

Kirk Smeaton Parish Council

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

1. **Present:** Iain Cockerham - Chair
Tricia Storey; Jayne Cooper; Tony Lenc; Elaine Barlett - Councillors
Clerk: Kate Bowden
2. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on 7th May 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.
4. **Matters arising:**
 - 4.1. The bollards for erection for Chris Smart have now been ordered and Mr Smart will follow this up
5. Minutes of the Open Meeting held on 1st May 2018 were approved
6. There were no matters arising
7. **Village Green and Village Matters:**
 - 7.1 Smeatons Crime WhatsApp item to be moved to next Agenda (11 September)
 - 7.2 The Church Clock is being repaired at the moment
 - 7.3 Barn Dance tickets are now available in the PO and the Shoulder of Mutton. The social committee will discuss raffle prizes etc at the next meeting
 - 7.4 Church Wall pointing – it was agreed that the PC would make a donation to the pointing of the Church wall as and when the Church can raise the money.
 - 7.5 Cancelled
 - 7.6 The village green is much improved thanks to the great efforts of Iain Cockerham . Further plants were needed and Mrs Penny Poskitt offered some from her garden. It was agreed that Bulbs for next spring would be purchased ready for planting in the Autumn. (*Clerk to see Dave*) It was also agreed that when the rear border has been tidied, a tree would be purchased from the donation by Mr Cooksey for his mother. Bark is to be purchased for Water Lane saplings.
 - 7.7 The proposal of One Council for the two villages was discussed. It was noted that the matter had received no support from any other villagers and no support from either Kirk or Little Smeaton Parish Council. It was agreed that both Parish Councils will continue to work together on joint projects following the huge success of TDY A joint letter be sent to Mr Fletcher to this effect.
 - 7.8 It was agreed that more work needs to be done to beautify Pinfold Lane. This would include, improving the current pathways, planting of wild flowers in the hedgerows and erecting a further hanging basket next year.

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8. Highways Matters

- 8.1 The recent email from Jamie Smith (Police Speeding Unit) was discussed. The places for parking the safety camera vehicles on Water Lane and Wentedge Road have been sent for approval.
- 8.2 The report from the Clerk re government findings on the success of the implementation of VAS was discussed. The findings were all positive. VAS was unaffordable and some members of the council were sceptical as to the useage but this will be reviewed if needed. It was agreed to ask Gary Lumb to a meeting to discuss the proposed build-out on Water Lane plus the signage and road markings, ask the school for assistance in the matter and invite the Police Speed Unit to the School to give a talk. Clerk to enquire if Speed Unit was available to visit the school, if they were in agreement.
- 8.3 95 Alive report was discussed. Pinfold Lane was invited to join the Community Speed Watch Scheme. Cllr Storey to liaise with the Clerk regarding nominations and training etc.

9 Allotments and Cemetery

- 9.1 The charges for the purchase of a burial plot were discussed. It was proposed that this should be increased to £200 and other related charges be increased pro-rata and keep the charges to residents of Kirk Smeaton and Little Smeaton the same. After discussion, it was agreed to increase the cost of a burial plot to £200 for Kirk Smeaton residents and £280 to Little Smeaton residents. Clerk to Liaise with Chair regarding other related costs.

10 Public Questions and Issues:

- 10.1 The car park at the top of Water Lane seems to be causing concerns to some residents. A request for clearer marking of individual bays was put forward. This will be sent to Selby Council for review and further action as appropriate. Permit parking was also discussed.
- 10.2 A request for a cul-de-sac sign be placed at the entrance to Manor Close in an aid to prevent lost vehicles from turning into this area unnecessarily This will be sent to Selby Council for review and further action.

11 Correspondence

- 11.1 The locations of the Parish Grit bins were identified. Clerk to write to SDC to inform them and request a further bin on Wentedge Road.

12 Planning Matters

- 12.1 Planning Application – **2019/0430/HPA**– was **withdrawn**
- 12.2 Planning Application – **NY/2019/0072/ENV** – Barnsdale Bar Quarry extension – no objections

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- 12.3 Went Valley Aggregate's Planning Application **NY/2019/0002/ENV** was again discussed. The recent destroying of the hedge in the field on Wentedge Road was heatedly discussed and it was agreed that the PC has done all it can do at present and there would be representation at the Planning Committee meeting which may be held on 10th September but this has to be confirmed.

13 Financial Matters

- 13.1 Copies of the PCs financial position together with a full list of income and expenses was distributed and approved.
- 13.2 HP Ink 31.99; Insurance £329.08; Band for Ceilidh £170; Starboard Systems £308.40; Paul Clarke £25; JRB Dog Bags £164.34; Dave Bastow April £150; Cumbrian Clock Deposit £687; Defibrillator Pads £70.80; Dave Bastow May £420; 1st Impressions £1,980; HMRC tax and NI £154.00; Clark Salary £600.00
- 13.3 Monies Received: £82.50 cemetery income; £1360 VAT
- 13.4 Power to spend council funds to be discussed at the next meeting
- 13.5 HMRC scrutiny – the PC is working within all HMRC guidelines

14 Any Other Business for information

- 14.1 The Notice Board on the Village Green needs renovating.

15 Matters in Private:

14 The next meeting will be held on 11th September 2019.

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