

Kirk Smeaton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5 September 2017 in the Community Room, Kirk Smeaton School.

- 1 **Present:** Harry Bickerton (Chairman)
Jayne Cooper; Elaine Bartlett; John Steel; Martin Donlon (Councillors)
K Bowden (Clerk)
1 member of the public was in attendance

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

- 3 **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on 18th July 2017 were approved and signed as a true record

- 4 **There were no matters arising**

- 5 **Public Questions and Issues:** Mrs Gillian Ivey raised the issue of the Quarry Planning Meeting which was held in Northallerton on 29th August. No-one attended to speak at the meeting. LSPC had sent a letter recommending that if planning permission was granted, a Liaison Committee be set up and approved by the committee with members of both Councils and public involved in order to ensure tight control and compliance of the clauses attached to the agreement. This was agreed by the Planning Committee at the meeting and the Council applauded Mrs Ivey and LSPC for requesting this. It was agreed to wait until the approval has been completed and then work with the Committee and both Councils to set up the constitution and members of the Liaison committee.

- 6 **Village Green and Village Matters:**
 - The volunteer group for the Village Green has not been formed as only Jan Sycamore and the Clerk attended on Sunday. Jan requested that we employ another pair of hands to give the Village Green an overhaul. Cllr Bartlett will approach Anthony Wiles regarding this, with 10 hours as a starting point. It was agreed that a specification will be drawn up of the Council's requirements with regard to grounds maintenance etc.
 - The cost for repairing the notice board has not been received yet.
 - Cllr Steel proposed that we purchase 5 dog refuse bag dispensers at a cost of £79 each for placing around the Village and this was agreed. The cost of the bags is £26 for 800. It was requested to wait until after LSPC meeting on 20th before ordering. Ancillary fixings will also need to be purchased. Discussions will be held to determine where these will be placed.

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- Clay faces - to deter fly tipping. Clerk to ask Dave if he could install these on:
 - Long Lane (2)
 - Lay-by on Wentedge Road
 - Water Lane
 - Middlefield Lane
- The extra dog waste bin has been ordered (top of Valley)

7 **Highways Matters:**

- **Vehicle Activated Signs; Village Gateways and Wentedge Road update.** The Chairman reported that he had a meeting in August with Nigel Smith from the Authority and John McCartney to discuss and resolve all the issues .
 - VAS - there were issues regarding the installation of these and firstly, there is to be a speed check on Water Lane and Wentedge Road
 - Wentedge Road Repairs - waiting for planning permission to be granted and when the 106 is in place they will tackle the issue.
 - Derstriction of Water Lane and the Village Gateways - when the derstriction has been sorted the Village Gateways will be installed.
 - Double yellow lines on Wentedge Road - it was agreed that these will be placed 100 metres from Pinfold Lane. It was agreed that an item will be placed in the Parish Magazine stating the proposal and giving a date of 1st November for any objections.
- The Chairman reported that we can claim for cutting the grass from Mr Lancaster's bungalow down to the junction of Springfield Crescent.
- The Clerk reported that the Parish Portal was now available and requested Cllrs to access the link.

8 **Allotment and Cemetery:**

- Safety Inspection: Clerk has been informed that the responsibility for the Cemetery lies with the Church. This was refuted as the Council is responsible. It was agreed that a safety sheet be drawn up for the Council to check the safety periodically.
- Cllr Steel reported that the stone plinth dumped at the back of the cemetery is still there and further rubbish is accumulating. The Chairman will arrange for it to be moved immediately.
- Clerk has requested a further green waste bin - this will be £30

9 **Correspondence:**

- Dog fouling notices to be put in place around the Village
- The Council discussed the request for permission to install a gate in the Church wall. This was voted against by a majority.

10 **Planning Matters:**

- **18 Springfield Crescent:** Planning refused
- Quarry planning - discussed in item 5.

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11 Financial Matters:

- Cheques signed for: Clerk salary; Grounds Maintenance; Hire of Room and Mr Precious, clock winder. Cllr Bartlett to speak to Mr Precious on his next visit and advise Clerk of the amount owed.
- The Statement of Account was viewed and signed as correct

12 Any other Business for information: The flagpole planning application was discussed and has not been progressed at the moment.

13 Date of next meeting:

- The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 15th November 2017 at 7.30 pm.

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