

Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held remotely on Zoom.Us On Thursday 18th March 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 and HDC/NYCC ward Member Cllr D Hugill

Apologies Mr RW Harker and Mr N Ward

2. **Minutes of the meeting of 18th February were approved and signed by the Clerk (on behalf of the Chairman)**

3. **Public Forum**

Three members of the public attended the meeting:

- A resident from Kirby Sigston raised concerns over the issues of an alleged environmental nuisance and the Chairman agreed to visit the site. The Clerk confirmed that the issue has been passed to Hambleton DC's Environmental Health and Planning Departments for action.
- A resident from Back Lane raised concerns over misuse of a neighbours field as a rubbish dump. Concerns over fires being lit causing distress were also raised and MS confirmed that he would speak with the landowner to determine a course of action, which DH agreed was the best way to deal with the issue. The Clerk confirmed the matter had been passed to Hambleton DC's Environmental Health for action.
- The third resident attended to raise his concerns over the increased traffic and parking issues in the village. The Chairman explained our position and action taken and RH has also spoken with the resident.

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:

- 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 however no replacements have been made to date. BM reported that a third bollard has been knocked down recently.. The Clerk confirmed he would be chasing these with Area2 Highways.
- The contractor appointed to the role of Caretaker has signed the contract and has commenced work.
- The owner of land bordering Quarry Lane has been written to twice regarding issues of trees and flooding but no reply has been received to date. The Chairman asked that a third letter be sent saying that if we do not hear from him the matter will be sent to NYCC for further action.
- The Traffic and Car Parking report has been sent to Rishi Sunak, member of parliament, to see if a solution can be sought to the issues raised. The report will be published on the Osmotherley.org.uk website with reference raised in the Messenger.

- Funds have been raised locally for a memorial tree to be planted, a flowering cherry, however no site has been agreed. CN has sought advice from the gardening club and it was felt that Westfields shrubbery might be the most appropriate.
- The damaged bus stop sign on Clack Bank has been repaired.
- The meeting of the Sheepwash Action Group was attended by RH and BM. Matters raised included :
 - Increased police presence this Easter by PCSO's
 - A matrix sign will be located at the foot of Clack Bank signalling the parking situation at Sheepwash and Cod Beck. This will be for two weeks over the Easter weekend and will operate 8-10 hours per day.
 - The police are aware of the speeding cars late at night up to Sheepwash and MS asked that they be made aware of the CCTV availability.
- MS updated the situation at Grant Close. Contractors have been consulted and agreed to undertake a drains audit after the conclusion of the work. Also the surface has been stoned, which has improved the evenness of the surface and it is hoped that a top surface will be laid at the conclusion of works.

4.2 Police matters

A written report was provided by Stokesley Police in absentia.

Between the dates of the 11/02/2021 to 12/03/21 the following incidents have been reported to the Police: Anti-Social Behaviour: 12 (Environmental: - 11; ASB Nuisance :- 1); Violence against the Person: 3 and Other Crimes : 1

Police are warning residents to be vigilant for scam phone calls in relation to their national insurance number after the force received a number of reports.

4.3 Highways

A report had been received that the road in Ellerbeck was in danger of collapse from erosion by Cod Beck. This was reported to NYCC and they are not concerned at this point but asked for details of the landowner as it was felt that it was their responsibility to make good.

4.4 NYCC, HDC & NYMNP

DH reported that some funds were agreed from the Making a Difference grant application for the toilets however he could not confirm the amount.

4.5 Maintenance

The two salt bins had been ordered from NYCC but not yet received. The Clerk had not ordered the agreed replenishment of rock salt but would now await until the autumn.

4.6 Village Hall

Nothing to report

4.7 Capital Works 2020/21

BM explained that he had consulted with many local builders on ways in which the work could be completed at a reduced cost however many were so busy they were unwilling to help until the autumn at the earliest. The Chairman asked that we continue to work to find a solution to solve the overspend concerns.

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 raised the matter of the NYM Management Plan needing comments by 1st April and RH suggested we feed in the report conclusions from our Traffic and Car Parking study.

A resident raised concerns over the possibility of moving into assisted living at Westfields and Oswaldene and asked the PC for advice. The Clerk has asked for assistance from the Housing Officer at Hambleton.

A resident of North End had asked for advice as to whether the PC could approve the cobbling of an area of grass at the front of the property. After consulting the council it was agreed that we had no jurisdiction over the grassed area but were not happy for this work to be done as it would affect the visual symmetry of the area. The Clerk confirmed he had written back to the resident explaining our position.

6. Planning.

a) Applications.

6.1 60 North End, Osmotherley - installation of replacement windows and door –

Support

6.2 1 Piper Lodge Ellerbeck - Extension to existing utility room - **Support**

b) Decisions

6.3 Little Bridge Farm Ellerbeck - construction of an agricultural slurry storage tank (above ground concrete ring store) – **Granted**

6.4 Farm Buildings North Of The Grange Sowerby Under Cotcliffe - Revised application for alterations and extensions of agricultural buildings (Units 1, 2 & 3) to form 3no residential dwellings, includes link extension to unit 2 (linking to existing building) and staircase to create 1st floor accommodation and side extension to east elevation of unit 3 and associated landscaping, driveway with access lighting, associated parking and bin storage - **Refused**

7. a, b, c Accounts

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

Income reported at last meeting		£36,285.41	
a) Receipts in the period:			
Cemetery Fees	<u>£110.00</u>		
Total income for the period		<u>£110.00</u>	
Revised 2020/21 income to 5th Mar 2021			£36,395.41
Expenditure reported to last meeting		£20,628.22	
b) Payments in the period:			
Barnfather Construction Limited	£1,985.67		
Holly Enisz - Toilet Cleaning January	£96.00		
J.Robinson - Expenses inc Os.Village Hall	£1,273.44		
Inside Outside Services	£5,000.00		
1 & 1 Internet	£6.00		

Business Stream - Water	<u>£2.50</u>	
Total expenditure for the period		<u>£8,363.61</u>
Revised 2020/21 exp to 5th Mar 2021		£28,991.83

c) Funds:

Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	-£8,253.61
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£50,334.96</u>
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	£42,081.35

Represented by:

Balance of HSBC a/c	£19,729.38
Skipton Bond,	<u>£22,351.97</u>
Total Funds as at 5th Mar 2021	£42,081.35

Items Presented/Paid for Payment:

Printroom	70.00
J.Robinson - Salary March	624.00
HMRC	156.00
Holly Enisz - Toilets February	96.00
J.Robinson - Exp inc Green Bin, toilet rolls etc	<u>100.38</u>

Total 1046.38

8. Any Other Business

The Clerk confirmed that a Green Bin licence had been continued for the residents to look after maintenance of the Pinfold on North End.

MR also raised concerns of traffic speeding through Thimbleby but it was agreed that little could be done at this point in time.

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 April 2021 at 7.15pm remotely by Zoom.