

Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held remotely on Zoom.Us On Thursday 17th September 2020

Present: Mr M Stafford (Chairman), Mr Bob Manners (Vice Chairman), Mr RW Horner, Mr N Coward, Mr M Read, Mr R Harker, Ms C Nozedar and HDC/NYCC ward Member Cllr D Hugill

- 1. Apologies** Mr N Ward, Mr M Laverick, Mr T Wood and Mrs A Atkinson
- 2. Minutes of the meeting of 16th July 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

4.2 Police matters

A written report was provided by Stokesley Police in absentia. Between the dates of 14th July and the 11th September 2020 the following incidents have been reported to the Police: Anti-Social Behaviour: 4 (Environmental: - 2, Nuisance: - 2)

4.3 Highways

RH confirmed that the road along Bullamoor, which had been reported as subsiding, is on the list to be repaired. MR reported that Thimbleby was still having difficulties with their fibre connection. DH confirmed he'd raise this at the next NyNet meeting.

4.4 NYCC, HDC & NYMNP

The local government reorganisation which had been suggested by ministers to amalgamate county and district councils of North Yorkshire to obtain additional funding was still high on the list of topics under discussion.

4.5 Maintenance

CN raised concerns over continuing issues of gated bridleways and DH suggested a pathkeeper scheme, run by NYCC, could help.

4.6 Village Hall

NC confirmed that the hall had not taken any income since lockdown began and had taken the opportunity to upgrade much of the interior of the property.

4.7 Capital Works 2020/21

The Clerk reported that he had obtained funding from the Small Business Grant fund and also that this can be used to support projects to improve the facilities in the village. The Clerk went on to confirm that a planning application for revising the public conveniences had been sent to NYM for consideration.

RH reported that a quotation had been sought from a contractor regarding the Osmotherley bus shelter and BM agreed to source two further quotes.

The play area contractor confirmed that a piece of equipment was in need of replacement but would wait until the full RoSPA report was submitted this month.

4.8 Sheepwash Working Party

DH reported that fields, adjacent to the reservoir, could be made available for temporary car parking. Matrix signs, erected at Clack Lane ends, would help to reduce cars into Osmotherley heading for Sheepwash. This would be an option for next year. The Chairman asked that Tim Swales be consulted regarding the land issue and RH was asked to do this asap.

4.9 Cemetery

At the last meeting the Clerk submitted a report regarding the need to 'tidy up' the Cemetery with a view to creating more space for future burials. A meeting was held at the cemetery with NC, the Clerk and Treescape to progress this matter further. A quote has been received which is acceptable, together with another quote for lifting the concrete and it was agreed to progress this matter.

4.10 Remembrance Sunday 2020

The Chairman has been in discussion with church representatives regarding this years' event. The clerk has submitted the necessary requests for road closures and police assistance though it is likely the event will be much smaller than in previous years.

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.

Hannahs Garth - demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement dwelling – Recommended to be approved subject to 16 conditions. – DH and MS attended a site meeting in July and a resubmitted application had resulted. It was felt that this was the best solution available to satisfy many residents' concerns. Road damage to Grant close during the development is another concern however the Chairman confirmed the current road surface is an issue and any further damage should be corrected by the developer.

b) Decisions.

6.1 High Lane Farm, High Lane, Kirby Sigston - Proposed first floor extension to existing dwelling - **Granted**

7. a, b, c Accounts

The Clerk reported the up to date financial position of the council updating the accounts from the July meeting. The Chairman asked that the funds, previously reported by the Clerk as received from Hambleton DC under the Small Business Grant Fund be allocated to specific issues linked to Covid19 concerns. The Clerk confirmed that the external auditor was already aware that the PC had a higher level of reserves than was allowed and that we needed to spent these additional funds before the year end if possible:

Income reported at last meeting		£12,268.93	
a) Receipts in the period:			
Messenger Adverts	£560.00		
Northern Electric Refund	£12.21		
NYCC Grasscutting	£84.41		
HDS Play Area Grant	£3,341.31		
Honesty Box	£243.99		
Cemetery Fees	<u>£125.00</u>		
Total income for the period		<u>£4,366.92</u>	
Revised 2020/21 income to 5th Sept 2020			£16,635.85

Expenditure reported at last meeting		£3,954.47	
b) Payments in the period:			
L & D Construction - QC Paving	£2,609.77		
Printroom	£69.00		
J.Robinson - Expenses	£65.65		
Business Stream - Toilets Water	£167.15		
Keith Henderson Caretaker Apr - July	£3,264.00		
J.Robinson - Expenses	£143.19		
Holly Enisz - Toilet cleaning July	£123.00		
PKF Littlejohn - External Audit Fee	£240.00		
Sam Turner & Sons - Consumables	£25.78		
Steven J Dresser - Electrics Thimb. Defib	£240.00		
Internet fee 1&1	£12.00		
Business Stream - Cemetery Water	<u>£3.00</u>		
Total expenditure for the period		<u>£6,962.54</u>	
Revised 2020/21 expenditure to 5th Sept 2020			£10,917.01

c) Funds:

Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)		-£2,595.62	
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting		<u>£42,992.23</u>	
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting		£40,396.61	

Represented by:

Balance of HSBC a/c		£18,151.82	
Skipton Bond,		<u>£22,244.79</u>	
Total Funds as at 5th Sept 2020		£40,396.61	

Items Presented/Paid for Payment:

Printroom	69.00	
J. Robinson - Salary	641.05	
HMRC	160.40	
J. Robinson - Expenses	138.00	
Smiths of Derby - Church clock Inspection Fees	386.40	

Total 1394.85

8. Any Other Business

MR and RH expressed concerns over the 'shabby' state of the village and asked that the Caretaker be instructed to tidy these areas up. Issues such as grass cuttings just left on paths was not something that should be occurring. The clerk confirmed it had been a particularly difficult year and that discussions would be held with the Caretaker to determine better working going forward.

RH asked that the gullies be cleared on north End and the Clerk confirmed he would report this to NYCC.

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 15th October 2020 at 7.15pm remotely by Zoom.