

Kirk Smeaton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 10 January 2019 held in the Community Room, Kirk Smeaton School.

1. **Present:** Elaine Bartlett - Chair

Tricia Storey; Tony Lenc; Iain Cockerham - Councillors

Apologies: Jayne Cooper

Clerk: Kate Bowden

5 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 28 November 2018 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. **Matters arising:**

4.1. The Chair reported that the Quarry Liaison Committee Meeting scheduled for 4th December did not take place due to the absence of any member of Wakefield Highways - no apologies were received from Wakefield. Apologies were received from North Yorkshire and Cllr Ivey.

4.2. The agreement for bollards to be placed outside a resident's house on Pinfold Lane has now been withdrawn by NYCC. Further inspection will take place. *Clerk* to write to Victoria Day and advise Cllrs when this will be.

5. **Minutes of the fly tipping meeting** held on 13th September were approved and signed as a true record.

6. **Matters Arising: There were no matters arising**

7. **Public Questions and issues:**

7.1 The issue of fly tipping on Long Lane and Crabtree Lane was discussed in great detail. The issue of how to deal with this problem persists and the PC is being proactive. Deterrents were suggested: make the end of Long Lane inaccessible to cars/vans whilst being accessible to farm vehicles; place further boulders at the junction of Long Lane and Crabtree Lane. It was agreed that members of the PC (Cllr Storey; Cllr Cockerham) and one resident would meet on Friday 11th January to visit the site once again to inspect and make further suggestions and look at the feasibility of the proposals. Keith Armstrong of SDC is still looking for the ideal camera for our needs. He will be contacted to ascertain the progress with this.

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- 7.2 Item moved from 11.2. Mr T Fletcher – letter from North Yorkshire Police. The letter received was discussed – Mr Fletcher will reply. Mr Fletcher also suggested the PC invite the Inspector from Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team to our next meeting to discuss the Team’s coverage of our area. Mr Fletcher also advised the PC about the Went Vale Countryside Watch. Cllr Bartlett advised that as the PC is setting up a new Neighbourhood Watch together with the Village WhatsApp and also the possibility of a Council member attending the Went Vale Countryside Watch meeting - at the moment this was sufficient and the situation will be monitored. Mr Fletcher to advise the Clerk when the meeting is to be held.

8. Village Green and Village Matters

- 8.1 Village Green Planting – Cllr Lenc reported that this will progress in 3 phases to begin w/c 14th January. Cllr Lenc also suggested a working party be arranged to tidy between Water Lane’s new planting. **Cllr Lenc** will circulate suggested dates. He also reported that the Ivy on the Church Wall needs removing. **Cllr Lenc** to see Dave Bastow.
- 8.2 Water Lane replanting – this was carried out in December and looks very good.
- 8.3 Cllr Cockerham to proceed with the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.
- 8.4 Event Planning: As the Tour de Yorkshire passes at the edge of Little Smeaton it was agreed to contact Little Smeaton Parish Council to offer a joint approach to a Village event. Cllr Cockerham also suggested:
- End May/June – Scavenger/Treasure hunt through the Village and surrounding area
 - A Ceilidh in the Summer. The pub has been approached regarding catering and the venue.

It was agreed that the *Clerk* contact LSPC to suggest a joint Social Sub-Committee.

- 8.5 Church wall pointing. The *Chair* to seek quotations for the pointing of the Church Wall on the Church path and also to include any repairs when the ivy is removed.
- 8.6 Cllr Lenc had received a request for funding toward lighting the Church. The cabling is apparently all in place. *Chair* to email the Vicar to check on the progress of this.

9. Highways Matters

- 9.1 Speeding issues throughout the Village. The Chair has contacted Julia Mulligan to check the progress of our report into speeding and that no police vehicles can park in the village to carry out speed camera duties. We have been informed that she is dealing with this matter and since then a police motor cycle has been seen parked on Wentedge Road and Water Lane.
- 9.2 Wentedge Road Improvements: The Council has received a copy of an email from Jessica Carrington (WY Councillor for Wentbridge) who has made enquiries of WY Highways. It appears that a revised scheme for the Junction was not passed to the

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operational depot when it should have been. This has now been done (apparently) and is programmed for completion at the earliest opportunity!

10 Allotment and Cemetery

- 10.1 It was agreed that the headstones in the Cemetery which were laid down should be left in place and not removed.
- 10.2 The Cherry Tree in the Cemetery has been pruned successfully.

11. Correspondence

- 11.1 Clerk to sign up to Public Sector Mapping Agreement and examine the maps for download.
- 11.2 Dealt with in Item 7
- 11.3 NYCC Grass Cutting payment will be £18.27
- 11.4 AVS request denied
- 11.5 John McCartney's email/planning objection. The Clerk to write to say the PC sympathizes with Kellington PC and agrees with the objection.

12. Planning Matters:

- 12.1 Grange Farm Planning - Refused.
- 12.2 Kimberley planning for new detached house – agreed
- 12.3 2018/1453/HPA Mulberry House application for planning for Orangery

13 Financial Matters

- 13.1 Copies of the PCs financial position together with a full list of income and expenses was distributed and approved. Cheques Drawn: D Bastow Nov £135; Clerk Salary £600; Tax £156.62; Wix Web-site and email £199.95; TCV - planting £540; Christmas Tree £337.00
- 13.2 Monies Received: Nil

14 **Any Other Business for information** – The Clerk reported that the Asset Register had been updated to show amounts without VAT.

15. **Matters in Private** – Cllr Cockerham suggested the PC adopt a Mission Statement as follows:

KIRK SMEATON PARISH COUNCIL
MISSION STATEMENT

To foster the social, economic and environmental welfare of the Kirk Smeaton Parish and to contribute to a sustainable and inclusive community

All agreed.

This statement will be placed on the Web-site and Facebook.

16. Date of the next meeting will be **Wednesday 13th March 2019** (not 14th as previously agreed)

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