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Kirk Smeaton Parish Council

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MINUTES of the Kirk Smeaton Parish Council Meeting held on 17th November 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Community Room, Kirk Smeaton School.

- 1 **Present:** Harry Bickerton (Chairman)
M Donlon; Jayne Cooper; E Bartlett (Councillors)
K Bowden (Clerk)
3 members of the community were present
Apologies: John Steel

- 2 There were no declarations of interest

- 3 **Minutes** of the meeting held on 15th September 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman

- 4 **Matters arising from 15th September meeting:**
There were no matters arising

- 5 **Public Questions and Issues**
The poor state of repair of the pavement on part of Wentedge Road which had recently been dug up was discussed. It was agreed that the Chairman meet with Gary Lumb to discuss this and the many other matters in the Village which Selby District Council has ignored for some considerable time.
It was reported that an allotment holder was concerned that the shed on the allotment was to be demolished. It was agreed that this was not the case and she was to be contacted and assured. It was proposed and agreed that the shed would be cleared; old tools removed and a tap installed on the inside. The front would remain open. A key to the tap would be given to each allotment holder.

- 6 **Village Green and Village Matters**
 - 6.1 Dave Bastow has been asked to repair the notice board at the top of the valley/entrance to the Village. *The Chairman* reported that John Sutcliffe of Leeds is sending someone to look at the notice board on the green with a view to its renovation.
 - 6.2 It was agreed to apply for Planning permission to erect a flagpole on the village green. 3 quotations have been received ranging from £850 to £1158.
 - 6.3 Hanging baskets were discussed for next year. It was agreed that the *Clerk* contact 1st Impressions in Badsworth for quotation and check with Badsworth PC who they use for their baskets.

 - 6.4 Discussion took place regarding the disposal of the fencing on the corner of Water Lane. It was proposed and agreed that Hawthorn, Blackberry and Flowering Cherry trees would be planted. The Conservation volunteers have agreed to carry this out if the Council purchases the necessary plants. Local volunteers would help to remove the fencing and the Quarry owner would be asked if they could dispose of the fencing.

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6.5 The lighting of the Church was discussed and the Chairman reported that the Church was to be floodlit with 3 floodlights, 2 on one side and 1 on the other. It was agreed to contribute to the cost of the electricity.

7 Highways Matters

7.1 Reply from Gary Lumb. 2 concrete posts had been replaced on Hodge Lane. The village gateways were still outstanding and the Chairman is to discuss this together with other issues with Gary Lumb in the near future. The Chairman reported that none of the issues in the Village were being dealt with and it was an unacceptable situation which he would be discussing with Mr Lumb.

7.2 The Chairman reported that a further quotation was in the post relating to the implementation of vehicle activated speed signs on Water Lane and Wentedge Road. This would be circulated to Cllrs as soon as it is received when a discussion would take place. The approximate cost is £6k for 2 signs.

8 Allotment and Cemetery

8.1 The shed and water tap were discussed in Item 5 above.

8.2 The Clerk reported that Chris Smart has taken ¼ allotment from Elaine and John Bartlett as from 30th October 2016.

9 Correspondence

9.1 It was agreed that no contributions or donations could be given to Charities or others at the present time.

9.2 Letter received from Little Smeaton Parish Council regarding their defibrillator. It was agreed that £300 would be given toward this, which is half the grant received from BHF being initially a joint initiative.

9.3 Email received from lady cycling through the Village who is being 'annoyed' by a 'loose dog'. Clerk to pass this onto Little Smeaton Parish Council.

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10 Planning Matters

10.1 Kimberley, Wentedge Road and 18 Springfield Crescent. Heated discussion took place regarding the role of the Council and the objections raised on these planning applications. On a majority vote, another objection is to be sent relating to Kimberley and an objection has already been sent relating to Springfield Crescent.

10.2 Tythe Barn – granted

10.3 Hall Cottages – granted

10.4 Watermill House - granted

11 Financial Matters

11.1 The Statement of Account was agreed and signed by the Chairman.

11.2 Amount paid in amounted to £4,000 (precept)

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- 11.3 Cheques paid out amounted to £640.06
- 11.4 The Clerk reported Delegate access (view only) had been initiated.
- 11.5 KSPC will not be represented at the Council Tax/Grant meeting. The precept is to remain the same at £8,000 per annum.
- 11.6 Community Infrastructure Levy return showed zero income.
- 11.7 Christmas Tree lights. It was agreed to purchase a stock of spare lights at £3.25 each.

12 Any other Business

- 12.1 It was reported that an anonymous, disparaging letter has been received by Gillian Ivey denigrating the notice The Parish Council had put in the Magazine regarding residents parking on the pavements on Water Lane and Wentedge Road. It was suggested and agreed that a further notice, written by the Parish Council would be inserted in the Magazine inviting residents to attend the Council meetings to discuss this and any complaints to be addressed to the Council.
- 12.2 A notice is also to be requested regarding care to be taken driving down Wentedge Road owing to the sighting of deer in the early mornings.
- 12.3 The Clerk asked to be notified of holiday dates.

13 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th January 2017.

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