

Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Osmotherley on Thursday 13th October 2022

A minutes silence was observed to commemorate the passing of Her Majesty the Queen

- 1. Present:** Mr R Horner (Chairman), C Nozedar (Vice-Chairperson) , Mr B Manners, Mr M Read, Mrs M Kay, Mr P. Howlett, Mr M Laverick, Mr N Ward, Mrs A Atkinson and the NYCC ward member Cllr B Fortune.

Apologies were received from: Mr B Robinson, Mr T Wood and HDC ward Member Cllr D Hugill.

- 2. Minutes of the meeting of 21st July 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman (August, no meeting. September cancelled due to Death of the Queen)**

- 3. Public Forum**
None

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 Bog Hole footbridge replacement work is nearing completion and whilst some comments were made over the colour of the bridge the PC were pleased with the work that NYCC have done
- The gullies in the village have been cleared as part of the annual cleaning cycle, with the exception of Back Lane and one on North End that remained blocked. The Clerk has raised these issues with Highways.
- The trees on North End, near to the bus shelter, have been approved for trimming by NYM. This work will be undertaken in early November.
- The granite sets around the village green triangle have been repaired
- The water leak in the toilet has been repaired
- Concerns have been raised regarding the sign over the Three Tuns/Moon House and these have been reported to NYM. They have confirmed that they are in discussion with the owner regarding the signs but as no planning application has been submitted they need to wait for the process to complete. Further tables have appeared on the pavement and these also have raised concerns. NYM have advised they have no issues from a planning point of view. The extra tables however contravenes the PC's agreement with the Three Tuns. The Clerk was asked to confirm the current Covid pavement trading policy with HDC.
- Residents has asked that the stiles at either end of the Grant Close to Cuddy Lane path be replaced with gates. The Clerk had enquired with NYM, who in turn discussed the matter with the landowner, who is responsible and who did not wish them to be replaced. The PC has no powers to insist and the Park can only help financially if the landowner is happy to proceed.
- Remembrance Sunday service is on the 13th November 2022 and the Clerk confirmed that all the necessary road closures and parking restriction notices have been applied for. The Chairman confirmed that band and bugler are in place and the wreath ordered.

4.2 Police matters

The police reports from July - October was circulated to all councillors and the following incidents were highlighted:

Anti-Social Behaviour: 4 ASB Environmental: 1 x Groups of individuals camping at cod beck. 1 x Report of group of youths carrying a BBQ up to Cod Beck with concerns they may start a fire.

ASB Nuisance: 2 x Reports of two males with open fire and off road bikes. Police and fire crews attended, fire was put out and males were moved on.

Criminal Damage: 2 1 x isolated incident that is not relevant to meeting; 1 x Windscreen wiper snapped off parked car

Theft: 4 ; 1 x Theft from property, isolated incident which has been resolved;

1 x Goods taken without money being put into honesty box, now resolved. 1 x Report of empty parcel from online retailer; 1 x Wallets taken from horse box at Osmotherley show.

Violence Against the Person: 8 ; 8 x not relevant to meeting

4.3 Highways

The Chairman reported that posts have appeared in the ground in the verge on Quarry Lane opposite the entrance to Cote Ghyll and wondered if anyone knew who had put them there. The Clerk would consult with Highways for confirmation.

Further concerns over the village gully emptying were raised by the Chairman highlighting the considerable work the PC had done to pre-empt the flooding issues that have inevitably occurred. BF confirmed that she would raise this with the Head of Highways at the earliest opportunity.

4.4 NYCC, HDC & NYMNP

The clerk updated the PC on the issue of levelling up council tax rates over the whole county. This would likely increase residents bills in Hambleton, more closely matching them to the likes of Harrogate. This would likely be phased in over two years.

