

Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held remotely on Zoom.Us On Thursday 21st May 2020

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

1. Apologies None

2. Minutes of the meeting of 16th April were approved and signed by the Clerk (on behalf of the Chairman)

3. AGM Update

The Clerk updated the council on the situation regarding the AGM which should be taking place now. YLCA advice that AGM's should, ideally, be held in person and not remotely. With this in mind it is proposed that the current officers continue until such time as we meet in person once again.

4. Public Forum

None

5. Matters arising:

5.1 Items not on the agenda

Last meeting it was agreed that the QC car park be resurfaced by L&D Construction. The Clerk reported that they had indeed been instructed to undertake the task as soon as practicable.

5.2 Police matters

A written report was provided by Stokesley Police in absentia.

Between the dates of 9th April and the 20th May 2020 the following incidents have been reported to the Police:

Anti-Social Behaviour: 8 Environmental: 1- Non Covid ;4 - Covid Related; Nuisance: 3- Covid Related ; Theft (including from shops):1; Violence Against the Person: 1

5.3 Highways

RH reported that the road beyond Cote Ghyll would be closed on Saturday and Sunday for resurfacing. The Clerk was not aware of this and would ask for more details from Area 2.

MR reported that gullies needed clearing near to the water works in the village and the Clerk confirmed he would report this to the responsible authority.

The sign to Lady Chapel has unfortunately been refused by Highways.

5.4 NYCC, HDC & NYMNP

DH reported that a new CEO had been appointed at the Park, called Tom Hind, who has a strong agricultural background. He also questioned the fly tipping of tyres at Sheepwash, asking if anything had been done to rectify or report the problem.

He also asked if the Clerk could pressurise Highways regarding Bullamoor Road resurfacing as he has been impressed with new officers at NYCC who seem to be encouraging a different way of reacting to complaints.

He also reported that the bridge at West Harlsey, reported at the previous meeting as damaged, would be repaired by NYCC.

The NYM Local Plan is due to be approved next month by members which will see the end of a long process to revising the current plan.

5.5 Maintenance

BM reported that tiles had been noticed to be damaged on the ladies toilet steps and he would look into getting these repaired/replaced.

5.6 Village Hall

The Village Hall is closed however refurbishment work is being undertaken at present with lighting and decorating being done.

5.7 Capital Works 2020/21

BM had prepared a plan turning the current toilets to more individual unisex type. This was largely greeted with approval and he was asked to progress this further.

He went onto the bus shelter proposals to reroof and decorate. RH agreed to progress further quotes for this work.

6. 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 had received correspondence, which referred to ancient hedgerows being removed and NYM have been informed.

He had also received a request to change road markings from a resident at 1 Back Lane. The Chairman confirmed he had looked into this and largely agrees with the resident, in terms of access to the track but a site visit and consultation with neighbours needs to take place before formal approval. The Clerk was asked to progress this with the resident and Highways.

There has also been a number of residents commenting about the noise levels emanating from the work done at The Old Vicarage. The Chairman, who lives opposite, confirmed that the noise level at times was excessive however he felt that if the work needed to be done, then noise would be evident and the sooner they finished the work the sooner the noise would diminish. NYM are aware of the reports and are keeping the site under review.

7. Planning.

a) Applications.

7.1 Hannah's Garth, 1 Grant Close, Osmotherley - demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement open market dwelling - **Object**

7.2 The Old Vicarage, 40 North End, Osmotherley - Listed Building consent for refurbishment of windows, installation of secondary glazing and approval of historic window replacements – **Support**

b) Decisions.

7.3 A Place In The Pines Holiday Lodges, Keepers Cottage - replace 1no Glamping Tent with a log cabin type building to provide a unit of holiday accomm. -**Granted**

7.4 High Grange, Sowerby under Cotcliffe - Construction of an equestrian riding arena with floodlighting - **Granted**

8. a, b, c & d Accounts

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

Income reported at last meeting		£0.00	
a) Receipts in the period:			
Thimbleby Defibrillator	£1,387.00		
Hambleton DC Precept	<u>£6,875.00</u>		
Total income for the period		<u>£8,262.00</u>	
Revised 2020/21 income to 5th May 2020			£8,262.00

Expenditure reported to last meeting		£0.00	
b) Payments in the period:			
Printroom	£69.00		
J.Robinson - Expenses	£19.00		
YLCA Membership	£313.00		
Internet fee 1&1	£6.00		
Business Stream - Cemetery Water	£1.50		
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Total expenditure for the period		<u>£410.00</u>	
Revised 2020/21 expenditure to 5th May 2020			£410.00

c) Funds:

Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	£7,852.00
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£34,677.77</u>
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	£42,529.77

Represented by:

Balance of HSBC a/c	£20,284.98
Skipton Bond,	<u>£22,244.79</u>
Total Funds as at 5th May 2020	£42,529.77

Items Presented/Paid for Payment:

M.Hague - Internal Audit - Paid	25.00
Fox'Signs - Thimbleby Defibrillator - Paid	222.88
First Aid Skills & Training - Thimbleby Defib - Paid	1500.00
J.Robinson - Expenses	31.49
Zurich Municipal Insurance	468.81
Osmotherley Village Hall - Toilet Cleaning	96.00

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d) External Audit Submission – The Clerk circulated the report to all members and asked for approval to submit to PKFLittlejohn, the external auditor appointed. It was approved for submission.

9. Any Other Business CN raised the issue of grass cutting verges that have wild flowers. Two areas on Clack Lane have been cut when wildflowers were flowering. The Chairman confirmed that he had also been approached by residents concerned however it needed to be confirmed whether the caretaker or residents were cutting the verges in these cases.

BM asked whether it was appropriate to put a speed restriction sign on the gate leading to the Play Area as it had been noted that delivery vans were driving at excessive speeds. It was agreed that a sign should be sourced.

RH asked the Clerk to chase up Highways to determine whether any progress had been made on the reported gateway inserted into the hedge line on Bullamoor Road.

TW reported that the war memorial would be maintained as soon as the COVID restrictions were eased on the elderly.

10. 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.

11. Date of next remote meeting: Thursday 18th June 2020 at 7.15pm prompt.