

Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Osmotherley on Thursday 16th November 2023

1. **Present:** Mr R Horner (Chairman), Mr B Robinson, Mr M Read, Mr N Ward, Mr M Laverick, Mr P Howlett and NYC Representative Cllr D Hugill

Apologies were received from: C Nozedar (Vice-Chairperson), Mr B Manners, Mrs A Atkinson, Mrs M Kay and Mr T Wood

2. **Minutes of the meeting of 19th October 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman**

3. Public Forum

Two members of the public attended. One to ask if any progress had been made on the Highway Waste issue. It was confirmed by DH that the subject had been raised at the constituency council meeting.

The second resident presented a suggestion to wild a certain area of the village by leaving it uncut through the summer. It was agreed to discuss this further when more members of the council representing Osmotherley were in attendance. The Chairman asked that the suggestion be circulated prior to the next meeting.

4. Matters arising:

4.1 Items not on the agenda

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

- The road sign on the entry to Ellerbeck has been cleaned of the paint stain.
- The Remembrance Sunday event in the village was well attended and the arrangements made went well. Special thanks go to David Black and Jay Brookes, Chris Stamp and Andrew Duncan who assisted with the road closure and traffic management work on the day.

4.2 Police matters

The police report from 1 October to 31st October was circulated to all councillors to discuss the following incidents and attended by an officer :

Auto crime/SMV: 1 (theft of number plates from Land Rover)

4.3 Highways

The Clerk reported on the report of the broken light on North End, which is on the Highways list to repair.

DH reported that he had raised the issue of Highway Waste with his Richmond constituency committee and further discussions will take place in the future.

4.4 NYC & NYMNP

DH confirmed that NYC had a deficit budget of around £70m to balance over the next five years.

4.5 Village Assets

The Clerk reported on the work undertaken on the toilet refurbishment project in the last month and confirmed that a meeting with the prospective contractor had taken place following BM updating the plans. No new quotation has been received as yet but the Clerk hoped that more progress would be reported next month.

The tree that was removed in 2022 following its felling on North End would need to be replaced soon under the rules of the section 213 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990. The Clerk was asked to determine how close the tree needed to be to the previous silver birch.

4.6 Constituent Reports

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

PH asked when the road lining in the village would be done. The Clerk was asked to obtain an update from Highways.

BR reported that some residents had concerns over the wild chickens straying onto the carriageway at Clack Lane Ends. The Clerk would discuss with the owner.

4.7 Precept 2023/24

The Clerk produced some examples of the effect of various levels of percentage rise has on our precept proposal for next financial year. The Chairman asked that these be circulated for final confirmation 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.

A reply has been received from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities regarding the issue of retrospective planning approval. The Clerk had forwarded this to the Director of Planning at NYM for comment. He welcomed the reply which agreed that this is a concern of the government and the potential for abuse and agreed that the considerations highlighted in the letter would give clarity to this difficult subject.

6. Planning.

a) Applications

6.1 69 South End – Revised plans for siting of oil tank – **No Objection**

b) Decisions

6.2 Oak Tree Enterprise Park, Bullamoor Road - Retrospective Application for Siting and Use of Portal Framed Building to

Store Woodchip, Use of Part of Existing Building to Store Woodchip, Change of Use of Land to be Used in association with Drying and Storage of Woodchip, Siting of Woodchip Driers, Rotary Trommel, Biomass Boilers and Weighbridge - **Granted**

6.3 1 Hannahs Garth, Grant Close, Osmotherley - Safety Concerns Regarding Blocked Access to Grant Close and Damage to Road Surface. Unauthorised Hedge, Tree and Shrub Removal from Boundaries – **Case Closed**

6.4 34 South End, Osmotherley - alterations, removal of chimney, rendering of property, erection of covered area to front elevation, construction of single storey side extension and dormer window to rear together with erection of decking and relocation of vehicular access and parking – **Application Withdrawn**

6.5 Kirby Sigston Manor – Erection of timber post and rail fence - **Granted**

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 October. The monthly bank reconciliation was agreed and supported.

PH asked the Clerk for confirmation of the costs to maintain the play area over the last two years, which would be provided in the following days.

Income reported at last meeting	£25,467.03	
a) Receipts in the period:		
Burial Fee - John Meakins	£200.00	
Headstone - Yvonne Grant	£85.00	
Burial Plots - Blyth family	£880.00	
Burial Plot - Marion Wilsden	£330.00	
Trf from Anne Robinson re Honesty Box	<u>£86.00</u>	
Total income for the period	<u>£1,581.00</u>	
Revised 2023/24 income to 31st Oct 2023		£27,048.03

Expenditure reported to last meeting	£14,644.98	
b) Payments in the period:		
Printroom	£117.00	
Printroom - Cemetery Receipts Book	£37.30	
Initial Hygiene	£54.34	
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	£945.00	
1 & 1 Internet	£8.40	
Scottish Water	<u>£3.00</u>	
Total expenditure for the period	<u>£1,546.54</u>	
Revised 2023/24 expenditure to 31st Oct 2023		£16,191.52

c) Funds:		
Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	£34.46	
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£55,927.83</u>	
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	<u>£55,962.29</u>	

Represented by:		
Balance of Unity Trust a/c		£55,962.29

Unpresented cheques

RBL - Wreath	£25.00
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Invoices for Payment:

Printroom	£117.00
L&D Construction - Bog hole path	£1,193.80
J.Robinson - Expenses	£18.24
Holly Enisz - Oct Cleaning	£91.00
Community TM Ltd - Remembrance Sunday TM	£300.00
Sam Turner & Sons - Consumables	£28.13
Pearson Groundcare - October grasscutting	£945.00

Osmotherley Village Hall - Oct meeting

£10.00

Total

£2,703.17

8. Any Other Business

Nothing to Report

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 21st December 2023 at 7.30pm in the Supper Room in the Village Hall, Osmotherley.