

Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Osmotherley on Thursday 12th January 2023

- 1. Present:** Mr R Horner (Chairman), Mr M Laverick, Mr M Read, Mrs M Kay, Mr P Howlett, Mr T Wood and Mr B Manners

Apologies were received from: C Nozedar (Vice-Chairperson), Mrs A Atkinson, Mr N Ward, Mr B Robinson, HDC ward Member Cllr D Hugill and the NYCC ward member Cllr B Fortune.

- 2. Minutes of the meeting of 15th December 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:

- The inconsiderate parking, particularly on the corner of School Lane and South End was reported to Highways. Parking problems have been reported many times over the years and Highways responded by saying that they felt parking would simply be moved to other areas, causing further issues elsewhere in the village. Residents are encouraged to contact the police whenever it is felt that inconsiderate or illegal parking occurs.
- The lighting issue, raised last month by a resident of Oswaldene, has been passed onto Broadacres for comment. Nothing has been received to date but the Clerk has chased.
- The bus stop on West End, near Oswaldene was reported to Highways and passed to Passenger Transport for comment. Nothing received to date but the Clerk has chased.

4.2 Police matters

The police report from December 7 to January 5 was circulated to all councillors and 2 officers attended to present and discuss the following incidents:

Burglary	1	residential from shed
Theft	2	residential
Violence Against the Person:	1	1 x details not relevant to meeting

Officers will be attending Farmers Markets in Stokesley and Great Ayton on three occasions in February.

4.3 Highways

Nothing to report

4.4 NYCC, HDC & NYMNP

Nothing to report

4.5 Maintenance

The bench, on North End near the bus stop, is damaged and the legs require replacement or repair. Enquiries will be made to determine what can be done.

4.6 Village Hall

PH reported that the VH committee expect to put in a planning permission application shortly for the replacement windows and doors. Also a specialist is being consulted regarding a proposed buttress to the wall facing the graveyard.

PH also confirmed that the Platinum Jubilee Fund has now been confirmed and an application would be made for funds.

4.7 Toilet Refurbishment Update

The Clerk reported that a revised specification has been sent to the contractors for confirmation of the content of the current quotations. Once received a working party will consider the next steps.

PH has received information from the Clerk as to the amount required for grant support.

4.8 Constituent Reports

Members from the other areas in the parish were asked to raise any issues pertinent to their areas. The Chairman expanded on the potential for a car park on privately owned land in the village. The landowner is seeking the support of the PC and the village. It was unanimously agreed to support this and to assist in communicating and promoting the project as it develops. .

4.9 Burial Fee Review

The Clerk presented a paper reviewing the fee structure to clients using the cemetery in line with an inflationary rise (last reviewed in 2020) of 10%. This was in part to bring the fees more in line with the previously increased fees for the Burial Officer in January 2021. Members agreed to support the increases, limited to 10% rounded to nearest £5 and asked the Clerk to share these with the Burials Officer for agreement. Should this be agreed the fees would be increased from the 1st January 2023.

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.

Scholla Grange, Bullamoor Road – a resident has ‘dumped’ what appears to be a significant amount of toxic waste in a field near to other neighbours. Complaints have been made to all relevant authorities and the Clerk has supported the process throughout. The PC are very concerned at this fragrant breach of planning rules and hopes that enforcement will remove this hazardous waste immediately to prevent it from poisoning the land in this rural area of the parish.

Speed Review Request, Clack Lane Ends, Osmotherley – The Clerk confirmed that following the police led speed survey a resident at Clack Lane Ends contacted the relevant authorities, including the PC, to enable the reduction of the speed limit from 60 to 40mph. No response had been received as of the date of the meeting and the Clerk will chase for a response.

Poor parking on Back Lane – A resident wrote to the PC expressing concern that too many vehicles were being left inconsiderably at the north end of Back Lane. The Clerk confirmed that this had been passed to Highways for comment. Nothing had been received to date.

6. Planning.

a) Applications

6.1 Oaktree Farm Bullamoor Road - Proposed Extension to Existing Storage Building -
No Objection

6.2 46 West End, Osmotherley - Listed Building consent for installation of handrail -
Support

b) Decisions

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 December. The monthly bank reconciliation was agreed and supported.

Income reported at last meeting	£20,102.11	
a) Receipts in the period:		
Honesty Box - Nov	£45.00	
Burial Fees	£500.00	
Contribution for Messenger	<u>£210.00</u>	
Total income for the period	<u>£755.00</u>	
Revised 2022/23 income to 31st Dec 2022		£20,857.11

Expenditure reported at last meeting	£16,862.23	
b) Payments in the period:		
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	£84.00	
Osmotherley Village Hall - Nov meeting hire	£8.80	
1 & 1 Internet	£8.40	
Service Charge Fee	£18.00	
Mrs M Downey - Burial Plot	£206.00	
Scottish Water - Cemetery	£3.00	
Hydro Electric	<u>£364.72</u>	
Total expenditure for the period	<u>£2,928.55</u>	
Revised 2022/23 expenditure to 31st Dec 2022		£19,790.78

c) Funds:

Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	-£2,173.55
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£50,315.45</u>
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	£48,141.90

Represented by:

Balance of Unity Trust a/c	£48,141.90
Skipton Bond, Account Closed	<u>£0.00</u>
Total Funds as at 31st Dec 2022	£48,141.90

Unpresented cheques

Invoices for Payment:

Marcus Pearson - Tree stump disposal	£240.00
D.Swales - Fees for Burials 2022	£600.00
H.Enisz - Toilet Cleaning Dec 22	£72.00
Osmotherley Village Hall - Dec Hire	<u>£8.80</u>

£920.80**8. Any Other Business**

The Chairman congratulated BM and Mr T & A Forsyth for taking down and disposal of the village Christmas tree.

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 9th February 2023 at 7.30pm in the Supper Room in the Village Hall, Osmotherley.