

# Kirk Smeaton Parish Council

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**Minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 28 November 2018 held in the Community Room, Kirk Smeaton School.

1. **Present:** Elaine Bartlett - Chair  
Tricia Storey; Jayne Cooper; Iain Cockerham - Councillors  
Apologies: Cllr Tony Lenc  
Clerk: Kate Bowden  
8 members of the public were in attendance
2. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on 19 September 2018 were approved and signed as a true record.
4. **Matters arising:**
  - **Water Lane Planting:** It was reported that a meeting had taken place with Ian Jakulis from The Conservation Volunteers and he had recommended replanting the dead shrubs and removing the weeds and debris. The quotation was agreed by the PC and the work will begin early December.
5. **Minutes of the meeting** with Gary Lumb of NY Highways on 1st November were approved and signed as a true record.
6. **Matters Arising:**
  - Repairs to the pathways on Pinfold Lane and Water Lane were to be put on Mr Lumb's budget list for next year.
  - Pinfold Lane street lighting - Clerk is to contact the Street Lighting dept to enquire about NY funding further lighting on this Road. The Chair and Cllrs have since had a meeting with Mr Ball of NY and the cost to put up 8 posts on Pinfold will be over £10,000 min and up to £30,000 and NY will not consider it. This is too expensive for the PC to consider also.
  - Speeding - Mr Lumb suggested a 'build-out' on Water Lane to slow traffic which he will arrange.
  - Signage - The sign on Wentedge Road stating no heavy vehicles is to be moved to the other side of the Quarry entrance. This will be sometime next year.

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**7. Update from Chair on meeting with Julia Mulligan Police and Crime Commissioner**

Cllr Bartlett met with Julia Mulligan regarding Crime; Speeding and Fly tipping. With regard to crime, Ms Mulligan is aware of the ongoing situation and will forward the name of a senior Police Officer who we can contact if any problems occur with regard to reporting crime. The PC is to hold the number and a notice is to be put into the Magazine regarding this. Dialling 101 from a mobile is sometimes a problem so residents should insist they are in North Yorkshire. Call centres are to be made aware that postcodes can sometimes be misleading. Dave Pegg has left his number for people to contact: dial 101 and extension 35841. Speeding: as reported previously, the Police say they cannot park their speed watch vehicles anywhere safe either on Water Lane; Pinfold Lane or Wentedge Road. Ms Mulligan will find out why and hopefully get the smaller vehicles in place. With regard to fly tipping, the latest initiative called 'Operation eyeball' is being put in place and a meeting has been held with all relevant parties across borders to tackle the problem. The PC is still waiting for details from Selby DC with regard to the purchase of infrared cameras. If any resident is wary about leaving their details and wishing to remain anonymous then ring Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111. Boulders have been moved down Crabtree Lane to try to deter vehicles.

**8. Public Questions and Issues:**

- It was reported that vehicles were still coming down to Crabtree from the slip road at the Service Station. *Chair* to check with the local farmers to see if any deterrent can be installed.
- WhatsApp group: A WhatsApp group has been set up called Smeaton Villages which is being used as a Community Group and also reporting crime and being vigilant. The meeting agreed this was a very good idea. *Clerk* to put notice in magazine.

**9. Village Green and Village Matters**

- Cllr Storey reported that the litter pick had to be cancelled due to restrictions from SDC.
- The Village Green is to be replanted and is looking good at the moment
- Street lighting on Pinfold Lane discussed in 6.2 above
- It was *agreed* to accept the quotation of £1,980 for the hanging baskets for 2019.
- The *Chair* is to arrange for the PCSO to visit to set up a new Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

**10. Highways Matters**

- Speeding issues dealt with in 6.3 and item 7 above.
- The Quarry Liaison Committee is to meet Tuesday 4th December - an update will be reported
- *Clerk* to prepare and distribute an Agenda.

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**11. Allotment and Cemetery**

- Cllr Cockerham reported that permission has been received from SDC and he has contacted Danny Curnow to go ahead with the pruning of the Cherry Tree in the Cemetery.
- *Clerk* reported that the bi-yearly safety inspection has been carried out. Legislation has been received stating that any monument installed or repaired has to be up to BS8415 standard. *Clerk* to obtain quotations for the repair of the 3 laid down headstones.

**12. Correspondence**

- Chris Smart has requested the PC adopts 3 bollards which are to be placed in front of his house on Pinfold Lane. This was agreed.
- The PC has details of its liabilities with regard to the Cemetery and Trees
- Parish Maps - *Clerk* to check.

**13. Planning Matters:** There were no objections to the proposed planning applications at Grange Farm or Holly Tree House.

**14. Financial Matters**

- Copies of the PCs financial position together with a full list of income and expenses was distributed and approved. Cheques Drawn: D Bastow Sept and Oct; British Legion; CAB donation
- Monies Received: Nil
- Precept and Budget for 2019/20 - the Budget was analysed and discussed. It was noted that a significant shortfall existed which the Councillors felt could be withstood this year. The Precept for 2019/2020 was discussed. It was *agreed* to select Option 3 of the Precept List which will not increase the Council Tax at PC level but will mean a slightly less Precept figure received.
- CIL - Nil
- The Clerk referred to payments to Mr Precious for Clock Winding and if this is still to go ahead. *Chair* deal with this.

**15. Any Other Business - None**

**16. Matters in Private - The Assets list** was discussed. It was noted that recent Assets had been added including VAT which the Clerk assumes is incorrect. It was agreed that the Clerk would amend the list accordingly and divide the total by 6 to achieve a more realistic figure.

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