

# **Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Osmotherley on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

1. **Present:** C Nozedar (Vice-Chairperson), Mr B Robinson, Mr M Read, Mr B Manners, Mrs A Atkinson, Mrs M Kay, Mr N Ward, Mr M Laverick, Mr P Howlett and NYC Representative Cllr D Hugill

**Apologies were received from:** Mr R Horner (Chairman) and Mr T Wood

2. **Minutes of the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 were approved and signed by the Vice Chairman**

### 3. **Public Forum**

Two members of the public attended to determine the progress that had been made on concerns expressed over the footpath and parking at the QC. The discussion went onto consider the issues raised following receipt of plans from Highways Searches which was picked up in matters arising below.

### 4. **Matters arising:**

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

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

- The Clerk confirmed that he had received results from the Highways Searches team at NYC. The plans show what we understand to be the current situation in that the village areas not covered by Highways include: the land in front of the QC, past the fish and chip shop to Church Cottage; the land behind the bus shelter; the land from the Three Tuns to the green on the corner of South End; land in front of the 12/14 South End; the land in front of the public toilets and village hall; the footpaths running along the front of houses to the north of West End from No.12 past the GL and the Coffee Shop; land outside no.1 North End to the green area outside no.15; the land outside of no.23 and 35 North End and finally the land outside nos.52 to 56 North End. BR raised the concerns that should we push for these areas to be brought under public control that they may result in many of these areas losing car parking near or adjacent to their properties and it was felt that this would have an overall detrimental effect on the village, particularly as available parking is contentious issue.
- The Clerk confirmed that no pavement licenses existed for any businesses in the village.
- The Chairman, at the last meeting, reported that the 20mph sign was damaged and asked the Clerk to report this to Highways. It is scheduled for replacement this week.
- The path at Bog Hole has been completed by L&D.
- Overgrown shrubbery on south End has been cut back.
- The hazardous materials stored at Scholla Grange is with the Environment Agency and is the subject of an ongoing criminal investigation.
- RoSPA completed the inspection of the Play Area in September and other than some minor maintenance issues, the results were very positive, given the age of the equipment.
- A damaged manhole cover was reported to the Clerk who informed Yorkshire Water, who accepted responsibility. It was repaired on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

- At last month's meeting a planning application was received from the Golden Lion requesting an outdoor area be given approval. The Clerk reported that this was subsequently withdrawn and the area has since been cleared.

#### **4.2 Police matters**

The police report from 1 September to 30<sup>th</sup> September was circulated to all councillors to discuss the following incidents and attended by an officer :

Anti Social Behaviour : Nuisance 1

#### **4.3 Highways**

BR reported that the sets on Clack Lane have not been repaired as yet and asked the Clerk to report.

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

The Vice Chairman welcomed David Hugill back to the PC following his successful election result last month.

The Clerk reported that he had attended a planning meeting at NYM for PC's and amongst other questions the Clerk raised that we have a policy not to support retrospective applications. The officers explained that this was not a legitimate objection, under planning rules, and that we should reconsider. It was agreed to raise the issue with our MP.

Other matters raised were that the planning fees were being raised by an average of around 25% from April 2024 and affordable housing is a major priority for the park (aging population living in the park area and more than 50% reduction in youth since 2001). They are also drawing up a new design code for the coming years.

#### **4.5 Village Assets**

The Public Conveniences Working Party met to discuss the possible revisions to the plans following the lack of funds. Following a review of the options it was agreed to a revision that reduced the impact on the building thus saving funds. It is hoped to have a new quote available for the next meeting. The budget available is a maximum of £34,000.

#### **4.6 Constituent Reports**

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

In Ellerbeck the 40mph sign on the entrance to the village has been defaced and the Clerk was asked to report this.

#### **4.7 Remembrance Sunday Event**

The Clerk reported that volunteers for traffic management had not been forthcoming and agreed to raise again in our Messenger report.

### **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 resident, who attended last month's meeting has continuing concerns about cars being parked on cobbles and greens. The Clerk confirmed that they had been written to explaining that we don't own any cobbles(although we have repaired them in the past) and that if cars are illegally parked on the village greens that steps have been taken to remove them. An example of this is the issues outside of Robbin Hill.

## 6. Planning.

### a) Applications

6.1 Ravens Downe, Clack Lane, Osmotherley - Application for use of land for the siting of one camping pod for use as either visitor or holiday letting purposes - **Support**

6.2 Kirby Sigston Manor, Kirby Sigston - Erection of a timber post and rail fence - **Support**

6.3 The Mill House, Osmotherley - Listed Building consent for installation of slimline heritage double glazed timber windows – **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 September. The monthly bank reconciliation was agreed and supported.

Income reported at last meeting	£13,804.03	
<b>a) Receipts in the period:</b>		
Dales of Thirsk - Headstone F.Pearson	£170.00	
NYC - Locality Fund - Toilets	£1,000.00	
Trf from Anne Robinson re Honesty Box	£227.00	
Trf from Anne Robinson re Honesty Box	£16.00	
North York Moors - Caretaker Grant	£2,750.00	
NYC - Precept 2nd instalment	<u>£7,500.00</u>	
Total income for the period	<u>£11,663.00</u>	
Revised 2023/24 income to 30th Sept 2023		£25,467.03
Expenditure reported to last meeting	£10,037.45	
<b>b) Payments in the period:</b>		
Printroom	£117.00	
AF Arborists	£500.00	
Pearson Groundcare - Grasscutting July	£945.00	
Pearson Groundcare - Grasscutting Aug	£945.00	
Smiths of Derby - Clock service 3 year contract	£570.00	
Holly Enisz - Toilets cleaning July - Aug	£182.00	
J.Robinson - Salary Sept	£686.85	
HMRC	£171.80	
J.Robinson - Expenses Aug - Sept	£128.88	
Osmotherley Village Hall - hire July	£10.00	
Inside Outside - July/August playarea	£170.00	
Inside Outside - Repair of swing	£139.60	
1 & 1 Internet	£20.40	
Unity Trust Bank Service Charge	£18.00	
Scottish Water	<u>£3.00</u>	
Total expenditure for the period	<u>£4,607.53</u>	
Revised 2023/24 expenditure to 30th Sept 2023		£14,644.98
<b>c) Funds:</b>		
Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	£7,055.47	
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£48,872.36</u>	
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	£55,927.83	

**Represented by:**  
**Balance of Unity Trust a/c**

£55,927.83

**Unpresented cheques**

**Invoices for Payment:**

Printroom	£117.00
Printroom - Cemetery Receipts Book	£37.30
Initial Hygiene	£54.34
RBL - Wreath	£25.00
Osmotherley Village Hall - September meeting	£10.00
Bob Manners - Repair of sign	£23.41
Playsafety Ltd - RoSPA inspection fee	£123.60
Inside Outside - September grasscutting	£85.00
Holly Enisz - Sept cleaning	£104.00
J.Robinson - Expenses Oct	£35.49
Pearson Groundcare - Grasscutting Sept	<u>£945.00</u>

Total £1,560.14

**8. Any Other Business**

NW raised concerns over the time spent by this PC on determining the issues around one particular issue, to the detriment of the other matters both in the village and the wider parish area. Members agreed that the time had come to pass this matter onto the representative from North Yorkshire Council to discuss further with officers. It was agreed that the work on the issue of highway waste areas would cease pending the outcome of any conclusion from these discussions.

**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> November 2023 at 7.30pm in the Supper Room in the Village Hall, Osmotherley.**