

# Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Osmotherley on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022

1. **Present:** Mr R Horner (Chairman), C Nozedar (Vice-Chairperson) , Mr M Laverick, Mr P Howlett, Mr N Ward, Mr T Wood, Mr B Manners and HDC ward Member Cllr D Hugill.

**Apologies were received from:**, Mr M Read, Mrs M Kay, Mrs A Atkinson, Mr B Robinson and the NYCC ward member Cllr B Fortune.

2. **Minutes of the meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> November 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:

- A meeting to discuss the Clack Lane culvert was scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> November, between NYCC and Savills. The Clerk asked for an update from Highways. They confirmed that Savills had accepted responsibility and were awaiting confirmation of timings from them.
- Bog Hole Bridge – The clerk confirmed that the Bridges Team have completed the work and that any shortfall on the Osmotherley side path would need to be sorted by the PC.
- The tree works have been completed on North End, subject to further inspection of the remaining trees to be undertaken in the spring.
- The work to the two culverts opened near to the war memorial and bus shelter have been completed. The Chairman advised there may be issues of another culvert that appeared to be blocked near to the bus shelter. It was agreed that, whilst we are aware there could be an issue in the future and wait and see if it becomes a problem. The Chair agreed to draw up a plan of where he understood the issue to be.
- Areas of road edging going up North End have had repairs carried out recently and would need re yellow lining. Highways have agreed to carry out the work in spring 2023.
- The agreed refund to a resident of an existing burial plot is included in payments for approval tonight.

##### 4.2 **Police matters**

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

Anti -Social Behaviour (reassurance patrols conducted)	1	1 x kids knocking on door and running away
Violence Against the Person:	3	3 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 14<sup>th</sup> December.

NYCC are planning to dig down to repair the water course outside 1 South End 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

The Chairman had been asked to look into the continued bad parking on School Lane and the danger this causes and it was raised it for discussion. The Clerk pointed out that this was a continual issue, raised for many years and Highways had been requested on many occasions to yellow line the junction. The Clerk was asked to once again raise our concerns.

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

DH outlined that a consultation regarding devolution was coming to an end and it was important to note that the Crime & Fire Commissioner position might be combined with any future mayoral responsibilities. Members agreed that a separate position should be maintained, if possible. HDC senior staff have received payoffs ahead of the unitary authority combination. This goes against agreements in place but was agreed by the HDC councillors, narrowly. Northallerton Bridge, finally, is due to open on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

#### **4.5 Maintenance**

Nothing to report

#### **4.6 Village Hall**

PH confirmed a meeting with planning consultant has taken place recently for the replacement windows and doors.

The Clerk reported that the village post office has suffered some disruption in opening over the last month and this had been taken up with the GPO for comment. Staff illness and machinery issues have contributed to this.

#### **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 have been consulted and an estimate of £4,641 + Vat received. Further discussions are to continue and PH confirmed that a grant application would likely be made in the new year, subject to a plan of the stairs being provided. The Clerk would chase the contractor for this

#### **4.8 Constituent Reports**

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

CN provided results of a speed survey, carried out by N.Y. Police, outside the properties at the foot of Clack Bank. Whilst it showed that the majority of drivers were under the 60mph speed limit, it was felt that the current limit was inappropriate and should be reduced to 40mph. It was agreed that it would be unlikely that NYCC would amend this but DH confirmed that it would require more work to be done by residents to take this further. CN confirmed that this would be done and report back to the PC.

#### **4.9 Precept 2023/24**

The Clerk presented a paper outlining the various options to increase the Precept and the effect it would have on residents council tax. After much debate, the majority of councillors present agreed to the council asking for a 3% increase in precept. This would increase residents contribution by 91p on a typical Band D property. The Clerk confirmed the requested amount would be £15,000 for 2023/24 financial year.

## 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 application to divert a footpath near to Thimbleby Grange had been received and was discussed. It was agreed to support this application as it improved the poor footpath conditions around that area.

A request was made to the Clerk to improve the lighting in Oswaldene. It was agreed that the Clerk write initially to Broadacres for comment.

## 6. Planning.

### a) Applications

6.1 Hillcrest, Ruebury Lane, Osmotherley - construction of replacement pitch roof dormer windows, installation of velux windows together with construction of patio and balcony and timber cladding – **No Objection**

6.2 46 West End, Osmotherley – installation of handrail – **Support**

6.3 4 West End, Osmotherley – application and Listed Building consent for proposed repair or installation of replacement windows and doors and removal of stud wall to kitchen - **Support**

### b) Decisions

6.4 Fighting Cocks House Thimbleby - Installation of solar panels to rear roof of property - **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 November. The monthly bank reconciliation was agreed and supported.

Income reported at last meeting		£19,961.11	
<b>a) Receipts in the period:</b>			
Honesty Box - Nov	£51.00		
Contribution for Messenger	<u>£90.00</u>		
Total income for the period		<u>£141.00</u>	
Revised 2022/23 income to 30th Nov 2022			£20,102.11
Expenditure reported to last meeting		£15,179.12	
<b>b) Payments in the period:</b>			
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 Person - Oct Grasscutting	£900.00		
1 & 1 Internet	£8.40		
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RBL Poppy appeal donation (chq no. 3)	£25.00		
Scottish Water - Toilets	£297.32		
Scottish Water - Cemetery	<u>£3.00</u>		

Total expenditure for the period	<u>£1,683.11</u>	
Revised 2022/23 expenditure to 30th Nov 2022		£16,862.23

**c) Funds:**

Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	-£1,542.11
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£51,857.56</u>
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	£50,315.45

**Represented by:**

<b>Balance of Unity Trust a/c</b>	£50,315.45
<b>Skipton Bond</b> , Account Closed	<u>£0.00</u>
Total Funds as at 30th Nov 2022	£50,315.45

**Unpresented cheques**

**Invoices for Payment:**

Printroom - Messenger Dec	£101.00	
AF Arborists - North End Trees	£1,090.00	
J.Robinson - Salary December	£791.05	
HMRC	£197.60	
J.Robinson - Expenses	£55.98	
Holly Enisz - Toilet Cleaning Nov	<u>£84.00</u>	
		<b>£2,319.63</b>

**8. Any Other Business**

The Clerk confirmed that NYCC had filled the salt bins and the Chairman asked that we should ensure that, should this cold winter continue, they did not empty.

The Chairman asked that Mr & Mrs Shelley were to be thanked for the Christmas Tree, that Atkinsons be thanked for transportation and also that Mr Forsyth and BM be thanked for the erection and dressing.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30pm in the Supper Room in the Village Hall, Osmotherley.**