

Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held at Osmotherley Village Hall On Thursday 18th July 2019

Present Mr M Stafford (Chairman), Mr Bob Manners (Vice Chairman), Mr N Coward, Mr M Laverick, Mr T Wood, Mr R Harker, Mr N Ward, Ms C Nozedar and HDC/NYCC ward Member Cllr D Hugill

1. Apologies

Mr M Read, Mr R Horner and Mrs A Atkinson

2. Minutes of the meeting of 20th June 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman

3. Public Forum

None

4. Matters arising:

4.1 Items not on the agenda

The council owned quad bike, previously agreed to be disposed of, had been assessed by TW and other to be worth in the region of £1100. Following confirmation that around £200 would be required to be spent to start the quad it was agreed to accept the offer.

It was agreed to attach a play area sign to the existing traffic signage on the village green and progress was reported on sourcing said sign, which would be erected as soon as practicable.

The Village Honours policy, agreed at the previous meeting required nominations and NC proposed two names, which were seconded by TW, and which would be progressed at the earliest convenience, after being unanimously agreed.

The stile, reported by NC at the previous meeting to be missing along a footpath off Cuddy Lane, had been replaced.

The maintenance agreement with Starting Hearts in Northallerton, agreed to be accepted last meeting, was signed and the annual fee paid.

4.2 Police matters

A written report was provided by Stokesley Police in absentia.

Between the dates of 13th June – 16th July the following incidents have been reported to Police:

Anti-Social Behaviour: 06/07/19 – Reports of loud music at 20:30hrs from a public house following Osmotherley Summer Games.

Suspicious Circumstances: 26/06/19 – Door – to – door salespersons. Officer attended and spoken to the male who was advised to leave the area.

Other Business: Fraud Awareness Page: A North Yorkshire Police Fraud Awareness Facebook page has been created for the sole intention of putting fraud awareness in one place. Local police Facebook pages will still be used but everything fraud related will be updated by the Fraud Ambassadors in North Yorkshire. Please help us grow and increase awareness in communities to reduce the number of victims in the county.

4.3 Highways

The sets on the West End entrance to the village had been repaired.

4.4 NYCC, HDC & NYMNP

HDC had asked the PC to confirm that its arrangements for poling stations in the area were adequate for disabilities to attend if required. The PC confirmed that it had received no adverse concerns from residents and therefore would reply to the request in the affirmative. The NPA Local Plan has been passed to the Secretary of State responsible for independent examination.

4.5 Maintenance

The Chairman reported that the toilet flushing mechanism might be malfunctioning and BM agreed to look into this further.

4.6 Village Hall

Nothing to report

4.7 Village Car Parking

The Chairman reported on the meeting held last month regarding Thompsons shop and confirmed that the planners were concerned that car parking for customers would be a key area to solve before acceptance of an application. A previously proposed plan of breaking through the frontage to gain access to land at the rear was not supported. It was proposed and agreed that the Clerk contact Highways with a proposal to limit parking on the 12 spaces along the frontage of the shop along West End. A consultation exercise would likely result but it was agreed that doing nothing was not an option if the village wished to retain a shop.

4.8 Thimbleby Defibrillator Proposals

This item was raised initially at last month's meeting however due to time pressures was delayed until this meeting. The proposal is for the telephone box to be purchased by the PC to allow for the siting of a defibrillator run by the village of Thimbleby residents. Costs for running these can be high, as experienced by the Osmotherley defibrillator however it was agreed that the first issue is the purchase of the box with an electricity supply and the Clerk was asked to progress this further.

4.9 Queen Catherine Pub

Following many months of issues being raised by concerned residents over issues such as lighting, signage, bins, noise and parking, the Chairman has been in discussion with church authorities regarding licence agreements for storage of bins and gas bottles and the fire escape, onto church land. Two such licences had been granted to the previous owner but not paid for some time. The current landlord has paid these licences however they have officially expired. New licences would be required however it has been agreed to see if alternative arrangements can be agreed voluntarily which will improve the situation. The fire escape will now not be opened unless of fire need. One commercial bin will be moved to the rear store and possibly the other blue bin moved to lockup storage.

The other bins in the cut between the pub and fish and chip shop are owned by other properties however it was agreed that these may be reduced in quantity over time.

The Chairman was given the full backing of the PC to continue the dialogue with the owner to help improve other issues. The NPA had asked that excess signage be removed and the lighting be reduced. This has been done. A car parking space had also been 'recovered'.

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.

An email had been received from the owners of the Three Tuns public house, explaining that they currently have to drag their commercial waste bins from Back Lane to the front for collection due to the inability for the waste collection operator, Yorwaste, to collect from such a narrow lane. The owner has determined that these bins will now be left on Back Lane. The PC has been tasked with helping sort out this problem and the Clerk tasked with contacting HDC to determine if a solution can be found.

6. Planning.

a) Applications.

6.1 36 North End, Osmotherley - installation of replacement timber double glazed windows & listed building consent – *Support*

6.2 Woodlands Farm, Thimbleby - Development of mixed use barn buildings, biomass building and lean to for generator/fuel storage on land to the rear of Woodlands Farm as amended by plans received by Hambleton District Council on 11 July 2019 – *Support*

6.3 Woodlands Farm, Thimbleby - revised application to house and stables – *Support*

6.4 Woodlands Farm, Thimbleby – Listed building approval to house and stables – *No objection*

7. a, b c Accounts

The Clerk reported the up to date financial position of the council updating the accounts from the June meeting:

Income reported at last meeting		£10,880.86
a) Receipts in the period:		
Honesty Box	£177.99	
Cemetery Fees	£615.00	
Bollard Repair	<u>£80.00</u>	
Total income for the period		£872.99
Revised 2019/20 income to 5th July 2019		£11,753.85
Expenditure reported to last meeting		£9,212.15
b) Payments in the period:		
Yorkshire Water	£262.00	
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Hydro-Electric	£66.66	
Inside Outside Services - Play Area	£340.00	
M.Hague - Internal Audit Fee	£25.00	
Informarmation Collection Office Fee	£35.00	
Osmotherley Village Hall - May& Toilets	£176.80	
J.Robinson - Salary June Qtr	£606.95	
HMRC	£151.60	

Printroom	£65.00	
K.Henderson May- June	£944.00	
J. Robinson - Expenses	£15.20	
Total expenditure for the period		£2,692.21
Revised 2019/20 expenditure to 5th July 2019		£11,904.36

c) Funds:

Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	-£1,819.22
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£34,329.93</u>
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	£32,510.71

Represented by:

Balance of HSBC a/c	£10,475.26
Skipton Bond,	<u>£22,035.45</u>
Total Funds as at 5th July 2019	£32,510.71

Items Presented for Payment at Meeting:

J.Robinson - Expenses	49.40	
Restarting Hearts Northallerton - Defib Maint.	150.00	
Community TM -Summer Games Traffic Man.	600.00	
Osmotherley VH - Hire & Toilets	248.80	
Jacksons Law - Play Area Rent & Legal Fees	414.60	
Sam Turner - Toilet Consumables	14.54	
Printroom	<u>60.00</u>	
		1537.34

8. Any Other Business

The Clerk asked that he be added to the banking mandate to allow for easier transactions with bank going forward following issues over a recent safeguarding review. Signatures were sought on the necessary documentation and it was confirmed that this would not alter the current cheque signing arrangements.

9. Press Items

It was agreed that the approved minutes be included on the website and a summary of the discussions at this meeting be included in the next available Messenger newsletter.

10. Date of next meeting: Thursday 18th September 2019 in the Supper Room, Village Hall, Osmotherley at 7.30pm prompt.