

Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held at Osmotherley Village Hall On Thursday 20th February 2020

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

1. Apologies Mr M Stafford (Chairman),

2. Minutes of the meeting of 16th January 2020 were approved and signed by the Vice Chairman

3. Public Forum

A resident from Oswaldene attended to discuss the flooding issue along Cuddy Lane, The Play Area (pushing up a manhole cover) and into Oswaldene. The issue seems to be caused by water from the fields above Cuddy Lane not being able to escape along its normal route past Westfields, causing issues along the route. The Clerk was asked to contact Yorkshire Water in the first instance.

The owner of the Woodyard on Clack Lane attended to ask whether the area would suit as a temporary car park. Whilst the idea was welcomed it was felt that little use would be made of the area as it's around 1 mile from the centre of Osmotherley. Further discussions would be held.

4. Matters arising:

4.1 Items not on the agenda

Letters had been received from the occupants of 25 West End regarding parking issues and these were discussed. It was felt that whilst many felt sympathetic to the issue it was agreed that to ignore the issue would prompt others to do the same to reserve parking near their houses. The Clerk was asked to write back to ask that the signs be removed.

The Lady Chapel sign has been passed to the Highways Officer for comment.

The 10 minute waiting sign, missing from Top Shop was discussed. NC confirmed that Highways erected the sign however the Clerk confirmed that following a discussion with Highways they felt a replacement would be unlikely due to crossing the yellow lines. The Clerk was asked to determine the official outcome.

DH reported that the issue of widening the road at Foxton Lane has been discussed however funding from his locality budget would not be forthcoming. Farmers utilising the road had determined that funding could be arranged between them and further discussions with Highways were taking place.

A meeting has been arranged to discuss the parking in front of the Queen Catherine and the possible alternatives available.

4.2 Police matters

A written report was provided by Stokesley Police and an officer attended to provide a verbal commentary.

Between the dates of 10th January and the 11th February 2020 the following incidents have been reported to Police:

Anti-Social Behaviour: 1 incident

Commercial Burglary: 1 incident

4.3 Highways

It was reported that the disabled bay was permanently in use along South End and BM would speak with the user to discuss alternatives.

DH reported that the resurfacing work, partly funded by his locality budget had been completed successfully however it was noted that lining need to be completed and that this was in hand.

RHarker reported a pot hole near the Fox and Hounds pub on Bullamoor Road and the Clerk asked for details.

MR reported on excessive flooding caused by years of neglect to gullies in fields had been causing issues on the roads around Thimbleby. DH would report to Highways.

4.4 NYCC, HDC & NYMNP

NYCC have agreed to raise council tax by 3.99% for 2020/21.

The CEO of the National Park has resigned and recruitment had commenced for an replacement.

HDC held a review of recycling and had slipped to 96th out of 300 local authorities. Whilst this was a concern it was felt that those authorities that were unitary were in a favourable place to improve their rankings. HDC waste was taken over by NYCC in Allerton Park and therefore they were not as incentivised.

4.5 Maintenance

Nothing to report

4.6 Village Hall

NC reported that the damp-proofing contractor had met with representatives of the village hall to discuss the one year anniversary of the damp proofing work and a report had been received by the Clerk and copied to the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

4.7 Capital Works 2020/21

BM reported that a quote had been obtained to reroof the bus shelter, totalling £1200 with a further £600 for painting. It was felt that a working party could paint the shelter for much less. RHorner would look into obtaining further quotes.

BM went onto discuss the toilet refurbishment and NC confirmed agreement to the suggestion that the provision of a unisex option should be explored further. It was suggested that BM draw up plans so that this maybe pursued further.

4.8 Burial Fees Review

The Clerk presented a report detailing the review of fees and charges conducted at the suggestion of the Burials Officer. The fees had not been increased since 2016 and the proposed increases were agreed following a review of local cemetery pricing.

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 Beech Dene Crosby - Resubmitted outline planning application (all matters reserved) for the construction of a dwelling – **Support**

6.2 Pine Ridge, Clack Lane, Osmotherley - variation of conditions 2 (material amendment) and 3 of planning approval NYM/2018/0562/FL to allow more extensive rebuilding works, removal of internal walls, relocation of window and installation of additional roof light – **Support**

6.3 High Grange Sowerby Under Cotcliffe - Construction of an equestrian riding arena with floodlighting – **Support with reservation over the floodlighting**

6.4 The Old Mill, Osmotherley - alterations and construction of single storey rear extension – **Support**

6.5 21 North End, Osmotherley - construction of detached domestic building for use as home office following the demolition of 2 no. outbuildings (revised scheme to NYM/2018/0236/FL) – **Support**

6.6 The Old Vicarage, North End, Osmotherley - Listed Building consent for internal alterations including insulation works, external lighting, repairs to stonework, enlargement of 2 no. windows on south elevation, installation of air/ground source heat pump and installation of satellite dish – **Support**

b) Decisions.

6.7 36 South End, Osmotherley - demolition of existing garage and construction of replacement detached garage (revised scheme to NYM/2019/0397/FL) – **Withdrawn**

6.8 2 Piper Lodge Ellerbeck - Construction of a small portal framed agricultural building to provide shelter for lambing and overwintering of pedigree sheep and for the storage of hay - **Granted**

7. a, b, c Accounts

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

Income reported at last meeting		£25,187.26	
a) Receipts in the period:			
Honesty Box	£119.68		
Burial Fee	<u>£450.00</u>		
Total income for the period		<u>£569.68</u>	
Revised 2019/20 income to 5th Feb 2020			£25,756.94
Expenditure reported to last meeting		£22,650.60	
b) Payments in the period:			
Osmotherley Village Hall - Meeting & Toilets	£296.80		
Martyn Stafford - Chairmans Honorarium	£50.00		
J.Robinson - Expenses	£90.62		
Osmotherley Village Hall - Hire	£8.80		
Land Registry	£4.00		
Internet fee 1&1	£6.00		
Business Stream - Water	<u>£1.50</u>		
Total expenditure for the period		<u>£457.72</u>	
Revised 2019/20 expenditure to 5th Feb 2020			£23,108.32

c) Funds:

Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	£111.96
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£35,213.82</u>
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	£35,325.78

Represented by:

Balance of HSBC a/c	£13,080.99
Skipton Bond,	<u>£22,244.79</u>
Total Funds as at 5th Feb 2020	£35,325.78

Items Presented for Payment at Meeting:

Osmotherley Village Hall - Hire & Toilets	140.80
Printroom	69.00
J.Robinson - Expenses	22.49

232.29

8. Any Other Business

AA reported that rubble and soil was being dumped in fields along the road from Kirby Sigston to Bullamoor. It was confirmed that a waste licence was required and AA was asked to investigate further and report back to the Clerk.

MR reported on progress in the village of Thimbleby towards adopting the phone box and turning it into housing a defibrillator. Although fundraising activities were ongoing, some concerns had been raised over insurances. The Clerk confirmed that should funding be routed via the PC, we would assume ownership and the defibrillator would be covered by our insurance. MR would 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 19th March 2020 in the Village Hall, Osmotherley at 7.30pm prompt.