



# Kirk Smeaton Parish Council

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## MINUTES of the Kirk Smeaton Parish Council Meeting 10 November 2021

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### MINUTES of the meeting

1. Attendance: Cllr Tricia Storey (Chair) Cllr Tony Lenc (Vice Chair)  
Cllrs: Barney Byfield; James Stephenson; Carl Vitty  
Kate Bowden (Clerk)  
Cllr Gillian Ivey (Chair); Cllr Colin Atkinson (Vice Chair) - Little Smeaton Parish Council
2. There were no apologies
3. There was no declaration of Interests
4. **Affordable Housing** – discussion took place on the merits of going forward with a survey to identify the opinions of Village residents as to the need for Affordable Housing in the Villages. It was agreed that we would garner further points of clarification and then go ahead with the survey together with Little Smeaton – the findings would be discussed at a future meeting of both Parish Councils.
5. **Public Questions and Issues** – no members of the public were present
6. The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 September 2021 were approved.
7. Matters arising from the Minutes of 8 September Parish Council meeting:
  - 7.1. Cllr Stephenson reported there had been no recent communication with the Speed Unit despite sending email requests. Cllr Stephenson would continue to lobby.
  - 7.2. Glen Donaldson/Vicky from Selby Council has provisionally OK'd the erection of the Stone Planters. It was agreed that the PC would go ahead with this. Cllr Lenc to progress.
  - 7.3. Discussion took place regarding the signage on Hodge Lane. Residents have asked for a further sign at the top of Hodge Lane banning vehicular access. As evidence shows that signs have little or no impact Councillors felt that at the present time, we would monitor the situation and discuss at a later meeting of the Parish Council in 2022.
  - 7.4. Asset Register review – It was agreed that the Clerk write to a past member of the Council to try to locate 2 sets of Christmas lights on the register. The lights purchased in 2009 are to be checked by a qualified electrician.
  - 7.5. Cllr Lenc to try to establish the whereabouts of the Public Footpath sign on Main Street.

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- 7.6. Wentedge Road seat – the wood on offer was found to not be suitable for the repair. A quotation of £190 has been received for new timber. Cllrs agreed to wait until March/April 2022 when timber prices may have improved. Clerk to write to volunteers.
- 7.7. The VAS on Wentedge Road has been removed for repair and will be reinstalled on 16<sup>th</sup> November.
8. Cllr Lenc informed the meeting that a number of residents were unhappy with the choice of area planted with wildflowers this year. It was agreed to ask Danny to cut around the areas with a view to them looking manicured and attended. This will be reviewed next year.
9. The Clerk to identify the holders of any Parish Council equipment and add to the Asset Register.

### 10. Village Green and Village Matters

- 10.1. 10.2 and 10.3 **Dog fouling.** This matter was discussed at length with the comments and suggestions from 2 residents taken into consideration. It was agreed that the Parish Council's responsibility was to the Village and we would support YWT with the problem in Brockadale. It was proposed and agreed to have a 2-week blitz in the New Year with signs and posters everywhere – the posters to be prepared by the Council and not purchased. Cllr Byfield to meet with staff at the local School to discuss the school involvement.
- 10.4. Cllrs agreed with the roll out of the 'green' survey
- 10.5. The planting more trees initiative was discussed and it was agreed that there are no areas in the Village to enable this.
- 10.6. The PC Christmas Tree for 2021 has been organised.

### 11. Highways Matters

- 11.4. The Council passed a motion to become involved in the 20s Plenty Campaign – Cllr Lenc will attend the 11 November 7.30pm virtual meeting.
- 11.5. Training for the Community Speedwatch will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30
- 11.6. The Ash Tree on Wentedge Road was surveyed by the arborist from Selby Council and condemned for safety reasons. The tree was removed.

### 12. Allotments and Cemetery

#### 12.1. Update on Cemetery issues:

- 12.1.1.1. A small Working party met recently to look at the preparations and plans for a Garden of Remembrance. The group included 2 residents from Kirk and Little Smeaton. It was agreed to clear the area first and Cllr Lenc is to form a working party. A report of the meeting was circulated. Available from the Clerk.

