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## **Kirk Smeaton Parish Council**

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MINUTES of the Kirk Smeaton Parish Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.30pm in the Community Room, Kirk Smeaton School.

- 1     **Present:** Harry Bickerton (Chairman)  
          J Cooper, M Donlon, J Steel, E Bartlett (Councillors)  
          K Bowden (Clerk)  
          2 members of the community were present
  
- 2     There were no declarations of interest
  
- 3     Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May were agreed and signed by the Chairman
  
- 4     **Matters arising from 4<sup>th</sup> May meeting:**
  - 4.1    Re Moles, Ms Poskitt offered the services of a Mole expert to deal with the moles in the cemetery and apparently a visit has already been made.
  
- 5     Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
  
- 6     **Matters arising from 26<sup>th</sup> May meeting:**
  - 6.1    Chris Smart gave an update on the funding; placement and costs for the Village defibrillator. This was discussed. The cost will be £1600. The suggested placements were: outside the Community Room; outside the Post Office or outside the Shoulder of Mutton. The Shoulder of Mutton appeared to be the most suitable and *The Chairman* is to seek the views of the owners. 2 defibrillators could be purchased – one for each Village if enough money was raised. The Masons have been approached, together with the Shoulder. £250 has been raised already and the school is holding a fund raising event. The model we require would have a child setting. The Clerk has applied for funding from The British Heart Foundation but has heard nothing yet. Chris went on to discuss Community Responders –5 volunteers required who need to sign on when they are available. Some members of the Council volunteered. An advert would be put in the Village Magazine by Chris to gauge interest.

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### **7 Public Questions and Issues**

- 7.1 Village Signs – the timescale for the new village signs was requested. Cllr Steel reported that it would be 2-3 weeks. There is a new Main Street sign in and a new Water Lane sign will be in place shortly.
- 7.2 The question of the NY sign was raised. *Clerk* to write to Gary Lumb regarding the sign on Norton Road on the boundary to KS.
- 7.3 Still on signs. The footpath sign near Mr Brookes' house has disappeared. *Cllr Bartlett* to speak to Mr Brookes regarding this.
- 7.4 It was suggested that the Community be asked for their thoughts regarding the needs of the Village. Discussion took place. Resolved that a notice appear in the Parish Magazine, the notice board and web-site asking residents for proposals that in their view would benefit the Village and to complete the form on the web-site or write to the Clerk. (*Clerk*)

### **8 Village Green and Village Matters**

- 8.1 The notice board at the top of the valley was discussed. This would be followed up at a future meeting.
- 8.2 *The Chairman* is to consult the Company who supplied the notice board on the Village Green regarding its re-furbishment.
- 8.3 Lighting of the church was discussed. The Chairman informed the meeting that this was in hand and the treasurer (of the Church) was looking into the costs.
- 8.4 It was agreed that Mr Lenc be thanked for his efforts in cutting the hedges at the side of the Cemetery. (*Clerk*)

### **9 Highways Matters**

- 9.1 A proposal had been received by the Chairman from Andrew Skelton, Area Project Engineer at Wakefield Council to take a chunk out of the corner at the junction at Wentedge Road. The farmer had been approached.
- 9.2 A new wheel wash will be in place on 7<sup>th</sup> July at Went Valley Aggregates.

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- 9.3 Fencing on Hodge Lane/Bridge. North Yorkshire Council has suggested replacement wooden post and rail fencing on Hodge Bridge. Discussion took place and this was agreed. The fencing on Water Lane also needs replacing. *Clerk* to write to Gary Lumb to agree to wooden post and rail fencing on Hodge Lane and to enquire about replacement fencing on Water Lane.
- 9.4 Village Gateways. *Clerk* to write to Gary Lumb regarding the timescale when the gateways will be implemented.
- 9.5 Cllr Steel suggested traffic light system at the entrance to the quarry on Wentedge Road as a consideration for the future.
- 9.6 The Chairman proposed that the Council's next project should be the implementation of vehicle activated speed signs on Water Lane and Wentedge Road. This was supported by the Council. *The Chairman* to look into the costs.

**10** Allotment and Cemetery – to be discussed at a future meeting.

**11 Correspondence**

- 11.1 email from Jenny Heath – *Clerk* to forward to Marjorie Young
- 11.2 Letter to Kyle Pearson at Osgoldcross Forum – *Clerk* to liaise with Chairman to put together letter of support.
- 11.3 Fly the Flag – *Clerk* to request planning permission to erect flagpole on Village Green.
- 11.4 Centenary Fields – as we've no spare land we unfortunately can't subscribe.

**12 Planning Matters**

- 12.1 The following applications have been granted:
  - Wentview, Water Lane, extension
  - Outline Planning at 16 Manor Close
  - 18 Springfield Crescent, extension
  - Extension to Barnsdale Bar Quarry
- 12.2 Oakfield House, Wentedge Road, planning application received.
- 12.3 The Change of Use Application for the Fox Pub to a 3 bed apartment was discussed. Resolved that the *Clerk* send a letter of objection and contact Little Smeaton Parish Council Clerk regarding this.

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**13 Financial Matters**

- 13.1 The current statement of account was agreed and signed by the Chairman.
- 13.2 Cheques to pay in: A donation from Mr Henry Thompson of £25 to be put towards the Village signs. A big thank you to Mr Thompson for his kind gesture. A letter of thanks has been sent.
- 13.3 The Council would like to thank Went Valley Aggregates for their donation of £2,000 and also Ian Jackson for his donation of £135 (Christmas Tree) towards the Village signs.
- 13.4 It was agreed by a majority to increase the Clerk's salary to compensate for tax paid to HMRC. One Cllr voted against.
- 13.5 It was agreed to buy Jan Sycamore a token as a thank you for Auditing the Council's accounts.
- 13.6 Cheques to draw – Dave Bastow grass cutting £330.  
PC World - laptop, printer, laminator and software - £638.64 – goods now received (6.7.16) Cabinet £151.20 and Room Hire £10.
- 13.7 Bank Signatories – the Clerk reported that it is taking considerable time and effort trying to remove and add signatories to the Banking Mandate. Discussion ensued. Further meeting with the Manager at the Bank needed to clarify the new Cllr as signatory. The Clerk is not to be a signatory.

**14 Any Other Business**

- 14.1 The Clerk reported that a Community Resolution has been agreed relating to an 'unfriendly' dog in Little Smeaton.
- 14.2 It was reported that the Community Room is to be re-furbished, and plans were shown. The Council welcomed this decision.
- 14.3 Fly tipping and speeding is an issue on Long Lane. *Clerk* to ask Gary Lumb if this could be gated.

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