



# Kirk Smeaton Parish Council

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Tricia Storey – Chair

## MINUTES (Draft)

### Of the Kirk Smeaton Parish Council Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 6pm in the Community Room

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1. Present: Cllr Tricia Storey (Chair) Cllr Tony Lenc (Vice Chair) Cllr James Stephenson (Cllr) K Bowden (Clerk)
2. Apologies: Cllr Barney Byfield; Cllr Carl Vitty
3. There were no Declaration of Interests
4. **Public Questions and Issues – no public present**
5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were approved as a correct record.
6. Matters arising from the Minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> May Parish Council meeting
  - 6.1. Wentedge Road VAS reported to TWM together with latest fault that the VAS is on constantly
  - 6.2. Cllr Stephenson reported that the Speed Unit have agreed to install a data logger on the entry roads.
  - 6.3. Improved bollards have now been replaced on Pinfold Lane
  - 6.4. The engineer dealing with the approval for the Stone Planters is leaving NYCC and has passed the job onto a colleague. Clerk to email for an update.
  - 6.5. Community Speed Watch training to take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August from 3-4 pm
  - 6.8 Update regarding the Give Way sign on Wentedge Road to be carried forward to September meeting
  - 6.9 The PC recognises there is an issue with unlawful traffic on Hodge Lane. We have considered all options to make absolutely sure that any barrier we put up caters for: horses; the disabled; prams; buggies; cycles and pedestrians. The PC is currently exploring a number of different types which will be circulated and evaluated for a further discussion in September.
7. Minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June were approved as a correct record.
8. As we are a young Council, we need to consider Training courses for Councillors and Clerk - September Agenda
9. The revision of the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were agreed and accepted.
10. Cllr Byfield has previously circulated a detailed update of his meeting with Anita Marner from the local School. This was a successful meeting and covered Wildflowers and wildlife; traffic; parking and speeding; dog fouling; future communications. This report was accepted and we await Anita's reply.

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#### 11. Village Green and Village Matters

- 11.1. Fly tipping – the Chair is in constant contact with Keith Armstrong and his replacement with regard to the unlawful fly tipping in the Village and surrounds. It was noted that the tyres on Wentedge Road still needed removing.
- 11.2. Small Christmas Trees - It was agreed to prepare a leaflet to residents asking if anyone would like to sponsor a further small Christmas Tree in the Village at Christmas, the amount would be in the region of £100 per tree including a plaque with the sponsor's details.
- 11.3. The Wildflower Planting project has had some negative comments from some Village residents regarding the location of the Wildflower trial. The PC has taken that on board and we will take further notice regarding any further areas. The areas will be mown in Autumn to allow the Wildflowers to flourish next year. We will view the situation next Spring/Summer 2022. It was proposed to prepare a notice that the areas chosen were a trial only. Danny to be asked to mow the Pinfold Lane Wildflower area sufficiently for H & S to enable a resident to see traffic clearly. Danny also to be asked to leave the bank on Water Lane near the corner of Springfield to enable wildflowers to naturally grow.
- 11.4. The request for a Roadshow Event from the Hull and Barnsley Stock Fund was discussed. It was agreed that owing to the present situation with regard to Covid-19 that this would be postponed until 2022. Clerk to email.
- 11.5. There will be a Community fun run on the 5<sup>th</sup> September with stalls and other entertainment. Posters are to be displayed throughout the Villages. Funds raised will go towards the Christmas event and the children's presents.
- 11.6. On the 4<sup>th</sup> September, Abbie, the Village Florist will be holding an Open Event for her Flower Hut on Wentedge Road. This will be in partnership with the caterers next door.
- 11.7. Sustainable Heating – a joint meeting with LSPC took place in June and it was agreed that Cllr Atkinson would prepare a survey for residents to obtain their views before we take this further.
- 11.8. With regard to Matthew Brown's letter relating to affordable housing, it was agreed to email Mr Brown to inform him that we have no identified areas for housing in the Selby Local Plan due to green belt issues.

