainage in the Thimbleby area and has requested a map of the drainage system, also the water pipes that run under the ford are blocked and who is responsible for cleaning them out.

10. Press Items

The Clerk was asked to submit a report of the meeting to the Press.

11. Date of next meeting;

Thursday 18th February 2016 in the Supper Room at 7.30pm prompt.

12. Date changes to Future Meetings

Agreement to amend the dates of the March meeting, from the 17th to the 24th and the June meeting from the 16th to the 23rd was agreed.