

Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held remotely on Zoom.Us On Thursday 19th November 2020

- 1. Present:** Mr M Stafford (Chairman), Bob Manners (Vice Chairman), Mr RW Horner, Mr N Coward, Mr M Read, Mr R Harker, Ms C Nozedar, Mr N Ward, Mr M Laverick, Mr T Wood, Mrs A Atkinson and HDC/NYCC ward Member Cllr D Hugill

Apologies None

- 2. Minutes of the meeting of 15th October were approved and signed by the Clerk (on behalf of the Chairman)**

- 3. Public Forum**
None

4. Matters arising:

4.1 Items not on the agenda

The Clerk and the Chairman updated the council on the following projects not on the agenda:

- The Remembrance Service, held on the 8th November this year, was conducted safely and in accordance with Covid rules. Over 20 cars were held back whilst the ceremony was conducted.
- The Clerk updated the council on the upcoming work in the village to be conducted over 5 weeks by Yorkshire Water. The work will commence on Monday 23rd November in the centre of the village and progress down West End and onto Clack Bank.
- The steps leading to Boggle Hole have been cleared of autumn detritus.
- The clerk was requested to ask that the police conduct more frequent visits to the village due to the issue of nocturnal joy-riders. They have confirmed visits will be as frequent as possible.
- The Play Area work has commenced however replacement of damaged equipment has been delayed due to delivery issues during lockdown.

4.2 Police matters

A written report was provided by Stokesley Police in absentia.

Between the dates of 15th October 2020 and the 10th November the following incidents have been reported to the Police: Anti-Social Behaviour: 4 (Environmental: - 2 and Personal: - 2), Violence against the Person: 1 and Other Crimes: 1

4.3 Highways

Following last months' discussion regarding the continuing damage to the sets on West End, the Clerk had had a discussion with the Highways Engineer on possible solutions. The residents who live close to the sets have also written to highways and to DH asking that they be replaced as the noise associated with them has become an issue. The council debated its previous decision to suggest keeping the sets as its preferred option and determined, that due to resident concerns, the continuing cost and difficult replacement issues it would ask Highways to consider removing the sets and tarmacing the area with speed calming measures.

4.4 NYCC, HDC & NYMNP

DH reported on the issue of increasing Covid levels particularly in Scarborough, Filey and Whitby being caused, based on the penalty notices that have been issued and not by visitors to the area but by locals not conforming to distancing rules. Local government reorganisation was raised though not discussed however DH was willing to discuss the situation with any councillor wishing to learn more.

4.5 Maintenance

The Clerk updated the meeting on the situation with the Caretaker. He explained that, after weeks of attempted contact, it had been decided to ask a contractor to undertake one last tidy up of the grass throughout the village. The future of the contract was now the important issue and to this end an advert would be placed in the Messenger next month asking for interest, to commence in March 2021.

The work in the Cemetery has been completed to both create space and to tidy up the shrub and tree overgrowth. Seeding of the areas where the concrete paths have been removed will be completed soon. NC confirmed that the council has responsibility to maintain 'Closed' Churchyards following an enquiry regarding Kirby Sigston churchyard. DH raised a concern regarding hedgerows along Clack Bank near to Ravenstone however highways have been informed and are happy that it is not a concern to traffic.

4.6 Village Hall

The Chair and Vice Chair attended last month's AGM and reported that the work done in the hall has been excellent. CN informed the meeting that other village halls were engaging in virtual fundraising activities to help during the closed periods and would be happy to share these with officers of our village hall.

4.7 Capital Works 2020/21

The Clerk confirmed that the repairs to the Bus Shelter were completed.

The Clerk updated the council on the planning process for the toilet upgrades following a request by NYM planners to revisit the plans. A decision is expected on the 23rd November as to whether these revisions meet with their approval.

4.8 Sheepwash Working Party

RWH reported on the recent SWAG meeting and a suggestion that parking be allowed on verges around Cod Beck. This would be explored further however the clearway was unlikely to be changed due to the need to ensure rescue vehicles be able to get through easily. The road flooding issues were discussed at length. The proposed walk around the village to discuss car parking suggestions has not taken place due to Covid and would likely happen in January 2021.

