

Kirk Smeaton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 29th March 2017 in the Community Room, Kirk Smeaton School.

- 1 **Present:** Harry Bickerton
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 **Election of Chair and Vice Chair:**
 - Harry Bickerton was nominated, seconded and elected Chairman. Jayne Cooper was nominated, seconded and elected Vice Chairman.
- 4 **Brockadale Nature Reserve:**
 - A representative of YWT was present (Alec) and discussed issues at the Car Park ie anti-social behaviour and fly tipping. Alec was hoping to create a partnership with the Council and suggested sharing the cost of a skip as a temporary measure. He also wanted all incidents to be reported to the Community Police who would try to make more patrols. The *Clerk* showed a camera which has been suggested as a possible solution. Alec would report back to the YWT and look at alternative measures together with costing for signage etc and email the Clerk with the proposals. These would then be discussed at the next PC meeting. Fly tipping was discussed in general and this will be reviewed in item 12.
- 5 **Minutes of the meeting** held on 29th March 2017 were approved and signed as a true record.
- 6 **Matters Arising:** The issues raised with NYC were replied to and will be dealt with in Item 10.
- 7 **Public Questions and Issues:**
Dealt with in Open Meeting
- 8 **Schedule of Meetings** It was agreed to determine the dates at each Parish Council Meeting.
- 9 **Village Green and Village Matters:**
 - Response from Kimberley There has been no response from Kimberley - see Minutes of Open Forum Meeting regarding this issue.
 - Mole eradication. A contract has been set up with Steve Hayes for this and to date he has dealt with moles in the Cemetery
 - Beds and borders on the Green. It was agreed that Dave Bastow is doing a good job in looking after the Village grass cutting and etc.

Signed Harry Bickerton (Chairman) Date

- Notice Boards - still an ongoing concern. The Chairman has arranged for the notice board on the green to be examined and if it cannot be repaired then a new one will be purchased. Dave Bastow will repair the one at the top of Brockadale entrance.

10 **Highways Matters:**

- **Vehicle Activated Signs:** The Chairman reported that he is experiencing some difficulties with the permission for the erection of VAS on Wentedge Road and Water Lane. He is dealing with this and hopes to proceed shortly.
- Reply from Victoria Day of NYC regarding issues reported: Middlefield Lane - Highways England are in the process of closing the A1 access at the end of Middlefield Lane. Parking on Wentedge Road - request for double yellow lines. Some residents have been requested to move vehicles and still parking occurs. If there is a consensus of opinion from residents for double yellow lines then we can apply to NYC. A flyer will be delivered to residents. Farm vehicles and other vehicles are having difficulties when cars are parked. Residents mentioned people (not resident) parking on Rectory Court.
- Parking on Main Street: the School have put a paragraph in the Newsletter requesting that parents park sensibly but this does not seem to have had any effect. It was agreed that *Clerk* to write again requesting that a letter be sent to parents.
- Footpath repair on Water Lane near Church. This was reported to Gary Lumb and footpath was repaired within days.
- Village Gateways: It has now been 4 years since Gary Lumb agreed to install gateways on Water Lane and Wentedge Road. Wentedge Road has been installed, but Water Lane is still without any signs whatsoever and speeding is an issue. The Chairman will deal with this.

11 **Allotment and Cemetery:** Dealt with in Open Forum meeting

12 **Correspondence:**

- Letter received from Mr & Mrs Bell of Water Lane, expressing concern re site line from their drive when new shrubs grow. It was agreed that the *Clerk* write and re-assure them that the site line will be kept maintained by our grounds maintenance person to ensure they have visibility at all times.
- Fly-tipping on Long Lane. A very concerned resident has been dealing with this issue and reports incidents on a regular basis. The camera which was discussed earlier would be an ideal solution. Signs must be displayed informing people. It was agreed that the Parish Council purchase cameras for installation on Long Lane and ensure a sign is installed. Aimee Brooks has not replied to an enquiry that if the Council arranged to move the rubbish from Crabree Lane onto Long Lane, would SDC then move the rubbish. *Clerk to email.*

- Photos of Village for YLCA - Cllr Steel offered to send photos and Clerk will forward these on.
- Selby Area Committee - no representation
- YLCA representative - no representation

13 **Planning Matters:**

- **18 Springfield Crescent:** It was reported that this application has now been sent to the Planning Inspectorate on appeal.

14 **Financial Matters:**

- Cheques signed for Mole contract, TCV, Room Hire and Insurance
- The Statement of Account was viewed and signed as correct
- CIL reported as NIL
- Annual Audit Documents
 - Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed
 - Annual Accounting statement was approved and signed

15 **Any other Business for information:**

- Cllr Steel suggested looking at the provision of Dog Waste Bags around the village. He would look at costs and report back.

16 **Date of next meeting:**

- The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council will be Thursday 6th July 2017 at 1930 hrs.