

# Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held remotely on Zoom.Us On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021

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

**Apologies** Mr RW Harker

2. **Minutes of the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> January were approved and signed by the Clerk (on behalf of the Chairman)**

3. **Public Forum**

Ahead of the May elections for Police & Crime commissioner, the candidate to replace Julia Mulligan was invited to speak to the council. Phil Allott gave us a summary of his background and what he hoped to bring to the role. He believes the speed cameras are often placed in areas with low accidents such as the A1 and hopes to bring them to more rural roads such as the A59. Police numbers are hoped to rise in North Yorkshire by 240 and understands that they need to more visible in the community. MS raised the issue of police response to local CCTV cameras and it was hoped to improve response times. The Clerk raised concerns over the poor quality of the reports we receive and Phil asked to see a copy.

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 it is hoped that they will be tarmacked over in red with speed limit signs imprinted but this was unlikely to happen until the new financial year.
- The cage to house the gas bottles at the Queen Catherine has been completed with the addition of a 'lid' be put on top of the cage to make it more secure. The Chairman confirmed that this has been done free of charge and thanks expressed to the contractor.
- It was reported that two bollards along North End had either been knocked down or damaged beyond repair and the Clerk updated the council on progress with NYCC Highways. They have accepted responsibility and it is hoped they will be replaced soon.
- The Chairman reported that work had commenced in the Cemetery to tidy it up by students wishing to undertake The Duke of Edinburgh awards.
- The West End flooding issue has been identified with NYCC accepting responsibility for clearing a blocked pipe.
- The potholes along Quarry Lane have been reported.
- The road condition along Bullamoor Road has been reported.
- An application has been made to HDC for funds towards the public conveniences redevelopment under the Making a Difference Fund.

- The contractor appointed to the role of Caretaker has signed the contract and will commence work next month.
- The Clerk was asked to enquire of NYMNP regarding the proposal to move the route of the C2C walk away from Ingleby Arncliffe, which they confirmed was incorrect.
- Two new salt bins have been ordered from NYCC for Ellerbeck and Oswaldene. The Clerk asked for approval to order more salt for next winter.
- The owner of land bordering Quarry Lane has been written to regarding issues of trees and flooding but no reply has been received to date. The Chairman asked if a follow-up letter be sent.

#### **4.2 Police matters**

A written report was provided by Stokesley Police in absentia.

Between the dates of the 15/01/2021-11/02/2021 the following incidents have been reported to the Police: Anti-Social Behaviour: 14 (Environmental: - 12; ASB Nuisance :- 2); Violence against the Person: 1

Police officers, Police community support officers and Special constables have been attending Osmotherley and Cod Beck on a daily basis due to the fluctuation of visitors from out of the area and concerns from local residents. Multiple people have been sent away and advised reference Covid regulations. Signs have been organised and distributed from the council and we have some further posters to display in the next couple of days.

\*Please can we advise that residents do not approach visitors and challenge, but to contact 101 and we will attend additionally to routine patrols where appropriate.

#### **4.3 Highways**

MS and RH reported on issues concerning the work carried out by contractors in Grant Close. Multiple heavy vehicles have caused clay to be deposited onto the road along North End as they exit the village and the road condition in Grant Close, already poor, has declined significantly since the work has commenced. MS confirmed that he would talk to the contractors/owners to see if these issues can be rectified either ongoing or at the close of the ground works. Concerns were raised regarding soil entering the gullies and causing further issues.

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

DH reported that NYCC were debating a 1.99% rise in council tax plus an additional 1.5% for social care. HDC were expected to approve freezing the council tax increase.

DH asked MR to update the situation on the flooding in Thimbleby who confirmed that the road condition has been sorted however his land is still waterlogged.

Superfast broadband would hopefully be rolled out to improve reception in rural areas as a new contractor has taken on the role.

The Clerk reported that he had recently received letters from both NYCC and the District Councils regarding the proposed local government reorganisation. He agreed to share these with all councillors for information.