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- 12.1.1.2. Quotations have been requested for the removal of the Laurels;
- 12.1.1.3. It was agreed that plots for cremated remains would be 16 x 16 and cost £180 to purchase and £150 for interment and be within the Cemetery.
- 12.1.1.4. Cllr Lenc to request quotations for the Repairs/replacement of perimeter fence
- 12.1.1.5. Identifying the Ownership of back perimeter fence has stalled. Cllr Lenc to visit owner of the adjacent house to discuss.
- 12.2. Cllr Lenc reported on the meeting with Yorkshire Water and the resident in whose garden our meter is sited. It was agreed the cost of resiting the meter was prohibitive. Yorkshire Water confirmed that the meter would be read each quarter. Letters to be sent to Yorkshire Water and to the resident for confirmation. Clerk to send a copy of the PC bill to the resident each quarter.
- 12.3. Once the Garden of Remembrance is complete, a notice will be placed in the Magazine to include prices of plots etc.
- 12.4. Note: £1400 donation from Cllr McCartney for Garden of Remembrance

### 13. Correspondence

- 13.1. Thank you letter from Carl Les for donation
- 13.2. Update from Carl Les on Unitary Council
- 13.3. Email from Cllr Ivey re green fuel (GreenD+ HVO) was discussed and this item is to be included in the Green survey.

### 14. Financial Matters

- 14.1. Payments: Danny Curnow £150; ink £3.49; Room hire £10; Yorkshire water £34.32; Clerk Salary £600; HMRC £151.79; Poppy appeal £25; JRB £291.30 (10); defib pads £46.17; Data Protection Fee £35;
- 14.2. Income: Terry Bilsborough (for Bessie Bilsborough) £75;
- 14.3. The PC reviewed the budget against actual exp and income
- 14.4. It was agreed to increase the Annual Precept in line with inflation.
- 14.5. It was agreed that the Standing Orders relating to financial payments were in order.
- 14.6. The Clerk's expenses and salary was discussed. It was proposed and agreed to pay the Clerk overtime for hours worked over and above the contracted hours and pay £10 per month for expenses backdated to October 2019.

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14.7. Do we need a Training Budget? – the consensus of opinion was this was not required currently.

### 15. Planning Matters

- 15.1. The Wentedge Quarry Application was discussed. It is reported that the application was approved by NYCC and we are currently awaiting further feedback on the conditions on the 106. The BAG has stood down and the focus on the conditions will go through the Council. Discussions are taking place with YWT and the matter will be an item on every Agenda going forward. Ongoing discussions with local Parish Councils are in progress to support a letter to local MPs regarding concerns with the planning process in North Yorkshire County Council.
- 15.2. 2021/0943/TCA – Reduce Weeping Willow at Stonefield, Water Lane. **Permitted**
- 15.3. 2021/1000/TCA Mr Nick Gillott Kirk Smeaton C of E School, Trim one beech tree by 10%
- 15.4. Decision no: 2021/0608/HPA 21 Springfield Crescent, Side and rear extensions and increasing roof pitch and ridge to provide accommodation in loft space together with erection of detached garage and formation of new driveway onto existing dropped kerb- **GRANTED**
- 15.5. 2021/1243/TCA- application for consent to pollard ten Willow Trees on Water Lane, KS. Josephine Carr.
- 15.6. 2021/1265/MAN2 – Hazelnut Cottage, Middlefield Lane, KS – Non material amendment of 2020/0990/HPA – Diane Willoughby.
- 15.7. 2021/1267/TCA – application for consent to cut back over extended branches by 2-3 metres to 1 no willow tree; crown lift to 4 m to one sycamore tree and remove two lower limbs to 3 m above ground to one sycamore tree at Bank Top, Main Street, KS. J Leavor

### 16. Any Other Business *for information* -

- 16.1. Date for January meeting was amended
- 16.2. CPAD training – Cllr Byfield requested that free training be advertised and a local expert be invited to do further training in the Village

### 17. Date of next Meeting: 20 January 2022 at 6pm

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