

# Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Osmotherley on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

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

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

2. **Minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 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 items not on the agenda:

- The inconsiderate parking, particularly on the corner of School Lane and South End was reported to Highways. A comprehensive reply had been received laying out the decision and processes that Highways must go through to add new yellow lining. However new white lining was offered on Back Lane which, whilst not as effective, were accepted as an alternative solution on this occasion.
- The lighting issue, raised by a resident of Oswaldene, has been reported to Hambleton DC, who apparently maintain the lighting there.
- The bus stop on West End, near Oswaldene will be replaced very soon.
- The damaged bench on South End – this memorial bench appears to have been replaced but the plaque has not. The Clerk has had correspondence with a resident recently regarding this and will follow this up.
- The Burial Fee review, presented at the last meeting has been accepted by the officer and implemented from 1 January 2023.
- The speed limit review, at the junction of Clack Bank and the A684, requested to Highways last month has been rejected. Residents will however take up the complaints procedure with NYCC to see if this can be progressed.
- The toxic waste, dumped at Scholla Grange, has been progressed through National and Regional Environmental Health agencies and the owner has been given up to 60 days to remove. The council welcomed the findings and will help ensure that this occurs.

- 4.2 **Police matters**

The police report from 6 January to 8 February was circulated to all councillors to discuss the following incidents:

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

Officers will be attending Farmers Markets in Stokesley on the first Saturday of every month.

- 4.3 **Highways**

Some residents have reported concerns regarding the visibility on the junction of West End and North End, in particular caused by parked cars. Issues raised regarding supporting local businesses, fairness to all and the concerns raised by the residents were all discussed at length. Pavement licences and the use of car parking spaces by the public houses has

consistently been a concern in the village. These however have had to be tempered by the extension of the pavement licence rules during and following Covid, which run up to 30 September 2023. Beyond this it is hoped that the licencing agencies will ensure fairness to all businesses in the village moving forward.

Numerous culvert leaks have been reported since our last meeting, particularly on North End. These have been inspected and repaired by YW recently. The culvert on Clack Bank however is still causing issues and the Clerk was asked to follow this up with Highways.

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

Nothing to report

#### **4.5 Maintenance**

The Caretaker Contract has indicated that their contract will need to be revised due to rising costs to the contractor. The Clerk was asked to contact him to engage in negotiations as soon as possible.

A full tree survey is being sought on the health of all the trees on village owned land, including the graveyard and cemetery following the fallen tree on North End this winter. Costings will follow. The Clerk was asked to check if an insurance claim could be made to cover the costs of the removal of the recently fallen tree.

#### **4.6 Village Hall**

Nothing to report

#### **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. PH, in absentia, confirmed that a grant claim for funding has been submitted to the Jack Brunton Trust but it would not become apparent if successful until May.

#### **4.8 Constituent Reports**

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

MR raised concerns over potholes on the road out of Bog Hole and the Chairman confirmed that he'd supply the Clerk with photographic evidence to supply to Highways.

#### **4.9 North Yorkshire Council Parish Charter Consultation**

The Clerk presented a paper summarising the responses to the Parish Charter drawn up by officers and parish council representatives. This charter outlines the relationships moving forward after the new unitary authority commences on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. Members were asked to consider the responses proposed by the Clerk, the outcome of which will be finalised at the next meeting.

### **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.*

### **6. Planning.**

a) Applications

6.1 Clack Cottage, Clack Lane, Osmotherley - Application for alterations to dwelling, relocation of vehicular access and driveway and blocking up of existing vehicular access, construction of boundary wall with two pedestrian accesses and construction of detached double garage with home office above – **Support**

6.2 Low Moor Farm Long Lane Brompton - Variation of conditions attached to Planning Reference 21/03055/FUL-Construction of Replacement Farmworkers Dwelling  
Construction of Replacement Farmworkers Dwelling - **Support**

b) Decisions

6.3 Beech Dene Crosby Northallerton - Outline planning application (all matters reserved) for the erection of a single dwelling – **Withdrawn**

6.4 Oaktree Farm Bullamoor Road Northallerton - Proposed Extension to Existing Storage Building – **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 January. The monthly bank reconciliation was agreed and supported.

Income reported at last meeting	£20,857.11	
<b>a) Receipts in the period:</b>		
Honesty Box - Nov	£40.00	
Burial Fees	<u>£75.00</u>	
Total income for the period		<u>£115.00</u>
Revised 2022/23 income to 31st Jan 2023		£20,972.11
Expenditure reported at last meeting	£19,790.78	
<b>b) Payments in the period:</b>		
Scottish Water	£3.00	
Hydro Electric	£75.49	
1 & 1 Internet	£8.40	
Marcus Pearson - Tree stump disposal	£240.00	
D.Swales - Fees for Burials 2022	£650.00	
H.Enisz - Toilet Cleaning Dec 22	£72.00	
Osmotherley Village Hall - Dec Hire	<u>£8.80</u>	
Total expenditure for the period		<u>£1,057.69</u>
Revised 2022/23 expenditure to 31st Jan 2023		£20,848.47
<b>c) Funds:</b>		
Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	-£942.69	
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£48,141.90</u>	
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	£47,199.21	
<b>Represented by:</b>		
<b>Balance of Unity Trust a/c</b>	£47,199.21	
<b>Skipton Bond, Account Closed</b>	<u>£0.00</u>	
Total Funds as at 31st Jan 2023	£47,199.21	
<b>Invoices for Payment:</b>		
NYCC - Tree Removal North End (Oct 22)	£1,250.00	
Printroom - February	£101.00	
Osmotherley Villahe Hall - January Meeting	£10.00	
H.Enisz - Toilet cleaning	£84.00	
J.Robinson - Expenses	£27.48	

**£1,472.48**

**8. Any Other Business**

The Chairman reported that a resident had completed a request that the village help promote the plight of the reducing numbers of swifts making homes in the eaves of properties. The Clerk advised that NYM were also helping in this regard and that it was suggested to utilise the Messenger to help promote the issue.

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