

Kirk Smeaton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 15 November 2017 in the Community Room, Kirk Smeaton School.

- 1 **Present:** Harry Bickerton (Chairman)
Jayne Cooper; Elaine Bartlett; John Steel; (Councillors)
Apologies: Cllr Martin Donlon

6 members of the public were in attendance

- 2 **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest

- 3 **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on 5th September 2017 were approved and signed as a true record

- 4 **There were no matters arising**

- 5 **Public Questions and Issues:**

- Cllr Cooper had received a report that the Badsworth Hunt hounds had been loose in Brockadale and out of control and the member of the public wanted to know if this was allowed. Discussion followed and **Cllr Bartlett** offered to deal with this.
- Max Campbell (age 14) asked the Council if either funding or land was available for teenagers in the Village to play Basketball and Football etc. Discussion followed. Cllr Steel suggested the teenagers draw up a detailed plan to put forward to the Council keeping in mind that if we can negotiate for the hire of the Village Hall, adults must be present. **Cllr Steel** will help with this. The Council will then approach SDC to see if funds are available for hiring the Village School Hall. The PC supported this venture. The Chairman suggested an approach to Osgoldcoss Forum for funds and Cllr Steel also suggested we could look at Council funds to support the teenagers in hiring the Village Hall.

- 6 **Village Green and Village Matters**

- **Notice Board - The Chairman** will contact the party who has agreed to repair it immediately as it is now in a dangerous state. The Chairman will then ring *the Clerk* so this can be progressed. Cllr Steel suggested contacting Signs Group for prices if we need a replacement.
- Cllr Steel reported that the dog refuse bag dispensers were now in place and were being used. Further dispensers will be ordered for Water Lane if we can demonstrate the present ones are being used. **Clerk/JS** to put a notice in the Magazine to this effect.

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- CPR training. **Clerk** to put a notice in the Parish Magazine asking if anyone would like training.
- Specification for Grounds Maintenance. It was agreed that a detailed specification of works be drawn up for Dave Bastow. **Cllr Donlon/Cllr Steel**.
- Flag Pole update. No further information has been obtained. **Clerk** to progress this with the help of Cllr Steel and Cllr Donlon.
- Grass Cutting Claim for Water Lane. **Clerk** to contact Democratic Services regarding this.
- The extra dog waste bin has been installed.

7 **Highways Matters:**

- **Vehicle Activated Signs; Village Gateways and Wentedge Road update.** The Chairman reported that there was no progress on any of these issues.
 - Derestriction of Water Lane and the Village Gateways - Cllr Steel stated that it is now nearly 3 years since we were promised Gateways and only one, on Wentedge Road has been installed. Cllr Steel requested a formal letter be sent asking for clarification and dates when these will be done. **Clerk**
- Double yellow lines on Wentedge Road - there is no support for this proposal.
- Double yellow lines on Main Street near the School. Cllr Steel and Cllr Donlon do not support double yellow lines in the Village. Cllr Steel suggested that, as we have not heard from the Headmistress, we write to NYCC about this problem. This proposal was agreed. **Clerk**
- Long Lane - It was reported that boulders had been placed at a strategic point to deter fly tipping. The Clay faces have not yet been installed.

8 **Allotment and Cemetery:**

- Safety Inspection: Cllr Donlon has prepared a Council Safety Policy for the Cemetery. This was agreed and accepted. **Clerk and Cllr Donlon** will prepare record sheets etc.
- Extra waste bin. The Clerk reported that it would cost £3.13 per lift and £20 per annum for an extra bin. It was agreed that this cost be assessed before agreeing how much be passed to the Allotment holders.
- Cemetery trees. Cllr Steel reported that 2 areas of trees in the Cemetery were in need of pruning; the ones at the gate/bus shelter and the one at the rear left. **Cllr Donlon** has this in hand.

9 **Correspondence:**

- **Clerk** to attend a meeting at Selby re Council Tax Base etc on 23rd November.
- It was agreed to donate £100 to SDC Chairman's charities; Selby Young Carers and York Cancer Research. **Clerk**
- It was agreed to register with the ICO for Data Protection.
- **Clerk** to check on date for Insurance renewal with Zurich.
- First Impressions quotation for hanging baskets. **Clerk** to contact Paul to ask if any further discount would be available if we order a further 10 baskets for 2018.

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10 **Planning Matters:**

- **Kimberley Planning** - it was agreed to object to the Planning Dept regarding a potential highways issue as a result in the reduction in parking on the existing site for Kimberley. Also mention the highways issues with access onto Wentedge. **Clerk**
- **18 Springfield Crescent:** It was agreed to suggest residents write directly to NYC if they are concerned with any issues regarding this.
- Quarry planning update - it was agreed to ask Cllr McCartney if he knows the terms of the Local Liaison Committee; how many people would be on the committee and the format of the committee. **Clerk**

11 **Financial Matters:**

- Cheques signed for: Grounds Maintenance; Wreath and JRB for Dog Bag Dispensers.
- The Statement of Account was viewed and signed as correct
- It was agreed not to increase The Precept for 2018/19. Note for Magazine informing residents and the work done by the Council this year. **Clerk**
- CIL - nil this year.
- Website hosting claim to the Transparency Fund was authorised.
- **Clerk** to complete form for authority for signing cheques/cashing cheques if there is no legislation regarding this.

12 **Any other Business for information:**

- The Christmas tree has been ordered for delivery on 1st December.
- A contract for grounds maintenance is necessary and will be based on the spec to be drawn up and agreed.

13 **Matters in Private**

- The Chairman Cllr Harry Bickerton resigned as Chairman and Councillor with immediate effect. Cllr Cooper will stand as temporary Chairperson until a new Chairperson is elected. **Clerk** to contact Democratic Services.
- The Clerk’s contract and salary was discussed.

14 **Date of next meeting:**

- The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council will be Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 7.30 pm.

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