

# Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held remotely on Zoom.Us On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021

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

## Apologies

2. **Minutes of the meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> December were approved and signed by the Clerk (on behalf of the Chairman)**

3. **Public Forum**

A resident from West End joined the meeting to discuss the flooding issue thought to be caused by a blocked gully. After visits by Yorkshire Water and Fastflow (the contractor used by YW to install a new watermain along West End before Christmas) and NYCC Highways, it seems that the problem has been identified but unlikely to be solved easily. A private contractor, Pipetech, had been asked by the residents to check the gully with a camera, however it reached a blockage in the area of the sets/20mph sign. The blocked pipe is still the issue and the Clerk was asked to email Highways to ask that the issue be looked at urgently.

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 sets at the entrance to the village on West End replacement request has been submitted to Highways and we are still awaiting their response.
- The cage to house the gas bottles at the Queen Catherine has been completed however it has been determined that a 'lid' be put on top of the cage to make it more secure. The Chairman has asked the contractor to complete the task.
- It was reported that two bollards along North End had either been knocked down or damaged beyond repair and the Clerk is awaiting a response.
- The Chairman reported that the issue of damage in the Cemetery has been rectified.

### 4.2 Police matters

A written report was provided by Stokesley Police in absentia.

Between the dates of the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 the following incidents have been reported to the Police: Anti-Social Behaviour: 13 (Environmental: - 9; ASB Nuisance :- 3 and Personal: - 1), Criminal Damage : 1 ;Violence against the Person: 4 and Other crimes :1

The neighbourhood policing team/specials and response officers have been conducting regular foot and passing patrols in the Osmotherley and Cod beck areas. Extra signage has also been organised with Highways to aim to prevent visitors from attending. This will continue as and when jobs permit.

All officers are aware of the current issues and we will continue to deliver the four E's engagement, explain, encourage and if required enforce.

### **4.3 Highways**

MR reported that the gullies had been drained in Thimbleby and it has been identified that work maybe required on his land to replace damaged drainage pipework, which has contributed to the problem of flooding.

TW reported that the potholes along Quarry Lane were an issue and needed reporting.

RH reported that a culvert was draining water along North End.

RWH reported that Bullamoor Road had flooding issues opposite Highfields in Kirby Sigston and asked the Clerk to report.

### **4.4 NYCC, HDC & NYMNP**

DH reported that the Making a Difference Award Scheme was available to receive grant applications and the Chairman asked the Clerk to look into this as grant aid towards the costs of the toilets.

### **4.5 Maintenance**

Nothing to report

### **4.6 Village Hall**

Nothing to report.

### **4.7 Capital Works 2020/21**

The Clerk updated the council as to the situation with received quotes. Both were much greater than the budget set for the work and negotiations are underway to look into reducing the costs. The Chairman asked the council to endorse this course of action, which was unanimously agreed.

The Play Area work has been delayed due to delays caused by the extreme weather experienced so far in 2021 however it is hoped for a weather window next week to allow progress.

### **4.8 Sheepwash Working Party**

The Chairman introduced this item. RH has produced an extensive report however it was in need of refinement before distribution to the full council. Due to lockdown it has been difficult to progress the report on car parking with Hambleton DC. Many of the items identified as solutions to the traffic and car parking concerns would mean extensive costs. It was agreed that this was something that the PC was not in a position to progress and would require substantial financial and possibly political support to enact. RH was asked to discuss the report further with the Working Group of CN, TW and BM before distribution and discussion and the next full meeting of the council.

### **4.9 Financial Regulation Review**

The Clerk introduced the item. YLCA ask that the Financial Regulations, adopted by the PC, should be reviewed every 4 years or so. The Chairman has had a look at these and asked that they be sent to all members in time for the next meeting for discussion and approval.

### **4.10 Caretaker Contract**

The Clerk has received 3 quotes for the contract to undertake work in the village from March to October on an average of 50 hours per month. The Chairman felt it was important that a local contractor be appointed and this was backed up by TW and NC. Although the local contractor was not the cheapest quote it was agreed to appoint him, with the Play Area maintenance work granted to the second placed contractor.

## 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 Thimbleby Shoot Ground- construction of single storey extension and pitched roof to store (retrospective) - **Support**

b) Decisions

None

## 7. a, b, c Accounts

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

Income reported at last meeting		£34,393.73	
<b>a) Receipts in the period:</b>			
Honesty Box	<u>£95.98</u>		
Total income for the period		<u>£95.98</u>	
Revised 2020/21 income to 5th Jan 2021			£34,489.71
Expenditure reported to last meeting		£17,369.89	
<b>b) Payments in the period:</b>			
Bob Manners - Toilet Sanitizer Dispensers	£112.03		
Holly Enisz - Toilet Cleaning November	£156.00		
J.Robinson - Salary December	£624.00		
HMRC	£156.00		
Sam Turner & Sons - Consumables	£56.35		
Printroom	£69.00		
J.Robinson - Expenses	£55.38		
K.Newton - Welcome Pack Renewal	£226.00		
PA Cleminson - Cage for Gas Bottles at QC	£600.00		
1 & 1 Internet	£6.00		
Business Stream - Water	<u>£2.50</u>		
Total expenditure for the period		<u>£2,063.26</u>	
Revised 2020/21 expenditure to 5th Jan 2021			£19,433.15
<b>c) Funds:</b>			
Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)		-£1,967.28	
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting		<u>£51,701.61</u>	
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting		£49,734.33	
<b>Represented by:</b>			
<b>Balance of HSBC a/c</b>		£27,382.36	
<b>Skipton Bond,</b>		<u>£22,351.97</u>	
Total Funds as at 5th Jan 2021		£49,734.33	

**Items Presented/Paid for Payment:**

D Cleary - Bus shelter painting	440.00
Holly Enisz - Toilet cleaning December	120.00
Printroom (extra edition)	69.00
Di Swales - Burial Officer Fees 2020	370.00
J.Robinson - Expenses	<u>50.03</u>

Total 1049.03

**8. Any Other Business**

DH reported that concerns have been raised by businesses in Ingleby Arncliffe as they have heard that the C2C walk would be diverted via Osmotherley, missing out the village. The Clerk was asked to chase this up with NYM.

BM reported that a request has been made to park a pizza van in the village one day per week. The Chairman asked that he check credentials allowing him to trade and bring a more definitive proposal to the next meeting.

The Chairman reported that a young person in the village would help tidy the Cemetery as part of the Duke of Edinburgh awards. This was welcomed and supported by all.

The Clerk has had numerous requests during the very cold weather to ensure salt was available in bins and also two new bins have been requested. He went onto report that a community salting scheme exists run in partnership with NYCC for residents to be trained in salt distribution and the Clerk agreed to distribute the scheme for further consideration. The Clerk was asked to order two new bins for Oswaldene and Ellerbeck.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.15pm remotely by Zoom.**