4.9 Parish Precept 2021/22

The Finance Working Party met prior to the council meeting but was not able to reach a consensus regarding the precept for next year, however, following a vote by the full council; a decision was reached to ask for a modest 1.8% increase to ensure we were able to continue to spend our full budget to the benefit of the local population.

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.

The Clerk raised a couple of recent items not circulated and these were:

- An email had been received from an Architect representing a development near to Sowerby under Cotcliffe concerned at the processes Hambleton DC had used. DH asked to be copied in and explained that it was likely due to environmental issues due to the proximity of the pig farm to the development.
- The Clerk had been asked to present the proposal of the change of the Cleveland Way footpath to the council. Details had been distributed prior to the meeting and concerns as to why the owners of the track leading to Lady Chapel were not happy to have the route redirected via this option were expressed. BM confirmed that he would be able to approach the owners, via a mutual acquaintance, to discuss the matter. The Clerk was asked to relay the council's decision back to NYM.
- The Chairman confirmed that he was in possession of signed licences allowing for a cage to be erected in the churchyard to house gas bottles for use by the Queen Catherine. He will ask that these be fabricated by the end of January 2021, as this is the expiry date on the licence for the work to be completed.

6. Planning.

a) Applications.

6.1 2 West End, Osmotherley - change of use of shop at ground floor to residential accommodation (no external alterations) – **No objection**

6.2 Milton Cottage, Thimbleby - Listed Building consent for replacement roof structure and re-roofing works together with installation of 2 no. replacement windows to gable wall - **Support**

6.3 Land at Keepers Cottage, Thimbleby - Construction of an agricultural shed for the purpose of storing agricultural vehicles and supplies – **Support**

b) Decisions

6.4 High Grange, Sowerby under Cotcliffe – Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling – **Granted**

6.5 Public Conveniences, Osmotherley – **Plans have been revised and resubmitted**

7. a, b, c Accounts

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

Income reported at last meeting	£34,026.72	
a) Receipts in the period:		
Total income for the period	<u>£0.00</u>	
Revised 2020/21 income to 5th Nov 2020		£34,026.72
Expenditure reported to last meeting	£12,583.89	
b) Payments in the period:		
Initial Hygiene	£49.68	
Printroom - Newsletter & Welcome Pack Renewal	£148.00	
RoSPA - Play Area Inspection Fee	£115.80	
J.Robinson - Expenses	£128.77	
Holly Enisz - Toilet cleaning September	£168.00	
1&1 Internet	£6.00	
Business Stream - Water Toilets	£83.66	

Business Stream - Water Cemetery	<u>£1.50</u>	
Total expenditure for the period		<u>£701.41</u>
Revised 2020/21 expenditure to 5th Nov 2020		£13,285.30

c) Funds:

Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	-£701.41
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£56,120.60</u>
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	£55,419.19

Represented by:

Balance of HSBC a/c	£33,067.22
Skipton Bond,	<u>£22,351.97</u>
Total Funds as at 5th Nov 2020	£55,419.19

Items Presented/Paid for Payment:

J.Robinson - Expenses	45.09
Holly Enisz - Toilet cleaning September	132.00
Tom Forsyth Building Services - Bus shelter	900.00
Printroom	69.00
North Yorkshire Groundcare	<u>2250.00</u>
Total	3396.09

8. Any Other Business

TW has been asked whether the village wanted a Christmas tree from a resident. Normally the Shelley's provided the tree and the Chairman confirmed that he would determine if this could be deferred this year due to this kind offer.

RWH reported that a sapling had appeared on the corner of Back Lane and South End. No approval has been sought for this planting and the Chairman confirmed he'd look into this.

NW asked DH if any progress had been made regarding the bridge at West Harlsey. DH confirmed he'd report back.

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 17th December 2020 at 7.15pm remotely by Zoom.