

# Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Osmotherley on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023

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

**Apologies were received from:** Mr R Horner (Chairman) and Mrs A Atkinson for personal reasons

2. **Minutes of the meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were approved and signed by the Vice-Chairman**

### 3. **Public Forum**

Two residents attended to discuss the planning application at Westlands Farm, together with another resident who raised concerns. The council heard that the quality of the application was hoped to cater for walkers and hikers and it was hoped that the traffic impact was minimal. The objections to this were around the impact on Cuddy Lane users and access onto West End. It was agreed that No Objection be submitted to the planning authority with comments over the concerns for users of the play area and Cuddy Lane.

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

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

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

- The Environment Group had presented a suggestion to the last meeting to wild a certain area of the village, by leaving it uncut throughout the summer. Members discussed the proposal at length and it became apparent that feeling was against using the village green in this way. Negative impact on the village was cited along with concerns that this idea is suited for urban rather than rural areas. It was agreed not to support the request although some agreed with the idea if a more appropriate area could be sourced. DH commented that in Swainby a similar request to rewild an area caused an awful lot of bad feeling in the village.
- The road sign on the entry to Ellerbeck had been covered by paint and once again has been cleaned by Highways.
- The Clerk reported that the tree that was removed in 2022 following its felling on North End could be replaced away from the original tree position due to the culvert issues in the area. An alternative position was discussed and it was suggested that the garden club be asked for suggestions. If no suitable site be identified then NYM would be informed of the decision not to replace at this time.
- Following PH requesting an update as to when the road lining in the village would be done the Clerk reported that it was on the list awaiting a time when the lining equipment was local, likely to be in the spring.

#### 4.2 **Police matters**

The police report from 1st November to 30<sup>th</sup> November was circulated to all councillors to discuss the following incidents:

Theft : 1 + 1 theft of generator from trailer

Auto crime/SMV: 1

Violence Against the Person:1

Other crimes:1

### **4.3 Highways**

The Clerk had been asked by MR to report blocked gullies on South End, which unfortunately has not been attended to as yet. Works had been carried out near Bog Hole and the Clerk was asked to confirm what this was for and whether it linked to the issues near the Water Works. Fly tipping had taken place on the Drovers Road, near Sheepwash and the Clerk was asked to follow up on this with NYC.

The culvert on Clack Lane has been repaired however the water running down the road into the village from Cuddy Lane needs reporting to NYC.

### **4.4 NYC & NYMNP**

DH reported that NYC's budget issues continue to present concerns of the impact Adult Social Care, Childrens Services(Special Needs), School Transport and Homeless Accommodation is having on the council's budget.

BR updated the council on the village meeting of the Heritage Group recently. No new issues were raised and the PC, not being officially invited, was felt to be a matter of concern. BR felt that it was possibly time to set out the councils position, both past and present and further discussions were agreed to be held on the subject.

DH also updated the NYC position on highway waste areas in the village, which had been raised by DH at a past Area Constituency meeting. There appears to be little interest in the subject from other unitary councillors. Members felt this to be unacceptable as residents of the village have raised concerns with the PC and we have exhausted all avenues from our perspective and DH was asked for a definitive response from NYC.

A question had been raised by a resident outside of the village on this matter to NYC officers and they confirmed that the areas of non-ownership were not there's. The Clerk confirmed that no agreement over the area in front of the QC had been reached with the owner of the QC either at the time of the work being carried out or since and BR confirmed that the owner had sought the necessary planning approvals at the time following the PC's reporting of concerns to NYM. NYC's only involvement was to comment on the size of the parking bays.

It was agreed once again that limited discussion be held on the subject in future until a definitive reply had been received from NYC legal representatives. NW suggested that once this was received a separate meeting might be appropriate to discuss our position to residents.

PH expressed concerns that a non-resident of the village was pressing for action and causing so much anxiety in the village and on the PC.

### **4.5 Village Assets**

The Clerk reported on the public conveniences work undertaken in the last month and confirmed that a meeting with the prospective contractor had taken place following BM updating the plans. A new quotation has been received, which together with the flooring and cubicle walls costs took the budget to an overspend situation. The Clerk confirmed that another contractor has agreed to meet in the new year and it was hoped that additional funds be found from NYC. PH reported that the work agreed to the structure of the village hall had begun with the external fire escapes and would follow in the new year with the windows and doors.

### **4.6 Constituent Reports**

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

MK asked the Clerk to follow up on concerns around road safety at the narrow bridge at Kirby Sigston. It was agreed to request SLOW signs be erected warning drivers of the hazard. The agreed to raise the issue once again.

#### 4.7 Precept 2023/24

The Clerk presented some examples of the effect of various levels of percentage rise has on our precept proposal for next financial year. Following an extensive discussion it was agreed to ask NYC for an increase of 4% over last years precept amount, an increase to £15,600.

#### 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 had emailed the council requesting the trees outside the Old Vicarage on North End be trimmed. The Clerk was asked to consult the Arborist who undertook the survey work for advice. A request for a volunteer group to 'tidy' the village was also suggested however concerns over council involvement and insurance issues was expressed and the Clerk was asked to reply confirming that this was a interesting idea but one that the council could not instigate.

#### 6. Planning.

##### a) Applications

6.1 Westlands Farm, Osmotherley - for erection of five cabins for holiday letting purposes with associated access, parking and landscaping works – **No Objection with concerns over road safety, especially to the play area.**

6.2 Chester House Farm, Sowerby Under Cotcliffe - Application for the Formation of a slurry store – **Support**

6.3 Cote Ghyll, Osmotherley - use of land for the siting of two static caravans on existing hardstanding touring pitches to provide seasonal staff accommodation - **Support**

##### b) Decisions

6.4 Land East Of Chester Lane Sowerby Under Cotcliffe - Proposed agricultural access – **Granted**

6.5 Haynes Arms, Jeator Houses, Kirby Sigston - Change of use of land for the siting of static caravans and camping pods - **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 November. The monthly bank reconciliation was agreed and supported.

Income reported at last meeting	£27,048.03	
<b>a) Receipts in the period:</b>		
Total income for the period	<u>£0.00</u>	
Revised 2023/24 income to 30th Nov 2023		£27,048.03
Expenditure reported to last meeting	£16,191.52	
<b>b) Payments in the period:</b>		
1 & 1 Internet	£8.40	
Scottish Water	£392.93	
Scottish Water	£3.00	
SSE - Electricity	£312.35	
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	
RBL - Wreath	<u>£25.00</u>	
Total expenditure for the period		<u>£3,444.85</u>
Revised 2023/24 expenditure to 30th Nov 2023		£19,636.37

### c) Funds:

Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	-£3,444.85
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£55,962.29</u>
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	£52,517.44

### Represented by:

<b>Balance of Unity Trust a/c</b>	£52,517.44
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### Unpresented cheques

### Invoices for Payment:

J.Robinson - Salary	£843.05	
HMRC	£210.60	
Printroom - December Messenger	£117.00	
Osmotherley Village Hall	£10.00	
Holly Enisz - Nov cleaning	£78.00	
J.Robinson - Expenses Nov/Dec	<u>£102.38</u>	
	Total	£1,361.03

### 8. Any Other Business

The Clerk raised the issue of the future dates for meetings and would confirm these at the next meeting.

### 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 18th January 2024 at 7.30pm in the Supper Room in the Village Hall, Osmotherley.**