

Kirk Smeaton Parish Council



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MINUTES Of the Kirk Smeaton Parish Council Meeting Thursday 9 March 2023 at 6pm

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March 10, 2023

1. Attendance: Cllr Tricia Storey (Chair); Cllr Tony Lenc (Vice Chair)
Cllrs Barney Byfield; James Stephenson
One resident was in attendance
Kate Bowden - Clerk
 2. Apologies from: Cllr Vitty
 3. **Public Questions and Issues**
 - 3.1. The Plan for the extension of the Cemetery was approved
 4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 January 2023 were approved
 5. Matters arising from the Minutes of 12 January Parish Council meeting
 - 5.1. Fly-tipping resolutions - The Parish Council is very disappointed with no further action and no further feedback. The only action is that two signs have been erected. It was agreed to write to the MP and Selby District Council with copies to Howard Ferguson and Cllr McCartney to convey our level of disappointment and request movement on the issues.
 6. The meeting dates for the PC 23/24 are as follows: May 18 (Annual Meeting); July 27th; September 28th; November 30th; January 25th 2024; March 28th 2024
 7. Regarding Telecommunications in the Village - With the development of Barnsdale Bar eateries etc, the Chair asked for vigilance with the speeds of Broadband etc.
 8. The draft Parish Charter was discussed and the survey will be completed next week.
 9. Re the media/communications pack the Clerk put forward the plan for Facebook; the Website and posters on the Noticeboards.
- 10. Village Green and Village Matters**
- 10.1. The possible unsafe structure on Pinfold Lane - letters have been sent to the owner and Building Control have been and assessed the building. We were informed that the owner has been notified to repair as necessary.

Signed.....Cllr Tony Lenc

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- 10.2. Barriers on Hodge Lane - following the recent incidents, the problem is still being monitored closely. After contacting Selby Council they agreed to one type of barrier which would be very difficult to accommodate in the space available. Even though it is still a concern, the decision was made not to place barriers on the lane.
- 10.3. Highways Matters - communications with Kieran Kemp indicate that the issues which were agreed with Gary Lumb needed to be placed on the Parish Portal - ie double yellow lines in areas near the school; signage on the bend from Norton Road onto Pinfold Lane; weight limit signs and alterations to the pathway on Pinfold Lane. The 278 agreement with the Quarry will be discussed at the Liaison meeting on the 15th.
- 10.4. Funding of projects - The PC has a list of projects to enhance the Village/Cemetery and the funding of these was discussed; contact business start-ups, the Quarry new owners; local Corporate business - this will be progressed.
- 10.5. Dealt with in item 5.1 above.
- 10.6. The £18.27 payment for grass cutting from NY was questioned by the Clerk who has received full explanation by email of the policy.
- 10.7. It was agreed to the purchase of 2 new flags for the Coronation and the Union Jack
- 10.8. Cllr Lenc discussed the Grounds Maintenance Contract and it was agreed to discuss this with the Contractor.
- 10.9. A Memorial Bench has been offered for the late End Brook - Clerk to discuss this with the family. Cllr Storey has offered to place a Memorial Bench on the new Garden of Remembrance.

11. Allotments and Cemetery

- 11.1. The Garden of Remembrance - Cllr Lenc produced a plan of the G of R and the Cremains area together with a working plan of action in 2 phases. These were agreed. (Plan can be viewed - contact the Clerk)
- 11.2. See above

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- 11.3. One of the projects will be the replacement of the allotment fence plus replacing 2 panels on the hedge between the Cemetery and Low Farm. Cllr Lenc offered to fund the 2 panels but funds are needed for the fence at a cost of £2k. Item 10.4 discussed funding opportunities and approaching BAG members and organising Village events was also suggested.
- 11.4. A request has been received from residents who live outside the Villages to purchase a plot in the Cemetery. It was discussed and agreed that if anyone outside our Villages wished to apply for a plot in the Cemetery they would be charged double the cost (ie £600 as is usual practise with other Cemeteries) and make an application in writing. Each application will be judged on its own merits and there will be no automatic assumption that the application will be granted. Each application must show an affinity with the Village and reasons for the request must show a commitment to the Village and Village events.

12. Correspondence:

13. Financial Matters:

- 13.1. Payments: £645.82 laptop; £279.77 Garden of Remembrance; £4.49 Ink; £30.57 Yorkshire Water; £114.99 Web-site Annual Charge; Clerk's tax £150; Ink £4.49; Barrier Tape £9.00; Christmas trees £915.75; Clerk Overtime (6 months) £387.00; Microsoft 365 £59.99;
- 13.2. Receipts: £300 cemetery fees; £584.40 refund from Cloudy IT; £100 sale of battery;
- 13.3. Balance at the Bank - as at 2nd March 2023 - £2,390.81
- 13.4. The accounts were agreed and signed off
- 13.5. The annual spend per annum on poop bags was agreed at £300
- 13.6. Sponsorships for the Christmas trees to be on the July Agenda.
- 13.7. The charges by Lofthouse for preparation of HMRC is being resolved.
- 13.8. The cost of £500 for a compliant website has been agreed and accounted for in the budget. The extra cost for the data transfer will be taken forward.

14. Planning Matters

- 14.1. Discuss latest information from Wentedge Quarry and the Liaison Committee Meeting held on 1st March 2023.

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- 14.2. 2022/1279/HPA - Pear Tree Cottage, Main St, Kirk Smeaton. Removal of existing rear extension and erection of replacement extension/sun room
- 14.3. 2022/0770/HPA To demolish existing conservatory and to rebuild in the same position a sun lounge extension with tiled roof Location: The Old Mill, Water Lane, Kirk Smeaton - **Granted**
- 14.4. 2022/1390/TCA. Mrs Elaine Barlett - Partial crown reduction by 30% and trim to 1 No Flowering Cherry in the conservation area at Andray, Main Street, Kirk Smeaton - **Permitted**

15. Any Other Business *for information* - Cllr Byfield and Cllr Storey's meeting with the School scheduled for tomorrow was discussed. The Chair officially handed over to Cllr Lenc who is to hold the position of Chair temporarily until a new Chair is appointed.

16. Matters in Private – Date of next Meetings: see item 6 above.

Signed.....Cllr Tony Lenc

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