#### **4.5 Maintenance**

Nothing to report

#### **4.6 Village Hall**

The Chairman of the committee asked if we could look into the concerns of damp between the Village Hall and Church House. MS looked into the issue and has asked a local builder to check the flashing between the two properties.

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

The Clerk updated the council as to the situation regarding continuing discussions with the lowest quote contractor. We need to save around £10,000 from the quote and discussions with the contractor and BM had resulted in some ideas such a changing the configuration of the cubicles. Discussions are ongoing and a further report will come back next month for consideration.

The Play Area work has been completed by Inside Outside Services including repairs to damaged equipment, drainage improvement to the trampoline, new seating and numerous ground works. He will continue to look after the play area going forward.

#### **4.8 Sheepwash Working Party**

RH has produced an extensive report and a summary of the latest meeting, held on the 4<sup>th</sup> February, distributed to all with the meeting papers. NC requested to see a full copy and the Clerk was asked to share this with all members and MS confirmed that he would hand deliver a copy.

It was agreed that this was something that the PC was not in a position to progress the issues raised in the report and would require substantial financial and possibly political support to enact. MS confirmed he'd be writing the letter to Rishi Sunak following the distribution of the report and asked for any comments/concerns to be raised as soon as possible.

#### **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. These had been distributed to all councillors with the meeting papers and approval gained for the adoption of them.

#### **4.10 Memorial Tree**

The Clerk explained that a request had been received regarding commemorating Anne Abbotts work in the village with a tree planting. CN confirmed that the village gardening club had been consulted. It was agreed that this should be supported and the Clerk was asked to report this back to the resident.

### **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 reported on a letter received from the RAF confirming low flying exercises would take place between 23<sup>rd</sup> February and the 19<sup>th</sup> March.

### **6. Planning.**

#### a) Applications.

6.1 1 Little Bridge Farm Ellerbeck - Application for the construction of an agricultural slurry storage tank (above ground concrete ring store) - **Support**

#### b) Decisions

6.2 Land at Keepers Cottage, Thimbleby – Construction of an agricultural shed for the purpose of storing agricultural vehicles and supplies - **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		£34,489.71	
<b>a) Receipts in the period:</b>			
Osmotherley Village Hall	£1,560.70		
Cemetery Fees	<u>£235.00</u>		
Total income for the period		<u>£1,795.70</u>	
Revised 2020/21 income to 5th Feb 2021			£36,285.41

Expenditure reported to last meeting		£19,433.15	
<b>b) Payments in the period:</b>			
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	£50.03		
Business Stream - Water	£137.54		
1 & 1 Internet	£6.00		
Business Stream - Water	<u>£2.50</u>		
Total expenditure for the period		<u>£1,195.07</u>	
Revised 2020/21 expenditure to 5th Feb 2021			£20,628.22

### c) Funds:

Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	£600.63
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£49,734.33</u>
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	£50,334.96

### Represented by:

<b>Balance of HSBC a/c</b>	£27,982.99
<b>Skipton Bond,</b>	<u>£22,351.97</u>
Total Funds as at 5th Feb 2021	£50,334.96

### Items Presented/Paid for Payment:

Printroom	69.00
Barnfather Construction Limited - Cemetery	1273.44
Holly Enisz - Toilet Cleaning January	96.00
J.Robinson - Expenses inc Os.Village Hall payment	1985.67
Inside Outside Services - Play Area Refurb.	<u>5000.00</u>

Total	8424.11
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### **8. Any Other Business**

The Clerk confirmed that the Bus Stop sign on clack Lane that has broken has been reported to NYCC Passenger Transport for repair/replacement.

MS reported that the gully on West End was also causing issues and the Clerk confirmed that he had reported this to YWA, who were meeting with NYCC over the other West End issues and would raise. It was pointed out that clearing one issue may well cause another. MR asked if the council would support him in sorting out some issues around the water splash by offering financial recompense for moving road planeing and this was agreed.

### **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> March 2021 at 7.15pm remotely by Zoom.**