

Kirk Smeaton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 18 July 2017 in the Community Room, Kirk Smeaton School.

- 1 **Present:** Harry Bickerton (Chairman)
Elaine Bartlett; John Steel; Martin Donlon (Councillors)
Apologies: Jayne Cooper
3 members of the public were in attendance
- 2 **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest
- 3 and 4 **The minutes** of the Open Forum meeting will be approved at the meeting in 2018
- 5 **Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting** held on 11th May were approved and signed as a true record.
- 6 **There were no matters arising**
- 7 **Public Questions and Issues:** 2 members of the public raised the issue of the Quarry Planning Application and requested an update. The Chairman reported that the Application decision had been postponed by NYCC until the August planning meeting due to them having insufficient information.
- 8 **Village Green and Village Matters:**
 - Update from Kimberley. A reply has been received from Saleem Asaria, the Chief Executive Officer of Cambian. This is in response to an email sent by a local resident. Ms Asaria has been advised not to communicate directly with the community and is working directly with the Police. She states that an appropriate alternative placement is being sought for one of the residents. The situation will be monitored.
 - Hanging Baskets are looking lovely and many positive comments have been received
 - Volunteers for the Village Green tidy. Cllr Steel suggested placing an article in the Village Magazine (along with a photograph) with dates for volunteers to help on the second Sunday each month from 10am April to September.
 - Notice Boards - The Chairman will obtain a price for the repair of the Notice Board on the Village Green and this will be compared to the purchase of a replacement.
 - Parking issues on Main Street. We have not received any response from the Headmistress of the local School, Mrs Cundy. Clerk to write, asking for a reply.
 - Dog refuse stations. Cllr Steel is to look at the cost from 2 suppliers for the stations to be placed on Water Lane, Hodge Lane and Wentedge Road and report back at the next meeting.
 - YWT - there has been no proposals received regarding the car park at Brockadale. This will be discussed in item 12.

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- 10 **Allotment and Cemetery:**
- Thanks have been received from residents for moving the tap.
 - Safety Inspection: Clerk to ask SDC whose responsibility this is.
 - Cllr Steel reported that a stone plinth has been dumped at the back of the cemetery. The Chairman will look at the situation and arrange for it to be moved.
 - Cllr Steel reported that the tree at the gate of the Cemetery is taking over and needs either removing or cutting back. This will be put on the list for Dave Bastow in Autumn.
- 12 **Correspondence:**
- Fly-tipping. email received from Aimi Brookes with application form to apply for camera to deter fly tipping. Clerk to complete. Clay faces have been offered to Kirk and Little Smeaton and these will be delivered for erection at various locations.
 - Dog fouling notice can be put in place around the Village
 - Dog refuse bin on Wentedge Road to remain in place and a further bin requested for Pinfold Lane/Wentedge Road corner.
 - The Council discussed the request for a gate in the Church wall and it was decided this was not possible.
 - There were no comments on the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan
 - The Hazardous Household Waste notice - Clerk to ask for insertion in Smeatons Magazine
- 13 **Planning Matters:**
- **18 Springfield Crescent:** No report from the Planning Inspectorate at present
 - Quarry planning discussed in Item 7
- 14 **Financial Matters:**
- Cheques signed for: Hanging Baskets; Petty Cash; Clerk salary; Grounds Maintenance; Hire of Room. Cheque paid in from Lancaster Memorials.
 - The Statement of Account was viewed and signed as correct
- 15 **Any other Business for information:** There was no other business
- 16 **Date of next meeting:**
- The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council will be Tuesday 5 September 2017 at 7.30 pm.