

Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Osmotherley On Thursday 21st October 2021

- 1. Present:** Mr R Horner (Chairman), Mr M Stafford, Mr T Wood, Mr M Read, Mr RW Harker, Mr B Manners (Vice Chairman) and HDC/NYCC ward Member Cllr D Hugill

Apologies were received from: Mr N Ward, Mr N Coward, Ms C Nozedar, Mrs A Atkinson and Mr M Laverick

- 2. Minutes of the meeting of 9th September 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman**

3. Public Forum

Two members of the public attended for differing reasons.

A neighbour dispute had resulted in a large 8ft fence being erected between properties and the resident was unhappy and asked that we look into this. The Chairman advised that we do not get involved in neighbourly disputes and that concerns should be made to the relevant authority. The resident was concerned that we had reported the neighbours' concerns to HDC and the Clerk would determine if this was the case.

*Following the meeting it was confirmed in March 2021 the matter of burning rubbish was indeed reported to environmental health but no action was taken as this was an intermittent issue. The resident also reported that the gates to the rear of the Three Tuns needed to be looked into.

The second resident attended to report concerns with the QC lighting, bins, the footpath issues along the roadside from Ellerbeck to Osmotherley, the Ellerbeck bus shelter and the footpath near the waterworks on South End.

The Clerk confirmed that these issues would be looked into.

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 Clerk confirmed that the account transfer had been made between HSBC and Unity Trust Bank and that the payments highlighted at 7 below, would be made by the internet banking
- The memorial tree, raised previously by a resident, has been sourced and a suitable site identified by NC in the Cemetery. The resident had been informed of this and continues to liaise with the Clerk when the tree will be planted.
- The Clerk confirmed that recorded delivery letters were sent to the new owners of the Three Tuns public house and an interim, temporary, agreement to move the bins to outside Moon House was proposed to the manager. An email from Environmental Health had been recently received confirming that they are monitoring the odour concerns but had no evidence at this stage to act further.

4.2 Police matters

The police report was presented by an officer attending the meeting and highlighted the following:

Anti-Social Behaviour: 2 - ASB Nuisance – 2 reports of two Males selling in the area with large holdalls. Area search conducted to no gain. This tends to be males selling kitchen goods and items within the holdalls. The officer asked that residents be vigilant and report concerns going forward, should future sellers appear in the village.

Auto crime: 1 - SMV No LOE available, Rural task officers have been searching the area to try and locate vehicle to no gain.

Theft (including from shops): 1 – residential Theft – NO LOE – SNA team conducted prevention & security advice

Violence Against the Person: 1 - Not relevant to meeting

Other crimes including Drugs, Fraud : 1 x drugs vehicle stop (2 males arrested).

The police representative also responded to concerns over noise disturbance and abusive language. They confirmed that any noise or bad behaviour issues from any of the public houses should be reported to the police, as these are public order offences.

4.3 Highways

The sets on West End have still not been replaced. The Clerk confirmed that he had chased Area2 Highways on this and a date of the 22nd November had been proposed for the work to be undertaken. This unfortunately would result in a road closure for a minimum of two days for the work to be done. The Clerk would continue to liaise with the Highways Officer to ensure the work is done with the minimum of disruption.

4.4 NYCC, HDC & NYMNP

DH confirmed that the county reorganisation was moving on at pace, with 16 differing workstreams being discussed at officer level. The Clerk asked if there would be elections in May 2022 and it was confirmed that this was likely but would be approved in November by government.

4.5 Maintenance

The Clerk confirmed that he had asked the Ellerbeck representative to look into the dishevelled looking bus shelter. CN confirmed that whilst it appeared sound it did not look very good. The Chairman and Vice Chairman agreed to visit the bus shelter to assess what needed to be done.

4.6 Village Hall

The Clerk reported that a meeting has been held with officers of NYM planning. Advice has been provided as to suitable replacement windows and doors. Also advice was provided as to the damp issues in certain areas of the building and the original damp proofers are to be asked to return to check areas.

The roof repairs are ongoing having discovered rotting underneath the tiles. Approval was given for this work to be undertaken.

The Clerk confirmed that whilst the ownership of the building lay with the council, responsibility for insurance of the Village Hall and public conveniences lay with the Village Hall committee.

4.7 Toilet Refurbishment Update

The Clerk and BM updated the progress since our last meeting. Unfortunately we are still having issues identifying a contractor to undertake the work. He also reported that a specialist contractor had been approached for advice and a meeting held to discuss the original proposal and it was advised that the frontage might not be large enough to house 3 separate cubicles. It was agreed that a full refurbishment of the existing toilets be undertaken as funding would not allow for the original proposal to be taken forward.

The Clerk confirmed that a grant application had been submitted to NYMNP for a contribution from next years grant availability towards the toilet refurbishment and that he would look into whether it was prudent to make a further application to HDC's Making a Difference grant scheme.