4.5 Maintenance

During recent bad weather a tree on North End collapsed onto another and Highways called a contractor to take it down as it was a danger to life. The Clerk confirmed he had raised the issue with Highways and they confirmed as it was our tree we would be recharged the cost of removal. The Caretaker had been asked to remove the root and make good the ground.

The village phone box, near to the Golden Lion, is in need of upkeep and the clerk had been asked by a resident if this could be raised with BT. This has been done and confirmed that someone would attend to this soon. CN raised concerns over the Clack Lane phone box and the Clerk agreed to look into this.

4.6 Village Hall

PH reported that the AGM will be held next week. Following discussions regarding work needed to a buttress, an expert has been consulted and a planning application would be progressed shortly.

4.7 Toilet Refurbishment Update

The Clerk updated the PC on the work undertaken to update the quotes received over a year ago. The latest quote of around £39,000 plus vat was discussed and further consultation required with the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee to ascertain the transition needed between the village hall and the new storage created at the rear of the toilets. This would also lead to the submission of a grant application. The Clerk would report on progress at the next meeting.

4.8 Constituent Reports

Members from the other areas in the parish were asked to raise any issues pertinent to their areas.

Nothing to Report

4.9 Work of the PC

The Clerk presented a paper outlining the work that the PC does and doesn't do, with the proposal to include within a future Messenger. The Chairman asked that all councillors input into the proposal and feedback to the Clerk by the next meeting.

4.10 Play Area Inspection

RoSPA have completed their annual inspection of the village Play Area on Cuddy Lane. The Clerk and the contractor have undertaken a rolling programme of maintenance of the area over the last few years to ensure the equipment passes the test. Whilst there are several areas in need of further work, none would cause the equipment to be removed from use. The Clerk proposed a further £500 would be required to complete the work to ensure compliance, subject to consulting the contractor, which was supported. The clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of grant aid to improve the aging equipment.

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.

North York Moors have consulted on a proposed woodland creation project on land at Oakgarth. The project was considered by councillors and agreement reached to support the application.

6. Planning.

a) Applications.

6.1 7 South End, Osmotherley - Application for Listed Building consent for internal and external alterations to existing outbuilding to form home office/hobbies room - **Support**

6.2 43 North End, Osmotherley - Application for erection of a greenhouse - **Support**

6.3 4 West End, Osmotherley - Application for Listed Building consent for internal alterations comprising at ground floor level the removal of metal staircase, creation of new opening and installation of door, reinstatement of former opening to back room and at first floor level the infilling of the floor, removal of a stud wall, creation of new opening, reinstatement of wall and doors and relocation of water cylinder - **Support**

6.4 18 West End, Osmotherley - Application for installation of 18 solar panels to front elevation – **Object**

6.5 Beech Dene, Crosby - Prior Notification of Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a Dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) and for Associated Operational Development – **No Objection**

6.6 Oaktree Farmhouse, Bullamoor Rd. - Revised application for the conversion of garage to single storey extension and two storey extension, revised site entrance to improve safety and new detached triple garage with garden store and first floor hobby room - **Support**

b) Decisions

6.7 Carr Grange Farm Kirby Sigston - Application for a change of land use from agricultural to recreational for the siting of 4 glamping pods and associated works to create new access track and car parking area – **Granted**

6.8 Oaktree Farmhouse Bullamoor Road - Conversion of garage to form kitchen, Single storey extension to form entrance hall, family area, WC and garden room. Two storey extension to form stairwell, Installation of a Juliet balcony, Revised site entrance to improve safety and Construction of a new detached triple garage with garden store and first floor hobby room – **Granted**

6.9 Wheatsheaf House, Winton – Retrospective planning permission for the change of use of agricultural land to domestic for the retention of a mobile home used solely as ancillary accommodation. Renew access gates - **Granted**

7. a, b, c and d Accounts

The Clerk reported the up to date financial position of the council updating the accounts from the last meeting in July. The monthly bank reconciliation was agreed and supported. The external audit certificate for the 2021/22 accounts was received by the council:

