

Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Osmotherley on Thursday 18th January 2024

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

Apologies were received from: Mr R Horner (Chairman), Mrs M Kay, Mrs A Atkinson and Mr M Laverick for personal reasons and Mr B Robinson for work related reasons

2. **Minutes of the meeting of 21st December 2023 were approved and signed by the Vice-Chairman**

3. **Public Forum**

One resident attended and raised concerns over potholes on Back Lane. The Clerk asked for details to be provided.

A further update was requested from DH as to whether NYC would be looking into the issues raised regarding Highway waste in the village. He was not able to confirm any progress towards a decision however he would forward to the PC the minute of the Richmond Constituency meeting which referenced the question. The Clerk reiterated that the issues were exhausted by the PC and required a definitive answer from NYC as to their position.

4. **Matters arising:**

4.1 **Items not on the agenda**

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

- Westlands Farm planning application. Resident comments are split between object/support. NYM will consider at its March meeting.
- The Garden Club has been consulted on an appropriate alternate site for the replacement to the tree felled on North End and CN confirmed a meeting would discuss possible sites and tree species later this month.
- Highways issues – not aware of any work done near boghole/ the blocked gully on South End inspected and no action taken/Cuddy Lane runoff has been reported two or three times now but no action taken/Kirby Sigston bridge request for additional signage refused.
- North End trees – arborist consulted and it was recommended to apply to NYM for these to be trimmed. Council felt this should be done.
- Fly tipping on the drovers road prior to Christmas was cleared by NYC.

4.2 **Police matters**

The police report from 1st December to 31st December 2023 was circulated to all councillors to discuss the following incidents:

Arson/Criminal Damage: 1

Theft (inc. from shops) : 1

4.3 **Highways**

A bollard was knocked down outside 3 North End and has yet to be replaced. The Clerk has been asked by NYC to identify the culprits where possible in the future, to enable them to recover some of the costs.

Concerns were once again raised over blocked gullies and the Clerk confirmed he is due to attend a meeting at Highways shortly, where he would raise concerns once again.

4.4 NYC & NYMNP

DH reported that NYC finances are under scrutiny and the savings identified for becoming a unitary authority have been identified. In a property review it was also noted that the old HDC offices at Stone Cross would be sold. The North Yorkshire local plan is also under review.

4.5 Village Assets

The Clerk reported on the public conveniences project. Further quotations and site visits have taken place during January. The Clerk has submitted another lottery fund grant application but doesn't believe the project should be determined by its success or otherwise and should proceed with the current funding availability as the budget. The Clerk also confirmed that the previous planning application had expired in November 2023 and another has been submitted to NYM. Further work to progress the project will continue.

4.6 Constituent Reports

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

BM raised concerns over overhanging trees on South End and the Clerk confirmed that the homeowner was responsible. BM will contact.

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.

6. Planning.

a) Applications
None

b) Decisions
None

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 December. The monthly bank reconciliation was agreed and supported.

Income reported at last meeting		£27,048.03	
a) Receipts in the period:			
Honesty Box	£101.00		
Total income for the period		<u>£101.00</u>	
Revised 2023/24 income to 31 st Dec 2023			£27,149.03
Expenditure reported to last meeting		£19,636.37	
b) Payments in the period:			
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	£102.38		
1 & 1 Internet	£12.00		

Scottish Water - Cemetery	£3.00	
Unity Bank Service Charge	<u>£18.00</u>	
Total expenditure for the period		<u>£1,394.03</u>
Revised 2023/24 expenditure to 31 st Dec 2023		£21,030.40

c) Funds:

Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	-£1,293.03
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£52,517.44</u>
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	£51,224.41

Represented by:

Balance of Unity Trust a/c	£51,224.41
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Unpresented cheques

Invoices for Payment:

Di Swales - Burial Officer Fees 2023	£470.00	
Holly Enisz - Toilet Cleaning December 2023	£65.00	
Osmotherley Village Hall - Dec meeting	£10.00	
J.Robinson - December/January Expenses	£21.99	
B.Manners - Christmas lights and batteries	<u>£201.86</u>	
Total		£2,162.88

8. Any Other Business

DH reported that, a resident in Ellerbeck had contacted him over concerns over speeding through the village and what could be done to alleviate the issue. CN reminded council of the lack of progress made after residents at Clack Lane Ends raised similar concerns.

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 future meetings : Thursday's at 7.30pm in the Supper Room in the Village Hall, Osmotherley unless highlighted:

15/02/24

21/03/24

18/04/24

14/05/24 Tuesday

20/06/24

18/07/24

19/09/24

17/10/24

21/11/24

19/12/24