

Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Osmotherley on Thursday 15th February 2024

1. **Present:** Mr R Horner (Chairman), C Nozedar (Vice-Chairperson), Mr B Manners, Mr B Robinson, Mr M Laverick, Mr M Read, Mr P Howlett, Mr T Wood, Mrs M Kay and Mrs A Atkinson

Apologies were received from: NYC Representative Cllr D Hugill and Mr N Ward for personal and sickness issues.

2. **Minutes of the meeting of 18th January 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman**

3. **Public Forum**

A resident from South End attended to confirm that she had been in contact with NYC over concerns that yellow lines on the corner of South End, near to 33-37, have not been replaced when resurfacing work was done. The Chairman asked that details be provided to the Clerk who will contact Highways.

4. **Matters arising:**

4.1 **Items not on the agenda**

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

- The Garden Club has been consulted on an appropriate alternate site for the replacement to the tree felled on North End. CN confirmed the suggestion that 3 silver birch trees be planted on the memorial green. Councillors felt that this would not be an appropriate site due to it causing visibility concerns in the village. The Clerk confirmed that he'd ask NYM for alternate sites.
- North End trees – our arborist has been consulted and it was recommended to apply to NYM for permission. To that end the Clerk is meeting with the NYM Tree & Woodland Officer to determine what works, if any, are required. Some residents have expressed concerns over the potential need to prune these trees and the Clerk confirmed that our responsibilities are clear from an insurance perspective that we must maintain our trees to avoid any issues caused by poor maintenance.
- The Clerk confirmed that he had written to DH to determine progress on the response from NYC regarding Highway Waste concerns. No official reply has been available. It is hoped that the minutes from the Richmond ACC would make reference to this and be available in time for our next meeting.
- TW reported that a tree on Quarry Lane was causing damage to the stone wall and resulted in rocks on the road. The Clerk has reported this. Similarly a tree has been reported to Yorkshire Water at Cod Beck as being dangerous.

4.2 **Police matters**

The police report from 1st January to 31st January 2024 was circulated to all councillors to discuss the following incidents:

ASB Personal: 1

Auto Crime/SMV: 1

4.3 **Highways**

The Clerk reported on the meeting held with the Highways Officer and NYM Ranger on the 25th January 2024. This covered the ongoing issues of water flow down Cuddy Lane, blocking access to the stile in the corner of the field and running onto the highway on West End. The HO

and Park Ranger were contacting the relevant landowners to begin the process of rectifying the ditch issue on Cuddly Lane which will rectify the issue. The Clerk was asked to chase for updates.

The water flowing from the field adjacent to Westfields and into the BT chamber, then onto the highway is a similar issue. The ditch needs reinstating by the landowner (Diocese of York) to enable the management of water in that area to be kept off the highway in future. Discussions are ongoing with Savills (land management agency) but have not responded thus far. The Clerk was asked to write to them to add our voice to assist Highways bring this to a conclusion. The Clerk also advised the PC on meeting attended with Area2 Highways Office. This meeting of parish councils informed on the issues Highways are experiencing at the current time, one year after LGR. Road maintenance spend is around £1.5m, gully cleaning spend £155k and overall 8p per mile is spent maintaining North Yorkshire road network. The issues with flooding, blocked gullies and damaged culverts have been at record levels and the diminishing budget levels(similar to 5 years ago) will mean these 10 year events are likely to occur much more frequently in the future due to Climate Change.

4.4 NYC & NYMNP

Nothing to Report

4.5 Village Assets

The Clerk updated the PC on the progress made with the consultants approached to undertake the project of the toilet refurbishment. Both companies approached exceed the funds available and although a grant has been applied for, the results would be unknown until April. A further grant application would be made by PH on behalf of the Village Hall to hopefully secure more funds. The Clerk and BM have spent many hours on the project over the last several months and the work can only proceed with the necessary funding and approvals in place, which are ongoing. The Clerk thanked BM for all his hard work, now and in the past, in working towards this goal.

The Chairman asked council for approval to allow the Clerk and BM proceed with negotiations and to be given approval to proceed as soon as possible with the project once the approvals and funding levels have been achieved. This was agreed by all.

4.6 Constituent Reports

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

MR expressed concerns at the state of the road surface between Thimbleby and Osmotherley and the Clerk was asked to report this.

MK asked that the road at Stank Road End be reported as dangerous with gravel from the farm track being deposited on a dangerous corner. The Clerk asked for details and would report.

RH had been contacted by an resident of Oswaldene with concerns about the criteria for selecting future residents of the Broadacres development. The Clerk was asked to write to Broadacres requesting the information.

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 reported on an application to NYM to have trees attended to within the grounds of the Old Vicarage and this was noted.

6. Planning.

a) Applications

6.1 Harlsey Castle, West Harlsey - Removal of concrete render and re-point sandstone using lime mortar – **Support**

6.2 Osmotherley Toilets - Application for removal of two windows, installation of additional door and alterations to existing doors – **Support**

6.3 Hill Top, Clack Lane, Osmotherley - Application for alterations, construction of porch, removal of two rear dormer windows and construction of two storey extension, alterations to one rear dormer window to form balcony together with installation of air source heat pump - **Support**

b) Decisions

6.4 Chester House Farm Sowerby Under Cotcliffe - application for the Formation of a slurry store – **Granted**

6.5 Oswalds House, 11 Westfields, Osmotherley - removal of shed and construction of outbuilding (part retrospective) – **Refusal gone to Appeal**

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 January. The monthly bank reconciliation was agreed and supported.

Income reported at last meeting		£27,149.03	
a) Receipts in the period:			
Honesty Box	£40.00		
Total income for the period		<u>£40.00</u>	
Revised 2023/24 income to 31st January 2024			£27,189.03
Expenditure reported to last meeting		£21,030.40	
b) Payments in the period:			
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	£201.86		
Scottish Water - Cemetery	£3.00		
1 & 1 Internet	<u>£12.00</u>		
Total expenditure for the period		<u>£783.85</u>	
Revised 2023/24 expenditure to 31st January 2024			£21,814.25
	c) Funds:		
Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)		-£743.85	
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting		<u>£51,224.41</u>	
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting		£50,480.56	
Represented by:			
Balance of Unity Trust a/c			£50,480.56

Unpresented cheques

Invoices for Payment:

Printroom - February Messenger	307658904	£117.00	
Holly Enisz - January toilet cleaning	364741982	£78.00	
Osmotherley Village Hall - January Meeting	387924398	£10.00	
J.Robinson - Expenses February	715297355	£176.59	
J.Robinson - Green Waste License (45 North End)	948980975	<u>£42.00</u>	
Total			£423.59

8. Any Other Business

The Clerk reported on an enquiry from a journalist regarding Thompsons shop. He directed them to the owners for comment.

BM confirmed that the defibrillator pads needed replacing, which would be done by the end of March. PH asked if some pediatric pads could be purchased also.

The Clerk confirmed that a request to put a bench in the churchyard near to the fish & chip shop was with the church authorities for a decision.

TW had been asked if the leylandii could be trimmed back away from the graves and that the enquirer was happy to undertake the task.

RH would look into the issue of overhanging shrubs along South End.

The Chairman has been approached by several residents regarding the paint spillage outside the Three Tuns/Moon House. The Clerk was asked to contact the owners in this respect.

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 March 2024 at 7.30pm in the Supper Room in the Village Hall, Osmotherley: