



Kirk Smeaton Parish Council

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Tricia Storey – Chair

MINUTES of the Kirk Smeaton Parish Council Meeting 8 September 2021 at 6pm

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1. Present: Cllr Tricia Storey – Chair Cllr Tony Lenc – Vice Chair
Cllrs: Barney Byfield; Carl Vitty; James Stephenson
Kate Bowden - Clerk
2. There were no apologies
3. There were no Declaration of Interests
4. **Public Questions and Issues – there were no members of the public present**
5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 July 2021 were signed and approved
6. Matters arising from the Minutes of 14 July Parish Council meeting
 - 6.1. Cllr Stephenson reported that speed bikes would be deployed to monitor speed on Pinfold Lane, and Wentedge Road. There was no place considered safe to deploy the bike on Water Lane. Cllr Stephenson is taking this further. There was an incident on Pinfold Lane on Sunday 5th September which will be reported to the speed unit with photographs
 - 6.2. Stone Planters – Cllr Storey met Glen Donaldson who is comfortable with the placing of the planters on Pinfold and Wentedge. He needs a plan of the Water Lane Planter to ensure it is 1.5 metres from the highway. No tall growing plants to be used.
 - 6.3. Cllr Vitty reported that the Give Way sign issues is now resolved.
 - 6.4. Signage/barriers on Hodge Lane – The PC has assessed the risk and the cost of placing barriers on Hodge Lane. Residents on Hodge Lane have been approached and were not in favour of this so it is not our intention to erect barriers but we will keep the issue under observation.
7. Liaison with Stapleton Parish – Stapleton does not have a Parish Council but hold informal parish meetings. Jo Brown is taking the lead and the PC agreed to support Jo whenever necessary.
8. Selby Local Plan Additional Sites Consultation Document – was discussed and noted.

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9. Unitary Council – It is confirmed that there will be 2 Unitary Councils for our area in 2023 - North Yorkshire and York with services run from Northallerton. The Chair of LSPC has contacted many of the Parish Councils south of the A1 to assess the interest in forming a group to ensure our interests are served. There is potential for PCs to take more responsibility if they wish. Important to keep this on the Agenda.
10. AGAR – Clerk to draw up a contract/letter to the Internal Verifier.
11. It was agreed to add a Complaints procedure to Policies.
12. Asset Register Review – Cllr Byfield requested a review of the Asset Register. Clerk to contact Selby for advice.
13. The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – The events team in conjunction with the Shoulder of Mutton will be leading on preparations for this.
14. **Village Green and Village Matters**
 - 14.1. Solar lighting – Cllr Stephenson reported that single units were costly at £1167.25 each. This was considered and found to be too costly and together with the evidence which North Yorkshire state that extra lighting does not deter burglaries, will report back to the resident.
 - 14.2. Sponsorship for small Christmas Trees – 3 extra trees have been sponsored.
 - 14.3. Affordable housing - Clerk to establish if LSPC have invited Matthew Brown to the meeting.
 - 14.4. Public footpath on Main Street – the sign for this footpath has disappeared. It was proposed and agreed that members of the PC walk this public right of way at regular intervals to assess and minute its use. Clerk to apply for a new footpath sign.
 - 14.5. Defib familiarisation – Cllr Byfield and the Clerk have registered. Cllr Byfield to advertise this on the WhatsApp group.
 - 14.6. The seat on Wentedge Road – it was agreed to prepare a flyer for residents of Wentedge Road to establish residents’ views whether to replace, repair or remove.

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15. Allotments and Cemetery

- 15.1. Garden of Remembrance – it was proposed and agreed that a small team/working party be formed to look at the proposal for a garden of remembrance along with an area for cremated remains, costs etc. (15.3 and 15.4) Cllr Lenc to lead.
- 15.2. It was proposed and agreed to remove the Laurels in the Cemetery. 2 quotes required.
- 15.3. Water Meter – it was proposed and agreed to move the Water Meter from a residents' garden. Clerk to obtain quotation from Yorkshire/Scottish water.
- 15.4. Clerk to identify the owner of the rear fence to the Cemetery.

16. Financial Matters

- 16.1. Payments: Watering Cans £14.50; Ink £7.49; Donation £25; Printing £21; Danny Curnow July £404; Antony Wiles May, June, July £450; JRB Dog bags £165.30; printing £3.49; George Hill £1,080 (Cemetery repairs);
- 16.2. Income: Allotment rent £10; Co-op Funeral Care £150;
- 16.3. The reports on the current financial position were noted and agreed.

17. Planning Matters

- 17.1. 2021/0943/TCA -Stonefield, Water Lane. Application to reduce one weeping willow by 50%
- 17.2. Re Hazelnut Cottage – it was agreed that the Clerk contact Selby District Council to establish the precise planning agreed and report.
- 17.3. Wentedge Quarry Application – The Chair reported on the recent PRFC visit to the Quarry and Brockdale. The Planning Application will be heard on the 28th September at Northallerton County Hall.

18. **Any Other Business for information** - Concern was expressed at the disappointing hanging baskets this year. The salt boxes have been replaced. A review of the very successful Village Fete would be held by the events team and reported at the next meeting.

19. **Date of next Meeting: 10 November 2021 at 6pm**

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