

Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Osmotherley on Thursday 21st March 2024

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

Apologies were received from: Mr R Horner (Chairman), and Mr P Howlett for personal issues.

2. **Minutes of the meeting of 15th February 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman**

3. **Public Forum**

A resident attended but chose not to raise any issues.

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 he'd held a meeting with the NYM Tree & Woodland Officer and discussed the need to 'trim' the village trees following an application to undertake work in a conservation area was made to NYM in February 2024. He confirmed a list of approved work which a quotation has been received, with a total cost in the region of £1150. The Clerk would discuss further with the Chairman.
- The replacement tree on North End was also discussed and a suggested site outside the catholic church agreed upon. A Himalayan birch tree was suggested as the most appropriate for the site, which the Caretaker has quoted £100 to plant.
- It has been noted that the blocked gully on Clack Lane/West End has been cleared. Damage to the footpath has been reported to Highways.
- The clerk confirmed that a response had been received from Savills confirming that work has been approved to rectify the issues from the field they manage on behalf of the Dioceses of York.
- The request from a resident of Oswaldene to confirm the selection process has been relayed to the resident.
- The accidental paint spillage on the parking bays outside the Three Tuns/Moon House has been removed by the owners of the public house following a request from the Clerk for which grateful thanks was relayed.
- The defibrillator pads have been replaced. A request to purchase some pediatric pads was explored however the maintainer of the defibrillator confirmed that the existing pads were designed to ensure children could also be assisted.

- 4.2 **Police matters**

The police report from 1st February to 29th February 2024 was circulated to all councillors to discuss the following incidents:

ASB Personal: 1

Auto Crime/SMV: 1 x Diesel taken from lorry parked over night (No LOE)

Violence Against the Person: 2 x details not relevant to meeting.

4.3 Highways

The Clerk confirmed all reported highways issues raised at the last meeting and between meetings have been reported to Area2. The footpath at Cuddy Lane/West End is hoped to be repaired on the 25th March.

The Clerk has received a response to the Highway waste concerns raised by a non-resident of the parish but concerning the village of Osmotherley, via the minutes of the Richmond (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee of the 18th December 2023, attended by DH. The legal response is as follows:

Solicitor (Business & Environmental Services) provided the following response after the meeting: The Council has a duty to keep an up to date list of highways which are maintained at public expense in accordance with the Highways Act 1980. The information has already been provided to the public speaker on request in respect of the extent which is recorded by the Council being highway maintained at public expense according to the historical handover maps which are held. Whilst there may be additional areas which may carry public rights, if they are not considered to be maintained at public expense in accordance with the information prepared historically under the statutory duties of the Parish Surveyor, and then the District Council, the Council will generally not hold details. If there are considered to be areas of extent which may carry public rights then applications may be made under the relevant statutory provisions to record such public rights. If the highway extent is in dispute the Council understands that any interested party may apply to the Council for a declaration.

To clarify, all reference to Council in the above statement refer to North Yorkshire Council.

The PC, having made it clear that no further discussion would take place on this subject, until NYC have commented and wish to reiterate that the above statement clarifies that NYC's position had not changed from previous information.

DH confirmed that he would continue dialogue with the County Solicitor.

4.4 NYC & NYMNP

Council tax payers have recently received their invoice for 2024/25. The levelling up of the various district councils has had a particularly large impact on prior Hambleton DC tax payers

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. A damp inspection had taken place regarding the right hand wall in the gents corridor. The recommendation is that the problem is damp air related and an extractor fan be installed, linked to the amount of humidity in the air. Progress on appointing the contractor is moving ever closer. Lottery Grant applied for has been unsuccessful for a second time however PH is applying for grant from Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE).

4.6 Constituent Reports

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

The Clerk confirmed that BM had resigned from the PC as from the end of this month as he was leaving the village. Councillors expressed thanks for all his hard work since he joined the council in 2017, particularly with regards to the day to day management of the public conveniences, sorting the Christmas Decorations and the many other practical tasks required. The PC wished him well in his new future in Cornwall.

MK passed a letter from a resident of Kirby Sigston regarding concerns over the retrospective planning approval of work at Oaktree Enterprise Park. The Clerk confirmed that he would contact the resident and the Planning Officer at NYC for comment.

MR commented about potholes in Thimbleby and the Clerk asked for further 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.

Notification of an application to Register Waste Land of the Manor as Common Land – Osmotherley Moor was circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk had made further enquiries and learnt that the land was owned by Mr & Mrs Shelley, who are in discussion with Open Spaces regarding this application. The public notice would be displayed after the meeting.

6. Planning.

a) Applications

None

b) Decisions

6.1 Public Conveniences, South End, Osmotherley – removal of two windows, installation of additional door and alterations to existing doors - **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 February. The monthly bank reconciliation was agreed and supported.

Income reported at last meeting		£27,189.03	
a) Receipts in the period:			
Honesty Box	£49.00		
Total income for the period		<u>£49.00</u>	
Revised 2023/24 income to 29th February 2024			£27,238.03
Expenditure reported to last meeting		£21,814.25	
b) Payments in the period:			
Printroom - February Messenger	£117.00		
Holly Enisz - January toilet cleaning	£78.00		
Osmotherley Village Hall - January Meeting	£10.00		
J.Robinson - Expenses February	£176.59		
J.Robinson - Green Waste License (45 North End)	£42.00		
Scottish Water - Toilets	£39.43		
Scottish Water - Cemetery	£3.00		
1 & 1 Internet	<u>£12.00</u>		
Total expenditure for the period		<u>£478.02</u>	
Revised 2023/24 expenditure to 29th February 2024			£22,292.27
c) Funds:			
Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)		-£429.02	
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting		<u>£50,480.56</u>	
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting		<u>£50,051.54</u>	

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

£50,051.54

Unpresented cheques**Invoices for Payment:**

J.Robinson - Salary	738.85	
HMRC	184.80	
Sam Turner & Sons - Consumables	61.27	
Printroom	117.00	
Restarting Hearts - Defib Pads	70.00	
Holly Enisz - Toilet cleaning Feb & toilet rolls	136.86	
J.Robinson - Expenses	45.21	
Osmotherley Village Hall - Feb meeting	10.00	
Northern Property Care - Damp survey	<u>138.00</u>	
	Total	1,501.99

8. Any Other Business

The Clerk was asked by PH to raise the issue of the Post Office reducing its days in the village from 3 to 2. No date has been confirmed as yet but a notice will be put in the Messenger. TW raised concerns about a Public Space Order for Cod Beck/Sheepwash having expired. The Clerk would raise at the upcoming Sheepwash Working Party.

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

The AGM and meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th May 2024