

# **Minutes of the Meeting and Annual General Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Osmotherley on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

1. **Present:** C Nozedar (Vice-Chairperson, Acting Chairperson), Mr B Robinson, Mr M Read, Mr T Wood, Mr M Laverick , Mr B Manners, Mr N Ward, and NYCC ward member Cllr B Fortune

**Apologies were received from:** Mr R Horner, Mrs A Atkinson, Mrs M Kay and Mr P Howlett

2. **Minutes of the meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman**

3. **Public Forum**  
None

4. **Matters arising:**

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

The Clerk updated the council on the following items not on the agenda:

- The Chairman has followed up our letter to the owner of the QC & Three Tuns with a meeting. The minutes of this meeting have been distributed to all councillors and will be discussed at the next meeting. These discussions are ongoing. BR asked that the minutes be amended to omit the last sentence.
- The concerns raised by some residents to the proposed fireworks display at the Summer Games was discussed. Whilst all questioned the necessity of fireworks as part of this event it was apparent little could be achieved beyond the reporting of these taking place to the relevant authorities, which has been done. The attending Apprentice PCSO advised that should residents have concerns on the night they should contact the police. The Messenger article will include reference to this and refer objections to the website <https://fireworkcampaign.com/the-law/>
- The bollard on North End has not been replaced as advised. The Clerk would follow this up.
- The parking of cars on the village green around Robin Hill was reported by residents once again and BM was asked to determine the best course of action with the owners of Robin Hill before any restrictions were enforced.
- A further contractor has been approached to quote to complete the footpath at Bog Hole.

#### **4.2 Police matters**

The police report from 1 May to 30 May was circulated to all councillors to discuss the following incidents:

Anti Social Behaviour : Nuisance 1 (Cod Beck Ranger reported, BBQ's etc)

Anti Social Behaviour : Personal 1 (Parking issue confrontation)

Arson/Criminal Damage : 1

An Apprentice PCSO attended the meeting and gave some further information on the report.

#### **4.3 Highways**

BF reported that Highways have been made aware that the disabled space in front of the QC is not fit for purpose and that action needs to be taken. MR confirmed that this was indeed an

issue for disabled motorists. The Clerk confirmed that once the Chairman returned from holiday a meeting would be setup with the Highways Officer, where this and many other issues would be discussed.

CN reported that a gatepost has rotted at the access to a footpath off the road to the BT relay station. The Clerk was asked to report this to NYM.

Refuse had recently been fly tipped at Bog Hole. Following much reporting to the authorities by various residents and councillors, the Clerk confirmed that NYC had employed a contractor to remove the refuse bags on the day following this meeting. BR raised concerns that the CCTV in the village had not managed to identify the van travelling through Thimbleby and the Clerk was asked to follow this up with the instigator of the CCTV in the village.

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

BF reported that she had attended a meeting at NYM where a Natural England report was discussed regarding the possible consequences of rewilding certain areas and the effect this might have on gamekeepers. BF confirmed that she would obtain a copy of the report and circulate.

#### **4.5 Maintenance**

Nothing to Report

#### **4.6 Village Hall**

In his absence PH asked the Clerk to raise the work to the village hall which would include the removal of a buttress and use hot lime pointing mix to assist with the damp concerns. Approval was given for this to occur.

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

The Clerk confirmed that PH had received £3000 grant from the Jack Brunton Trust and would be transferring this to the PC bank soon. BF confirmed that £1000 had been approved from her Locality Budget towards the project. The Clerk confirmed that he had applied for a grant of £10,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund.

#### **4.8 Constituent Reports**

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

Osmotherley - TW explained that the work done to maintain the War Memorial area, by his wife and her parents, had now come to an end. Suggestions as to how this might continue were sought and CN confirmed that she would ask the Gardening Club if this could be taken on.

West Harlsey - NW asked the Clerk to report the continuing concerns over the road surface between Long Lane and West Harlsey and asked if the Highways Officer could meet with him onsite to discuss. The Clerk confirmed he would request this.

#### **4.9 Tree Report**

A survey was undertaken by Artemisia Consultancy in May and the results shared with the council. All 21 trees in ownership of the PC were surveyed with only a small amount of work being required to be undertaken to ensure the trees remain healthy. These are :

- The removal of dead wood from road side trees is recommended for trees T15 and T16.
- The removal of one extending limb over the village hall in the Lime tree T9 to clear the roof is also recommended.
- The removal of the dead branch in the yew tree T6 in the churchyard is optional, as is the removal of seedling elders in T8.

Approval was sought and agreed for work to be carried out in a timely fashion.

## 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.*

The Clerk confirmed that an email had been received regarding the proposal to leave more areas of grass in the village uncut, or longer, specifically around the base of trees and whilst some support for such an action was agreed it was felt to be counterproductive as the contractor had been given a schedule of work for this cutting season. It was agreed to revisit in time for next seasons cutting.

## 6. Planning.

a) Applications

6.1 81 South End, Osmotherley - removal of wall, insertion of dropped kerb, creation of parking area and installation of railings – **Support**

6.2 Middle Cottage, Thimbleby - alterations to fenestration and doors to dwelling and outbuilding together with remedial works to existing outbuilding, installation of air source heat pump, construction of steps and terracing to the rear and erection of boundary fencing (retrospective) (revised scheme to NYM/2021/0413/FL) and Listed Buildings consent for internal alterations comprising but not limited to the removal of internal walls, alterations to staircase and to the adjoining workshop to create bedroom together with alterations to fenestration and doors to dwelling and outbuilding and remedial works to existing outbuilding (revised scheme to NYM/2021/0416/LB) - **Support**

## 7. a, b, c Accounts

The Clerk reported the up to date financial position of the council updating the accounts from the last meeting in May. The monthly bank reconciliation was agreed and supported.

Income reported at last meeting		£8,209.49	
<b>a) Receipts in the period:</b>			
VAT Refund	£436.85		
Misc. Income	£400.00		
Honesty Box	<u>£92.00</u>		
Total income for the period		<u>£928.85</u>	
Revised 2023/24 income to 31st May 2023			£9,138.34
Expenditure reported to last meeting		£935.75	
<b>b) Payments in the period:</b>			
1 & 1 Internet	£16.84		
Water - Cemetery	£3.00		
Hydro Electric	£226.04		
Scottish Water	£193.77		
Holly Enisz - Toilet Cleaning April	£104.00		
J.Robinson - Expenses April/May	£118.94		
Inside Outside Services	£220.00		
Osmotherley Village Hall - April meetings	£10.00		
Pearson Groundcare - March	£357.00		
Pearson Groundcare - April	£945.00		
Zurich Municipal Insurance	<u>£524.42</u>		
Total expenditure for the period		<u>£2,719.01</u>	
Revised 2023/24 expenditure to 31st May 2023			£3,654.76

**c) Funds:**

Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	-£1,790.16
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£52,379.52</u>
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	£50,589.36

**Represented by:**

<b>Balance of Unity Trust a/c</b>	£50,589.36
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**Unpresented cheques**

**Invoices for Payment:**

Printroom	£149.00	
J.Robinson - Salary	£687.05	
HMRC	£171.60	
Osmotherley Village Hall	£10.00	
Holly Enisz - May Toilet cleaning	£104.00	
J.Robinson - Expenses	£16.24	
Jan Hoyland - Artemisia Horticultural Consultancy	£775.00	
Inside Outside - March/April maintenance of Playarea	£170.00	
Pearson Groundcare	<u>£945.00</u>	
		£3,027.89

**8. Any Other Business**

The Clerk confirmed that an email had been received regarding the future use of the Methodist Chapel from the Methodist Minister responsible. Councillors discussed ideas for use but asked the Clerk to contact the Reverend asking for greater detail, if this building were to become a village asset. An article would then be included in the Messenger asking for suggestions.

**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 and AGM: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30pm in the Supper Room in the Village Hall, Osmotherley.**