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**MINUTES** of the Kirk Smeaton Parish Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.30pm in the Community Room, Kirk Smeaton School.

1     **Present:** Harry Bickerton (Chairman)  
          M Donlon, J Steel, E Bartlett (Councillors)  
          K Bowden (Clerk)  
          1 member of the community was present  
          Apologies: Jayne Cooper

2     There were no declarations of interest

3     **Minutes** of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman

4     **Matters arising from 6<sup>th</sup> July meeting:**

The Chairman reported that the Defibrillator will be installed next week and Jim Barr will carry out the electrical installation. Notices have been ordered and received for positioning around the village indicating where the Defibrillator will be housed. The Clerk reported that:  
All the equipment and the training materials has been delivered.

Batteries last 5 years:

Cost or replacement is £100

Chris Smart will do weekly checks

Costs £8 per year in electricity to run

It was proposed that we offer to pay the Shoulder for the cost of the electricity. Clerk to write to Jez and Mark.

Chris Smart has written and thanked the Council for all their help in getting the defibrillator; he also informed the Council that a small team of community responders was now in place and the defib training will be sorted when it is in place. Chris will contact the ambulance service with all the necessary information.

5     **Public Questions and Issues**

There were no public questions or issues.

6     **Village Green and Village Matters**

6.1    Suggestions from residents for improvements to the Village were discussed. Clerk to write thanking them for their contributions.

Firstly: it has been suggested that the allotment building be cleared. This was agreed. The wood in the building is to be used for the bonfire, or by residents who have a wood burning stove. Also when we have volunteers for the Cemetery clean-up, and a skip for this, the building will be cleared and sorted. Secondly: The situation with the fence will be monitored.

Signed ..... Chairman     Date.....

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- 6.2 Another suggestion was for activities on the Village Green/Garden ie May Day celebrations or Christmas carols. The Council welcomed this. The Council will support anyone interested in organising any activities and asks residents to come together with plans and contact the Clerk. The planting of bulbs was another welcome suggestion and the Council will purchase bulbs if a group of residents could be organised to carry out the planting. It was agreed that all these suggestions would be noted in the Village Magazine and on the web-site.
- 6.3 Bindweed is a problem on the Village Green. Dave Bastow to be asked to keep this under control.
- 6.4 The notice board at the top of the valley/entrance to the Village was discussed. It was agreed to ask Dave Bastow to come up with proposals to refurbish this if possible as a job in the winter. Posts are OK. (*Martin*)
- 6.5 *The Chairman* is to consult the Company who supplied the notice board on the Village Green (John Sutcliffe of Leeds) regarding its re-furbishment.
- 6.6 The erection of a flagpole on the village green was discussed. It was agreed for the Clerk to obtain quotes.

**7 Highways Matters**

- 7.1 Reply from Gary Lumb. The North Yorkshire Sign has been replaced and reportedly looks good. The fencing on Water Lane cannot be done by SDC as they do not have funding for this type of work. Harry to discuss the removal of this with the landowner and a decision to be made following this. Clerk to write, once again, to Gary Lumb regarding the timescale for the installation of the Gateways to the Village.
- 7.2 Cllr Steel reported on the replacement Water Lane sign. A replacement sign has been promised due to the shoddy workmanship both of the sign and of the installation. The wall is to be rendered to enable the sign to fit correctly.
- 7.3 Cllr Steel mentioned the problem of cars parking partially on the pavement on Water Lane. The Chairman stated that this is also an ongoing problem on Wentedge Road. Letters have been sent to some residents of Wentedge Road asking for their co-operation to solve this problem. It was agreed that a notice would be put in the Parish Magazine regarding this and asking residents for their assistance.
- 7.4 The Chairman reported that one quotation has been received relating to the implementation of vehicle activated speed signs on Water Lane and Wentedge Road. A further 2 quotations are on their way. The approximate cost is £6k for 2 signs. The Council has been promised a donation of £1,000 from the Shoulder of Mutton towards this installation. It was agreed that when the other quotations arrive, a decision will be made.

**8 Allotment and Cemetery**

- 8.1 The location of the water tap on the allotment was discussed. It was agreed that the Chairman would contact Malcolm Lloyd to discuss extra taps and obtain a quotation.

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**9 Correspondence**

Thank you letters have been received from the following:

Little Smeaton PC for donation to the playground  
Chris Smart for help with defibrillator  
British Heart Foundation for donation towards defibrillator  
Start a Heart for cabinet.

Also correspondence received from:

BHF for ordering defibrillator signs which have now been received  
BHF with sample press release (this to be sent to Cllr Steel for web-site)  
*Completed Press release to be sent to Pontefract & Castleford Express and Selby Times*  
Travelling players. It was reported that some Village residents are interested in taking this idea forward. (send to Cllr Steel for web-site)  
Consultation on Eggborough gas replacement Power Station.

**10 Planning Matters**

- 10.1 Kimberley, Wentedge Road. On a majority vote, an objection has been sent.
- 10.2 Tythe Barn – no objections

**11 Financial Matters**

- 11.1 The Statement of Account was agreed and signed by the Chairman.
- 11.2 Cheques paid in amounted to £1,001.86
- 11.3 Cheques paid out amounted to £3,289.62 which includes Sign Group
- 11.4 Much discussion took place regarding the funding Kirk Smeaton (grant and donations) had received for the defibrillator and how much to donate to Little Smeaton for a further defibrillator, if they wanted one. It was agreed that Mrs Gillian Ivey (Councillor for Little Smeaton who was present) be asked to find out if: a) Little Smeaton were in the market for a defibrillator b) what funds were in place already and c) what funds were needed. A decision will be made when this information is to hand.
- 11.5 The Clerk reported that she has applied to the Bank for Delegate access (view only) to the Parish Council account on line. This was agreed and the form signed.
- 11.6 **The 2015/16 Audit** A report has been received from the external Auditor to say the Audit for 2015/16 is in order. This will be displayed on the Notice Board with the relevant official notice.

**12 Any other Business**

- 12.1 The Clerk reported that Newspapers are now being delivered by Darrington Shop. A notice will be displayed on the Notice Board.
- 12.2 The Clerk reported that she has requested login for the Council website from Cllr Steel.
- 12.3 A thank you letter is being sent to Chris Smart for all his efforts in procuring the defibrillator.

**13 Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

Signed ..... Chairman Date.....

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