

Kirk Smeaton Parish Council

MINUTES of the Kirk Smeaton Parish Council Meeting held on 24 January 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Community Room, Kirk Smeaton School.

1. Present: Harry Bickerton (Chairman)
M Donlon; Jayne Cooper; E Bartlett (Councillors)
K Bowden (Clerk)
1 member of the community was present
Debbie White, District Councillor was in attendance
Apologies: Cllr John Steel

2. There were no declarations of interest

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from 17 November meeting:

A quotation has been received from First Impressions for Hanging Baskets to adorn the village. Mr Paul Hamby from First Impressions was present and gave a presentation to the Councillors. The quotation was for £1656 for 20 baskets or buckets. Mr Hamby explained that the baskets would be strapped to lamp posts with 3 straps on special brackets purchased by the Council which were included in the quotation. Different types of plants would be planted in the buckets, and it depended mainly on the wind factor and the place the baskets would be as to which would fair best. Councillors were in agreement that this would be a good idea for this year and an order would be placed.

5. The minutes of the EO meeting held on 4th January 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters arising from 4th January EO meeting will be discussed under AOB.

7. Public Questions and Issues

There were no public questions or issues.

8. Village Green and Village Matters

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- 8.1. Notice Boards update. The Chairman informed the meeting that Sutcliffe's were to inspect the Village Green notice board when the weather improved and make a report. Dave Bastow is to repair the notice board at the top of the Valley in the Spring.
- 8.2. Flagpole. As the erection of a flagpole needs full planning permission the Clerk was advised to approach the suppliers to request advice and if they would be able to do this as an addition to the quotation. Cllr Donlon offered to help.
- 8.3. Don't be a Waster Campaign Clerk would attend LSPC meeting on the 1st February and report back. Fly tipping was a big issue. Cllr White suggested the Council apply for funds to erect a camera on Long Lane. This has been done in the past but SDC refused to pay the electricity bill.

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- 8.4. Tree planting on Water Lane. The recent revised quotation received from The Conservation Volunteers was discussed. £280 per 100 mtrs + VAT. It was agreed to accept this quotation and ask them to proceed. The existing fencing will have to be removed, the Chairman stated that this was in hand and he would contact Ian Jakulis from TCV.
- 8.5. A Report has been received that Rubbish has been thrown down behind houses on Wentedge Road. Chairman has already reported this. It is apparently a home owner.

9. Highways Matters

- 9.1 Reply from Gary Lumb re signs and repositioning etc. Chairman has spoken to Mr Lumb and he is in the hands of the solicitor's department who have had to advertise the proposal. Chairman has also spoken to Mr Lumb about Wentedge Road. Inspectors have reported that if the grips are put in, the vehicles will destroy them. They are now waiting to speak to Quarry owner re providing more funds for repairing the tarmac. Report next meeting.
- 9.2 Update on Water Lane Street sign. Clerk reported that this has now been replaced.
- 9.3 Vehicle Activated Signs. Discussion took place on the quotations received and on the speeding issues. £1000 donation has been promised towards the signs from Mark Barnes at the Shoulder of Mutton. The Wentedge Road sign will need to be powered by Solar Panel. The quotations are approx. £6,500 for two signs. It was agreed (if funding was available) by a majority to go ahead with the order from Messagemaker.
- 9.4 Wentedge Road improvements. Dealt with under 7.1
- 9.5 Complaint from Dylan Halliwell re parking etc. Clerk to write thanking him for his comments and that we are dealing with the parking issues outside school. Clerk to write to Headmistress of school informing her of number of complaints about parking and asking if a note could go to parents in the school newsletter asking them to park in a safe place and considerately.
- 9.6 Pavement on Water Lane breaking up and dangerous. Clerk to write to Gary Lumb asking for it to be repaired.

10. Allotment and Cemetery

- 10.1. It was agreed that the Allotment charges for 2017 would remain the same.

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- 10.2. The Clerk reported that the rubble in the cemetery has now been removed.
- 10.3. The Clerk reported that Mr David Johnson from 4 Hodge Lane has requested to put a headstone on the empty Plot A37 in the Cemetery which was purchased by his family in the 1950s. This was confirmed and agreed.
- 10.4. The plan of use the new plots will be from the back-row D towards the front A.
- 10.5. Allotment building and tap. It was agreed to wait until spring to arrange for the tap to be moved and allotment holders be given a key. The doors would be left open and old and disused tools would be moved. Malcom would prepare a quotation and Cllr Bartlett would ask John to have a look at the contents of the shed.

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11. Correspondence

- 11.1. The Transparency Fund. The Clerk reported that the check list received from the YLCA had been completed and all documents were now in place on the web-site. Cllr Steel would be asked to put Agendas on the web-site before each meeting. VAT must be claimed ASAP.
- 11.2. The Clerk reported correspondence from YLCA requesting photos of activities; Promotion of Yorkshire Based Companies. These were discussed.
- 11.3. Email complaint dealt with under 9.5
- 11.4. Battle's Over – The Council do not wish to light a bonfire on this event.
- 11.5. Eggborough Power Station – no objections to the proposal for Gas Fired PS
- 11.6. Selby Branch of YLCA next meeting is on February 8th.

12. Planning Matters

- 12.1. Kimberley, Wentedge Road – planning permission confirmed as Refused
- 12.2. 18 Springfield Crescent. Clerk to send objection outlining the same grounds as the objection previously. The objection for the original proposal stands as for the second application as there is no change whatsoever.

13. Financial Matters

- 13.1. The Statement of Account was agreed and signed by the Chairman. Current balance £12,597.34
- 13.2. Cheques signed for Clerk's salary and room hire.
- 13.3. Clerk to request Insurance quotations from existing Company and 2 others.
- 13.4. It was agreed to the purchase of a recorder for meetings.

14. Any other Business

The latest developments relating to the Quarry Planning Application were discussed in detail. Some Cllrs objected to the letter received from the Quarry Owner's Agent, Cromwell Wood. None of the issues addressed in their letter were relevant to the complaints and some of the points were untrue. Cllr Donlon is to contact James

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Blythe regarding this and enclose a copy of the Cromwell Wood letter with his comments.

15. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 29th March 2017.

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