

# **Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Osmotherley on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

1. **Present:** C Nozedar (Vice-Chairperson), Mr N Ward, Mr B Robinson, Mr M Read, Mrs M Kay, Mr T Wood , Mr M Laverick , Mr B Manners , Mr P Howlett and Mrs A Atkinson
2. **Apologies were received from:** Mr R Horner (Chairman) and HDC ward Member Cllr D Hugill and NYCC ward member Cllr B Fortune
3. **Minutes of the meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 were approved and signed by the Vice Chairperson (acting Chairperson for the meeting)**
4. **Public Forum**  
None

## **5. Matters arising:**

### **4.1 Items not on the agenda**

The Clerk and the acting Chairman updated the council on the following items not on the agenda:

- The potholes on the road out of Bog Hole towards Osmotherley were reported and repaired by Highways.
- The Caretaker Contract has indicated that their contract will need to be revised due to rising costs to the contractor. The Clerk has engaged in negotiations but confirmation not received in time for the meeting.
- 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. Discussions are ongoing.
- New white lining was offered on Back Lane which, whilst not as effective, were accepted as an alternative solution on this occasion and the Highways Officer confirmed an order had been placed for the work which is hoped to be completed by the end of May 2023.
- The lighting issue, raised by a resident of Oswaldene, has been reported to Hambleton DC, then back to Broadacres, who confirmed they would engage with the residents to determine a solution to the problem.
- The bus stop on West End, near Oswaldene , has a new post but no sign attached.
- The damaged bench on South End – this memorial bench has been replaced by a local businessman but further work is required to secure it to the ground. A plaque has been attached. Members were unsure if this indeed was the correct plaque? The Clerk has had correspondence with a resident who would like a plaque attached to the new bench. Further discussions are needed on this subject.
- 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 and they have written to Rishi Sunak for assistance.
- Clack Lane water leak continues with no solution found. The Clerk was asked to chase this up again.
- The road condition on Harlsey Road, reported by NW at the last meeting, has been reported to Highways.
- The Clerk reported on a discussion with the Highways Officer concerning the issues around visibility near the Golden Lion. Parking bollards have been placed to stop cars parking and it was confirmed by BR that the owner intends to apply for a more permanent arrangement of the outdoor seating.

#### **4.2 Police matters**

The police report from 1 February to 28 February was circulated to all councillors to discuss the following incidents:

Anti- Social Behaviour: ASB Nuisance 2

Other Crimes, including drugs: 1

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

The Clerk was asked to write once again to the Police to register our concerns over the quality of the reports.

#### **4.3 Highways**

Numerous culvert leaks have been reported since our last meeting, particularly on South End and Cuddy Lane. These have been inspected. PH confirmed that the water seemed to have stopped running on South End however the Cuddy Lane leak seems to be runoff from the fields behind West End.

Following the last meeting damage to the granite sets on the village green has been reported to Highways for repair.

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

A number of residents had noticed that two lights in the village had recently been replaced by HDC. These were brighter and causing concerns. The Clerk had contacted HDC Lighting and the Engineer confirmed that they would black out a portion of the light to reduce the impact and turn one of them off between 12 and 5:00am.

SWAG meetings, which have not been held for some time were hoped to recommence before Easter.

#### **4.5 Maintenance**

BM confirmed that the tap in the ladies was running continually and this would be repaired as soon as possible. The Clerk outlined the cost of water and that the sooner the repair was made the better.

An email from concerned residents regarding parked cars damaging the village green near to Robin Hill was discussed. The Chairman and BM have been liaising to determine the extent of the problem and it is hoped this would improve as the owners of the offending vehicles have moved out. This would be monitored moving forward.

#### **4.6 Village Hall**

PH reported that a rate bill was likely to follow in the new financial year. This is something that the village hall has benefitted from full relief in the past but may now be chargeable.

#### **4.7 Toilet Refurbishment Update**

The Clerk reported that a revised specification has been sent to the contractors which unfortunately resulted in one of them pulling out. This leaves only the main contractor interested in the work. A working group, consisting of the Clerk, BM, PH and RH would meet next month.

#### **4.8 Constituent Reports**

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

The member for Sowerby under Cotcliffe, AA, confirmed that the road from Chester Lane to Cotcliffe Wood was in need of repair and she would send in photos to enable the Clerk to report.

CN reported that the path up Clack Bank had some concerns over the hedging encroaching. The Clerk confirmed that the landowner was responsible and BR was asked to determine the extent of the problem and identify and contact landowners where appropriate.

#### 4.9 North Yorkshire Council Parish Charter Consultation

At the previous meeting 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, and it was unanimously agreed to support the response.

#### 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 complaint from a resident was read out by the Clerk. This referred to the ongoing concerns residents have regarding the QC and Three Tuns public houses and the use of parking space for the village. Whilst it was agreed the points were valid, the pavement licences were continuing until September 2023.

#### 6. Planning.

##### a) Applications

6.1 2 Foxton View Ellerbeck Northallerton - Alterations and extensions to existing Dwelling – **Support**

6.2 Orchard House Thimbleby - Works to a tree in a conservation area – **Support**

6.3 Highfield, Sowerby under Cotcliffe - Proposed replacement dwelling, demolition of existing out building and construction of new detached garage - **Support**

##### b) Decisions

6.4 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 - **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 February. The monthly bank reconciliation was agreed and supported.

Income reported at last meeting		£20,972.11	
<b>a) Receipts in the period:</b>			
Messenger support - Thimbleby Farms	£250.00		
Burial Fees	<u>£360.00</u>		
Total income for the period		<u>£610.00</u>	
Revised 2022/23 income to 28th Feb 2023			£21,582.11
Expenditure reported to last meeting		£20,848.47	
<b>b) Payments in the period:</b>			
Scottish Water - Cemetery	£3.00		
Scottish Water - Toilets	£130.34		
1 & 1 Internet	£8.40		
NYCC - Tree Removal North End (Oct 22)	£1,250.00		
Printroom - February	£101.00		
Osmotherley Village Hall - January Meeting	£10.00		
H.Enisz - Toilet cleaning	£84.00		
J.Robinson - Expenses	<u>£27.48</u>		
Total expenditure for the period		<u>£1,614.22</u>	

Revised 2022/23 expenditure to 28th Feb 2023

£22,462.69

**c) Funds:**

Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	-£1,004.22
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£47,199.21</u>
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	£46,194.99

**Represented by:**

<b>Balance of Unity Trust a/c</b>	£46,194.99
<b>Skipton Bond</b> , Account Closed	<u>£0.00</u>
Total Funds as at 28th Feb 2023	£46,194.99

**Unpresented cheques**

**Invoices for Payment:**

Printroom	£101.00
J.Robinson Salary March	£686.85
HMRC	£171.80
Sam Turner & Sons - Consumables	£48.47
Holly Enisz - Toilet Cleaning Feb	£96.00
J.Robinson - Expenses Feb/Mar	<u>£141.69</u>
	<b>£1,245.81</b>

**8. Any Other Business**

BM reported that it was likely that the house next to Graham House would be applying to install kerbs. The Clerk asked if this was village green and if so the application would need to be considered by this council.

The Clerk confirmed that program issues with the website were being attended to but causing concerns and that a Wordpress Developer maybe needed to resolve the problems.

The Clerk confirmed that the Green Waste licence for 45 North End had been renewed.

BM reported that the Cleveland Way sign had rotted and NYM confirmed a replacement was on order.

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