



Kirk Smeaton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

13th November 2019 at 7.30

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1. Attendance and apologies for absence

Present: Tony Lenc (Chair); Jayne Cooper; Martin Donlon (Cllrs)

Apologies from: Tricia Storey (Chair); Elaine Bartlett (Cllr)

Clerk: Kate Bowden

Cllr John McCartney in attendance

2. Declaration of Interests – Cllr Cooper declared an interest in item 15.3

3. **Public Questions and Issues** – no members of the public were in attendance – Cllr McCartney discussed issues under 15.3 below. Cllr McCartney also informed the Council that the issue of the lack of dropped kerbs throughout Little Smeaton and Kirk Smeaton was being discussed with Highways. Residents with pushchairs and wheelchairs are having difficulties travelling around. Cllr McCartney has agreed to donate £1500 to both Villages towards this. The PC agreed that it would undertake a survey of where these were needed. Springfield Crescent being one point and crossing Water Lane and let Cllr McCartney have the details.

4. The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 September 2019 were signed and approved.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes of 11 September Parish Council meeting

5.1. Request for cul-de-sac sign – Now installed

5.2. Notice Board on Village Green update – Temporary repair on Notice Board which may last for a year or two.

5.3. Liaison with School – Cllr Lenc had productive meeting with the local School who are supportive of our work with regard to speeding in the Village. Dates to be arranged for police speed unit visit.

5.4. Climate emergency (postponed until Jan meeting)

5.5. Reply from Gary Lumb re Wentedge Road build-out – Gary Lumb has reported that money is not available at the moment but he will look at the finances next year.

5.6. Agreed funding for bark on Water Lane was confirmed and agreed

6. **New legislation with regard to Public Bodies Web-site accessibility** – the statement from Chair/clerk was agreed and would be added to the Website

7. **Discuss Social Fund** financial standing – The new Events Team was discussed and it was confirmed that this was an autonomous committee with its own bank account not funded by the PC.



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8. **Budget and Precept - the Budget** was discussed in detail. It was proposed and agreed that there would be no increase in the Precept next year (2020/21)

9. **Asset Register** was revised and amendments made to the value of the Clock. The land on Wentedge Road was discussed and it was agreed to wait until Cllr Bartlett returned from holiday to enquire to the size and value of this piece of land, then amend the Asset Register if necessary.

10. Village Green and Village Matters

10.1. Smeatons' Crime WhatsApp – results of survey of residents – As only two people had responded to this question, it was agreed to leave this proposal in abeyance for the time being.

10.2. Pinfold project update – still ongoing.

10.3. Village Green planting update – 2000 bulbs have been planted on the Village Green and around Kirk Smeaton. Much of the work on Water Lane has been completed with a further half left to complete. This will be done shortly.

10.4. Fly-tipping update Cllr Storey (Cllr Lenc) – Cllr Lenc reported that Keith Armstrong has emailed to say that they have removed 107 bags of Cannabis rootball from Long Lane. The team are waiting for a response from Senior Management with the regard to new proposals.

10.5. Overhanging Tree on Water Lane – Danny Curnow has looked at the tree overhanging Water Lane and reported that it is safe and no work is needed.

10.6. Christmas Tree to order – Cllr Bartlett is dealing with this and it will be organised on her return.

10.7. Village Maintenance Contract/Dave Bastow's resignation/new contractor - Dave Bastow has resigned his post as Grounds Maintenance Contractor. Danny Curnow has shown an interest in the job and this was discussed by the members of the Council. It was agreed he would be an ideal replacement and to trial his work in the coming months.

10.8. Events Team – carols round the Tree – The date has been set for the Carols round the Christmas Tree for Saturday 14th December at 5.30 pm. There will be mulled wine; non alcoholic drinks and mince pies. Food donations for the Knottingley Food Bank will be collected. After the event there will be a get together in the Shoulder where there will be a 'Naughty but Nice' charity tombola.

11. Highways Matters

11.1. **Complaints re Wentedge Road** (see 13.1 below)



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12. Allotments and Cemetery

12.1. **Cemetery inspection** has been carried out with no action necessary.

13. Correspondence

13.1. **Wentedge Road** complaints – There have been numerous complaints regarding the condition of Wentedge Road again. Gary Lumb has confirmed that the 278 Agreement has been signed and they are waiting for a response from the Quarry owners.

13.2. **Complaint** re Water Lane pathway. – The Clerk has reported this to Gary Lumb and is waiting for a response.

13.3. Flood Damage to Brockadale Bridge – A report has been received regarding the flood damage to ‘Hunter’s Bridge’ in Brockadale. Cllr Lenc has asked for further updates and suggestions for a way forward.

13.4. Woodland Trust – free trees available – this offer was discussed. It was proposed that Cllr Lenc look at the possibility of further trees on Water Lane and report back. Other sites were discussed.

14. Financial Matters

14.1. Copies of financial position as at 13 November were approved. The Clerk suggested circulating the documents prior to the meetings in future.

14.2. Cheques drawn: Dave Bastow £450 (Aug/Sept), Petty Cash £50; Danny Curnow £150.00; Cumbria Clock Co (Clock repair) £2061.00

14.3. Cheques received: Precept £3956.97; Bank transfer from Insurance Co; £2648.00

14.4. Authority was agreed for Chris Smart to purchase pads for defibrillator when necessary.

14.5. Request for donation of £50 from over 65’s Christmas Party organisers – discussed and agreed

15. Planning Matters

15.1. 2019/0222/FUL PA for the erection of an outbuilding at Grange Farm, KS – no objections

15.2. 2019/1031/HPA - PA for, garage side and rear extensions etc at Watermill Farm KS – no objections.

15.3. Discuss Went Valley Aggregates’ Planning Application **NY/2019/0002/ENV** update - site visit and new re-consultation on planning application accompanied by environmental statement.

The date of site visit has not yet been agreed. The Planning Meeting will be held on 21st January 2020 (to be confirmed). Cllr McCartney will prepare a flyer for distribution advising residents to



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object, again, to the Application in the light of the new proposals. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Felicity Hart asking if NY would be contacting all objectors regarding this.

- 15.4. Permission granted for charging stations at Barnsdale Bar Ref: 2019-0875-FUL
- 15.5. 2019/1085/HEN 6 Springfield Crescent householder notification of single storey rear extension.
- 15.6. 2019/0991/TCA 5 Manor Close, KS, application to remove one Mountain Ash – no objections.

16. Any Other Business for information

17. Matters in Private The start time for future meetings will be 6.30. The PC has received complaints from a resident and has responded appropriately and with transparency.

18. Date of next Meeting – 29 January 2020 at 6.30pm