4.8 Remembrance Sunday

The Clerk updated the council on the arrangements made for the 14th November and asked that notices regarding road closures be erected on the week before the event.

4.9 RoSPA Report

The Clerk outlined the issues raised in the recent inspection of the Play Area. He asked that the contractor be allowed to go ahead with the repairs, subject to agreeing the price. NW has identified a contractor to undertake the cutting of the hedge that borders the play area and would be contacting him. MR agreed to also look into sourcing a contractor and would liaise with the Clerk. It was agreed for the works to correct the maintenance issues be implemented asap.

4.10 Standing Orders

The council received the document for consideration and the points raised by NC and CN would be incorporated into the document. The council agreed the content for adoption.

4.11 Precept 2022/23

The Clerk asked that a meeting of the Finance Working Party meet prior to next months meeting to discuss the request to Hambleton DC for funding levels required to be met by the parishioners for 2022/23.

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.

An email had been received from a resident, who attended the meeting to discuss (see public forum).

6. Planning.

a) Applications.

6.1 Milton Cottage, Thimbleby - variation/removal of conditions 3 and 4 of planning approval NYM/2021/0509/FL to sever the tie of the building from Milton Cottage and allow the housing of all animals - **Support**

6.2 2 West End, Osmotherley - installation of 4 no. replacement timber windows – **Support**

6.3 The Old Vicarage, 40 North End, Osmotherley – Application & Listed Building consent for installation of replacement timber double glazed windows - **Support**

b) Decisions

6.4 Beacon Hill Farm Kirby Sigston - Alterations and extension to dwelling to create utility room, adapted porch area with new roof, alterations to side entrance area and relocation of power pole – **Granted**

6.5 High Grange Sowerby Under Cotcliffe - Change of Use of agricultural land to form marginally enlarged domestic curtilage. Alterations and extensions to existing dwellinghouse, construction of domestic greenhouse, siting of domestic gas tanks - **Granted**

6.6 The Byres, Winton – application and listed building consent to replace decaying soft wood bedroom window and single door with replacement. Also listed building consent for replacement fixtures and fittings in 2 existing bathrooms, update extractor fans, replace ceramic floor and wall tiles in dwelling – **Granted**

7. a, b, c Accounts

The Clerk reported the up to date financial position of the council updating the accounts from the September meeting. These were agreed and supported:

Income reported at last meeting		£12,890.46	
a) Receipts in the period:			
Hambleton DC - Precept	£7,000.00		
Interest - Skipton BS	£11.18		
Honesty Box	£85.00		
Total income for the period		<u>£7,096.18</u>	
Revised 2021/22 income to 5th Oct 2021			£19,986.64

Expenditure reported to last meeting		£5,745.38	
b) Payments in the period:			
Printroom - September Messenger	£69.00		
PKF Littlejohn - External Audit Fee	£240.00		
Holly Enisz - July & August Toilet Cleaning	£156.00		
J Robinson - Expenses	£118.49		
Inside Outside Services - July & August			
grasscutting	£170.00		
J.Robinson - Salary	£624.00		
HMRC	£156.00		
Unity Trust Bank (opening trf)	£500.00		
Hydro- Electric	£102.41		
Business Stream - Cemetery	£2.50		
1 & 1 Internet	<u>£18.00</u>		
Total expenditure for the period		<u>£2,156.40</u>	
Revised 2021/22 expenditure to 5th Oct 2021			£7,901.78

c) Funds:

Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	£4,939.78
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£46,282.44</u>
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	£51,222.22
Represented by:	
Balance of HSBC a/c	£28,859.07
Skipton Bond,	<u>£22,363.15</u>
Total Funds as at 5th Oct 2021	£51,222.22

Invoices for Payment:

Pearson Groundcare - Grasscutting September	£900.00
Holly Enisz - Toilet cleaning Sept	£96.00
RoSPA - Inspection Fee	£115.80

RBL Poppy Appeal NEB12 - Poppy Wreath (cheque)	£25.00
Printroom - Messenger October	£69.00
Initial Services	£49.68
J.Robinson - Expenses	£35.24
Total	£1,290.72

8. Any Other Business

The Chairman raised the concerns by residents over the detritus on the village green on West End. The owner of the property, rented to a resident, has been contacted and it was agreed to ask him to remove said rubbish and ensure that this does not occur again.

MR has been asked if Neighbourhood Watch was a Parish Council responsibility. It was confirmed it was not and that a local coordinator from the residents is normally that individual. The Clerk was asked to look into this further.

MR also asked if we had been informed of when the Bog Hole footbridge would be replaced. The Clerk confirmed nothing had been reported to him but would enquire further.

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 18th November 2021 at 7.30pm in the Supper Room in Village Hall, Osmotherley.