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- 11.9. It is reported that the camera on Pinfold Lane is official to assist with the prevention of crime. An email has been received from a resident on Manor Close on the need for Street Lighting at night. The official line from NY is that there is no evidence that Street Lighting deters burglars or other anti-social crimes. There are elderly residents who live alone. A suggestion has been that we could purchase solar lights to put on each lamp post or we could potentially apply for funding. In light of the concerns, we are investigating the cost of additional lighting eg solar and we will be reporting back at our September meeting. – Cllr Stephenson has agreed to investigate.
- 11.10. It was agreed to keep our meeting date advertising to: Notice Boards; Web-site; Facebook. Cllrs are in agreement that our communication methods are robust.
- 11.11. Item regarding the public right of way on Main Street to be deferred until September when Cllr Byfield is available.

#### 12. Highways Matters

#### 13. Allotments and Cemetery

- 13.1. Cllr Lenc reported that the repairs/replacement of the Allotment fence would be put on hold at the moment until the wildflower area is mown. This was agreed.
- 13.2. Cllr Lenc reported that all repairs to the Monuments had been finalised. Weeding is now part of the Cemetery Management.
- 13.3. The complaint from a resident with regard to grass on the monuments has been dealt with.
- 13.4. Garden of Remembrance - - Cllrs are requested to reflect on how we are to take this further. September Agenda.
- 13.5. Business Stream water meter was discussed. It was agreed to leave the billing situation as it is as long as the resident involved is happy to do so as the expense of moving the meter is not acceptable.
- 13.6. Cllr Lenc agreed to purchase 2 new lighter watering cans for the Cemetery/Allotments
- 13.7. It was agreed that Cllr Lenc/Clerk survey the remaining space in the Cemetery for possible areas for cremated remains. Clerk to check the cost of plots with nearby councils.

#### 14. Correspondence – covered in other items

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#### 15. Financial Matters

- 15.1. Payments: Ink £5.49 ; Anthony Wiles £150; Scribe software £308.40; printing £50; Danny Curnow £390; Ink; £3.49; training course £22.50; Plants £244.99 (note that a donation of £200 was received for this purchase) Danny Curnow May £350; Lofthouse (wages prep) £151.68; postage £9.58; Hanging Baskets £2399.22; Yorkshire Water £18.98
- 15.2. Income: Allotment rent £100; Cemetery income £100; Plot purchase £300; Plot purchase £600; Grass payment £18.27;
- 15.3. It was agreed to back pay the Clerk for expenses not claimed at the correct amount. It was also agreed that The Clerk's salary and expenses to be reviewed annually.
- 15.4. It was agreed to send £25 donation to the Chairman's charity.
- 15.5. Cllr Lenc and the Clerk to continue to manage the finances of the Village Green and the Village Maintenance as a whole. Further checks to be put in place.

#### 16. Planning Matters

- 16.1. 2020/0628/HPA – Update on the appeal to the Secretary of State for the erection of green timber carport at Millstones, Wentedge Road. **Appeal Ref:** APP/N2739/D/21/3268461 Millstones, Went Edge Road, Kirk Smeaton, Nr Pontefract, West Yorkshire, WF8 3JS **DISMISSED** – please see notice previously sent.
- 16.2. An email has been sent to Selby Planning objecting to the latest trial of not informing neighbours of planning applications and just putting yellow notices on lamp posts.
- 16.3. Update on the Planning appeal to the Secretary of State against refusal of householder application. Ms Diane Willoughby, Hazelnut Cottage Middlefield Lane, KS; **Passed**
- 16.4. 2017/0745/HPA Section 73 to vary section 2 of this Application Ref: 2021/HPA **REFUSED**
- 16.5. 2021/0608/HPA, 21 Springfield Crescent KS – Application for side and rear extensions and increasing roof pitch and ridge to provide accommodation in the loft.
- 16.6. 2021/0475/CPP – Wentedge House, Wentedge Road, KS – lawful development certificate for proposed loft conversion and dormer to rear.
- 16.7. Wentedge Quarry Application The new date for the next Planning Application hearing is 27<sup>th</sup> July at 10 am. Speakers only to attend. The PC is working towards new evidence for submission.

17. **Any Other Business for information** - Google Meet to be trialled for short (other) meetings

18. **Date of next Meeting: 8 September 2021 at 6pm**

Signed .....Tricia Storey (Chair)

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