Income reported at last meeting		£8,163.69	
a) Receipts in the period:			
Honesty Box - July	£82.00		
Newsletter Advertising - July	£462.00		
Summer Games Refund	£500.00		
Northern Electric Refund	£12.21		
Honesty Box - August	£100.00		
NYM Caretaker Grant	£2,500.00		
Newsletter Advertising - August	£350.00		
NYCC Urban Grasscutting	£84.41		
Burial Fees - Hill Bros	£400.00		
Honesty Box - Sept	£66.00		
Hambleton Precept	<u>£7,150.00</u>		
Total income for the period		<u>£11,706.62</u>	
Revised 2022/23 income to 30th Sept 2022			£19,870.31
Expenditure reported to last meeting		£6,144.14	
b) Payments in the period:			
Scottish Water - Cemetery	£3.00		
1 & 1 Internet	£8.40		
Community TM Ltd - Summer Games Traff Man.	£600.00		
Osmotherley Village Hall June Meeting	£8.80		
Pearson Groundcare - Grasscutting June	£900.00		
Pearson Ground Services	£600.00		
Inside Outside Services - Play Area	£850.00		
Printroom	£85.00		
J.Robinson - Expenses	£17.49		
Holly Enisz - Toilet Cleaning June	£84.00		
Scottish Water - Toilets	£369.04		
Scottish Water - Cemetery	£3.00		
Hydro Electric - Toilets	£374.74		
1 & 1 Internet	£8.40		
J.Robinson - Salary Sept	£634.85		
HMRC	£158.80		
J.Robinson - Expenses	£139.36		
MJW Property Services	£107.00		
Pearson Groundcare - Grasscutting July	£900.00		
Pearson Groundcare - Grasscutting August	£900.00		
Holly Enisz - Toilet Cleaning July	£84.00		
Holly Enisz - Toilet Cleaning August	£48.00		

Osmotheley Village Hall - July	£8.80	
Sam Turner & Sons - Consumables	£26.24	
NYCC - Speed Survey Thimbleby	£132.00	
Printroom	£101.00	
Inside Outside Services - Play Area June/July	£170.00	
Unity Trust Bank Service Charge	£18.00	
Scottish Water - Cemetery	<u>£3.00</u>	
Total expenditure for the period		<u>£7,342.92</u>
Revised 2022/23 expenditure to 30th Sept 2022		£13,487.06

c) Funds:

Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	£4,363.70
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£49,095.12</u>
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	£53,458.82

Represented by:

Balance of Unity Trust a/c	£53,458.82
Skipton Bond , Account Closed	<u>£0.00</u>
Total Funds as at 30th Sept 2022	£53,458.82

Invoices for Payment:

RBL Poppy appeal donation	£25.00	
PKF Littlejohn - External audit fee	£240.00	
RoSPA - Playarea inpection fee	£117.60	
Initial Hygiene	£51.27	
Printroom	£101.00	
Holly Enisz - Toilet Cleaning September	£96.00	
J.Robinson - Expenses	£98.19	
Marcus Pearson	£900.00	
Inside Outside Services	<u>£85.00</u>	
		£1714.06

8. Any Other Business

The Clerk confirmed that the Burials Officer would still like to stand down from the post and it was agreed to place a further advertisement in the Messenger.

The Clerk confirmed he'd attended the recent resurrected SWAG meeting, following NYM wishing to reengage with partners. Future meetings will be held in the late autumn/early winter. PH raised concerns regarding the over vigilant parking enforcement officers, whilst two sets of repairs and road closures were taking place in the village. This 'coincidence' has not been received well in the village.

The Chairman raised the issue of further tree works being required on North End to avoid similar issues arising to the recent tree collapse in the village. The Clerk confirmed that a further application would be required and could be discussed once the existing tree works have been completed.

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 17th November 2022 at 7.30pm in the Supper Room in the Village Hall, Osmotherley.