

Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Osmotherley on Thursday 17th November 2022

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

Apologies were received from: Mr M Laverick, Mr P Howlett, Mr M Read, Mr B Manners and HDC ward Member Cllr D Hugill.

2. **Minutes of the meeting of 13th October 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman**

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:

- Following a query regarding tables and chairs outside public houses, the clerk confirmed that pavement licences have been extended by government until 30th September 2023.
- The path on the Osmotherley side of Bog Hole bridge is not the same quality as the Thimbleby side as has led to several concerns. TW confirmed that the path has always been poor and liable to issues from the embankment above. It was agreed to ask the Caretaker to price the work to be done in the new year/spring.
- The trees have not been trimmed on North End as scheduled due to high winds on the day. It has been rescheduled for the 29th November 2022.
- The Remembrance Sunday service at the war memorial went well and attended by a representative of the Lord Lieutenant. The Clerk was asked to thank the Lieutenancy.
- The posts in the verge opposite Cote Ghyll had been reported to Highways and they have been removed and replaced with correct no parking posts.
- The tree root, from the felled tree on North End, has been removed by the Caretaker and the ground repaired. The Chairman asked that confirmation be sought that further work is required in the spring to reinstate the village green.
- The paper presented last month on the work of the PC was agreed to be placed in the Messenger in the new year.
- The Clerk confirmed that work was continuing at the Play Area to rectify issues raised by the recent inspection.
- The advert, placed in the Messenger last month, has not, as yet, produced any interest in the role of Burials Officer.

4.2 Police matters

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

Violence Against the Person: 2 2 x details not relevant to meeting

4.3 Highways

The Clerk reported on works highlighted to take place in the PC area which included:

- YW doing work in front of the Waterworks on South End 22 – 24 November
- YW would be doing work between Kirby Sigston and Jeator Houses 18 – 22 November

- NYCC are planning to dig down to repair the water course outside 1 South End 21 – 22 November

A meeting to discuss the Clack Lane culvert was scheduled for the 15th November, between NYCC and Savills. The Clerk was asked to chase for an update.

The bus stop outside Oswaldene has been reported as damaged to NYCC.

The hole in the road near the war memorial has been reported to both YW and NYCC to determine a solution. The Chairman has liaised with the representatives and confirmed that the culvert is causing the issues and an solution is being sought.

The Chairman has been discussing the proposed car park with the owner. Currently Highways may not be as supportive as they could be. BF asked if there was anything she could do and the Clerk was asked to forward the report on the car parking issues to her.

The Chairman reported that the road edge along North End had been repaired however the yellow lines in some areas had been covered. The Clerk was asked to report this.

4.4 NYCC,HDC & NYMNP

The Clerk reported that following on from the vote last year in Whitby regarding limiting second homes, NYCC this week had agreed that double rates would be charged in future as a deterrent. The PC agreed that this was a step in the right direction and noted that NYCC were taking the lead on this issue in the country. This still had to go through the appropriate channels before approval.

4.5 Maintenance

Nothing to report

4.6 Village Hall

Nothing to report

4.7 Toilet Refurbishment Update

The Clerk updated the meeting as to the meeting that took place shortly after our last PC meeting. This involved the contractor being asked to look into the possibility of a ladder/staircase leading from the village hall stage directly into the new store, created in the prior gents toilet. Building Control would need to be consulted and although no site visit had yet occurred but in their view it was likely that a permanent stair may be suggested, thus reducing the amount of storage space available. Further discussions are to continue.

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 Cost of Living Crisis

Following a suggestion by PH that the PC look to signpost residents to find solutions to the financial issues being caused by the current crisis. The PC debated the subject and content of a paper prepared by the Clerk and PH. It was felt, overwhelmingly, that this was a difficult subject for the PC to be involved in and it was agreed not to proceed with publication of the paper.

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.

A request was debated regarding the resale/refund of an existing plot. It was agreed that a refund was appropriate in this case.

A further request to purchase a plot from a resident in the village was agreed

6. Planning.

a) Applications

6.1 Fighting Cocks House, Thimbleby – Installation of solar panels to rear roof of property – **Support**

6.2 Old Carr Grange Kirby Sigston - Application to Determine if Prior Approval is Required for the Change of Use of Agricultural Building to Class B8 Use (Storage and Distribution) – **No Objection**

b) Decisions

6.3 Oaktree Farmhouse Bullamoor - 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 - **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 October. The monthly bank reconciliation was agreed and supported.

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| Income reported at last meeting | £19,870.31 | |
| a) Receipts in the period: | | |
| Honesty Box - Oct | £90.80 | |
| Total income for the period | <u>£90.80</u> | |
| Revised 2022/23 income to 31st Oct 2022 | | £19,961.11 |
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| Expenditure reported to last meeting | £13,487.06 | |
| b) Payments in the period: | | |
| PKF Littlejohn - External audit fee | £240.00 | |
| RoSPA - Playarea inspection fee | £117.60 | |
| Initial Hygiene | £51.27 | |
| Printroom | £101.00 | |
| Holly Enisz - Toilet Cleaning September | £96.00 | |
| J.Robinson - Expenses | £98.19 | |
| Pearson Groundcare - Grasscutting Sept | £900.00 | |
| Inside Outside Services - Grasscutting Sept | £85.00 | |
| Scottish Water - Cemetery | <u>£3.00</u> | |
| Total expenditure for the period | <u>£1,692.06</u> | |
| Revised 2022/23 expenditure to 31st Oct 2022 | | £15,179.12 |
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| c) Funds: | | |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp) | | |
| Funds B/Fwd From last meeting | -£1,601.26 | |
| Funds C/Fwd to next meeting | <u>£53,458.82</u> | |
| | £51,857.56 | |
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| Represented by: | | |
| Balance of Unity Trust a/c | £51,857.56 | |
| Skipton Bond, Account Closed | <u>£0.00</u> | |
| Total Funds as at 31st Oct 2022 | £51,857.56 | |

Unpresented cheques

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| RBL Poppy appeal donation (chq no. 3) | £25.00 |
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Invoices for Payment:

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| Restarting Hearts - Defib Fee | £150.00 |
| Osmotherley Village Hall - Oct hire | £8.80 |
| Sam Turner & Sons - Consumables | £52.79 |
| Printroom - Messenger Nov | £101.00 |
| Printroom - Welcome Pack | £36.00 |
| Holly Enisz - Toilet cleaning Oct | £72.00 |
| Marcus Pearson Groundcare | <u>£900.00</u> |

£1320.59

8. Any Other Business

The Clerk had received an email from the editors of the Messenger asking that a revision of the Welcome Pack be printed and that they had received additional funding towards this. The funds would be transferred to the PC forthwith and it was noted that additional equipment maybe needed in future. All agreed that the work on the newsletter was vital in the village. The Clerk reported that the annual precept would be debated next meeting.

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 December 2022 at 7.30pm in the Supper Room in the Village Hall, Osmotherley.