



# Kirk Smeaton Parish Council

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## MINUTES

### Virtual Meeting

13 January 2021 at 6pm

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**MINUTES** of the Virtual Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 via Skype.

1. Attendance – Cllr Tricia Storey (Chair); Cllr Tony Lenc (Vice Chair);

Cllrs: Elaine Bartlett; Jayne Cooper; James Stephenson

Clerk: Kate Bowden

2. No Apologies

3. N/A

4. Cllr Cooper declared an interest in Went Valley Aggregates

5. **Public Questions and Issues – there were no members of the public present**

6. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 November 2020 were agreed and approved

7. Matters arising from the Minutes of 11 November Parish Council meeting

7.1. 120 Mixed Spring Bulbs and 20 Narcissus – Some of the bulbs have been planted on Pinfold Lane – the rest of the bulbs will be planted on the Green as soon as the weather allows.

7.2. Christmas Tree – Successful erection of the Christmas Tree on the Green following Risk Assessment recommendations. The Christmas Tree on the green and the smaller trees have received positive comments. The PC is to consider sponsorship for additional smaller trees next year.

7.3. Report on VAS – there were differing views regarding the effectiveness of the VAS on Wentedge Road. Some councillors were questioning whether it should be repositioned. Due to a reduced amount of traffic as a result of lockdown. It was agreed that monitoring would continue during January and February and an update on the March Agenda.

7.4. Cemetery repairs – see item 13.2

8. **Ratifying decisions made and money spent between meetings due to the Coronavirus Pandemic**

8.1. All decisions were agreed by the Council

9. The Chair reported on a meeting with local Parish Councils regarding NY Planning Committee's decision to approve the Gale Common application where the Chair had the casting vote owing to the equal split votes.



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There has been positive media coverage. Cllrs are pursuing legal recourse and the 106 agreement has not been finalised.

10. 2021 Census. It was agreed that the Clerk put the handbook on the website and a message on our Facebook page.

#### 11. Village Green and Village Matters

11.1. Cllr Stephenson reported that he had been advised not to sell the land on Wentedge Road. The rent would be reviewed in January 2022.

##### 11.2. Pinfold Lane

11.2.1. (together with 11.2.3) The safety of pedestrians on Pinfold Lane was discussed along with the speeding issue. The installation of a VAS was agreed in principle – this item to be reviewed at the March meeting together with ideas for fund raising. The meeting with Engineers from NY Highways was discussed which addressed the following issues: dangerous pathway – The Clerk has written to Kieran Kemp for an update on when this will be done – *Chair* to follow up. The installation of a mirror on the corner of Norton Road and Pinfold Lane was not supported; the 30mph sign cannot be re-sited due to NYCC policy that the road must have housing on each side; there was no budget at NYCC for new lighting. (full report available from the Clerk) *Cllr Stephenson* to draft a letter to NY Highways regarding some of these issues.

11.2.2. Bollard replacement for Pinfold Resident was discussed. The resident has been in touch with Greg Donaldson from NY Highways due to concerns regarding the cost of replacement plus the suitability of these bollards. As a result, Highways are holding a meeting on 14 January to discuss these issues. It was agreed to defer a decision until the outcome of this meeting is known. Clerk to place on March Agenda.

11.3. The Chair reported that the Villagers had raised £4,442.50 for the building of the Sculpture at the Shoulder of Mutton - this included the £500 donation from NYCC through Cllr McCartney. The necessary form has been completed and will be sent to NY.

11.4. The Chair reported that she had spoken to the resident re the Parking of a vehicle on Wentedge Road. The police had visited the resident and confirmed that this was not breaking any law.



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11.5. The purchase of planters in 3 places in the Village was discussed. *Clerk* to find out the cost from 1<sup>st</sup> Impressions. The positioning on Water Lane would be reviewed. This item for March Agenda.

#### 12. Highways Matters

12.1. Wentedge Road repairs – *Chair* to chase up with Kieran Kemp regarding 278 agreement.

#### 13. Allotments and Cemetery

13.1. The Clerk reported on the 2 Cemetery Training Courses recently attended. A written report on the first course has been circulated and the output on both courses will be discussed in more detail at the March Meeting. Currently, the *Clerk* will ensure all current documentation is in order and robust.

13.1.1. The Clerk reported that currently there are 31 available plots; 10 plots allocated with plot numbers and 3 plots allocated on a next plot basis. Non-residents are not allowed to purchase plots unless having lived in the Villages previously.

13.2. Repairs to the Cemetery monuments – the cost of £1080 was agreed and George Hill will start repairs when weather permits.

13.3. Plot charges were discussed. It was agreed that 4 nearby Councils would be approached to find out their charges and this matter would be reviewed at the March Meeting

13.4. The quotation for digital conversion was discussed. Again, this was deferred to the March meeting. *Cllr Stephenson* to discuss Cloud storage with the Clerk.

It was agreed that during the Covid 19 Pandemic, the numbers allowed at the graveside would reflect the Government's ruling which is 30 persons all socially distanced and wearing masks. Clerk to feedback to funeral directors.

#### 14. Correspondence

14.1. KSPC Suggested meeting dates: 10 March; 12 May; 14 July; 8 September; 10 November 12 January 2022; 9 March 2022 were agreed



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#### 15. Financial Matters

- 15.1. Cheques drawn/BACS payments: £130 Danny Curnow, October; Clerk payment for Ink £7.99; printing £14; First Impressions £1314.00; ICO £35; JRB (dog bags) £164.70; Paul White photography £260.40; ink £3.49; Christmas Tree Lights £59.97; Malcolm Rigby £30; Clerk Salary £600; TWM £7078.50; Yorkshire Water £16.76
- 15.2. Monies paid in: None
- 15.3. Accounts for the period ending 4 January 2021 were agreed.
- 15.4. Update on Internet Banking applications. The Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk have all been authorised.

#### 16. Planning Matters

- 16.1. Decision no: 2020/0990/HPA - Proposed alteration and extension of an existing dwelling and replacement of existing outbuilding. Hazelnut Cottage, Middlefield Lane, Kirk Smeaton. **Refused**
- 16.2. Decision No: 2019/1031/HPA Proposed erection of side and rear extensions and internal alterations at Watermill Farm, Main Street, Kirk Smeaton – **Permitted**
- 16.3. Decision Notice: 2020/0527/HPA Erection of garage at KS Post Office – **Permitted**
- 16.4. Wentedge Quarry Application update – the PC has not received any update on the date of the Planning Meeting.
- 16.5. 2020/0628/HPA – Car Port at Millstones, Wentedge Road - **Refused**

#### 17. Any Other Business for information – the Chair reported:

- 17.1. the defibrillator will need new pads this year at a cost of £35 – Chris Smart to arrange
- 17.2. A resident has reported that the litter bins look tired and need replacing. Cllrs were requested to check
- 17.3. Local plan virtual meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> February
- 17.4. Update from Lee Birkbeck on the safer streets project – Chair to circulate
- 17.5. Fly tipping still continues on Middlefield and Long Lanes. Keith Armstrong is retiring and therefore we need to know who his replacement is to be as he has been very supportive.



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17.6. Paul White from Womersley Council has notified us that the footpath from Womersley to Kirk Smeaton is to be closed due to bridge damage from 11 – 31 Jan and then until July 2021. Little Smeaton PC has been notified.

18. **Matters in Private**

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