

Kirk Smeaton Parish Council



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Tricia Storey – Chair

MINUTES Of the Kirk Smeaton Parish Council Meeting Thursday 12 January 2023

January 13, 2023

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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)

10 members of the public were present

2. There were no apologies

3. **Public Questions and Issues**

3.1. A very positive and major discussion was held with allotment holders with regard to extending the space for the Cemetery, using some allotment land. It was finally agreed that Cllr Lenc would mark out a proposed area, meaning all allotment holders with the first plots along would lose an amount of land. This proposal was accepted in principle. Once the area has been marked out, allotment holders would be contacted and a final decision made at the meeting in March. A village resident asked if the tree-lined hedge on Water Lane could be left to grow to encourage more wildlife.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17 November 2022 were approval

5. Matters arising from the Minutes of 17 November Parish Council meeting

5.1. Resolutions and further action from the Fly-tipping meeting:

5.1.1. Further signage is ready to be installed in the 'hot-spots'

5.1.2. SDC to contact the landowner regarding removal of the waste on Middlefield Lane

5.1.3. Site feasibility assessments are being carried out by SDC at points where cameras can be installed.

5.1.4. Regarding the use of a poacher's block on Long Lane, the landowners and NYCC will need to be consulted.

5.1.5. Cllr McCartney/Cllr Ivey to be contacted regarding any progress with Highways England re the closing of the A1 exit slip.

6. **Village Green and Village Matters**

6.1. It was agreed to accept the quotation from D Curnow for the Contract for grounds Maintenance

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- 6.2. The unsafe structure on Pinfold Lane is still causing some concern even though the owner has removed some of the roof. Clerk to identify if the PC is in any way liable as there is a bus stop directly adjacent and whose responsibility it is to ensure it is safe.
- 6.3. The car park wall at the top of Water Lane has been damaged. Highways have been to inspect. The clerk has been asked to write to the owners of an 'abandoned' car which has been in the car park for some considerable time to ask for its removal.
- 6.4. With regard to the Emergency Plan - the team felt that this was an excellent document which has been formally accepted.
- 6.5. The survey and report from Cllr Ivey on the 409 bus service and Community Transport Scheme was discussed. The team would like to thank Cllr Ivey for all the effort putting this together. Cllr Byfield raised the question of whether Selby/NYC could be approached to help financially to reduce the cost of residents using the Community Transport Scheme.
- 6.6. The incident on Hodge Lane concerning upwards of 10 motorcycles was aired. It was reported that upwards of 10 motor/scrambler bikes travelled down Hodge Lane from Kirk Smeaton into Little Smeaton. Walking on the lane at this time was an elderly lady who was nearly knocked down and suffered shock. It was agreed to firstly identify what type of lane Hodge Lane is (bridleway etc) then look at the types of barrier which could be use in conjunction with LSPC.

7. Highways Matters - The PC has no further information re repairs etc to Wentedge Road.

8. Allotments and Cemetery

- 8.1. The Garden of Remembrance is complete with furniture and plants to be purchased. An offer has been received from a village resident regarding the donation of a bench.
- 8.2. The Cremated Remains area is currently being prepared. The need for a skip is to be investigated..

9. Correspondence:

- 9.1. The offer from BHF for RevivR. Training app is to be accepted.
- 9.2. All Cllrs agree to the update for the Parish.UK Network

10. Financial Matters:

- 10.1. Payments: D Curnow £140 (October); Ink £4.49; Data Protection Fee £35; Dog Bags £292.80; Health Check on the Accounts £39.00; laptop deposit £584.40; Clerk Salary £600; ink £4.49; Clerk Expenses £30;

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10.2. Receipts: £200 cemetery fees (due any time)

10.3. Balance at the Bank - January 3rd £4,361.07

10.4. The accounts were agreed and signed off.

10.5. All reports from the Financial software are adequate.

10.6. 2023/24 Precept decision - the budget was discussed at length with the prime areas of Clerk Salary; Cemetery maintenance; Grounds Maintenance; Hanging baskets and Christmas Trees being the main areas for discussion/resolution. Cllr Vitty and the Clerk gave an overview of the present position. It was agreed that:

10.6.1. The Clerk's salary would be increased in line with current pay scales.

10.6.2. We would ask for sponsorship for future Christmas Trees

10.6.3. We would accept the newly received quotation from First Impressions for the hanging baskets.

10.6.4. We would accept the Grounds Maintenance quotation from Danny Curnow.

10.6.5. It was resolved that the 2023/24 precept would be increased to assist the Council in carrying out necessary duties within the Village. The Clerk to notify Selby tomorrow at the latest.

11. Planning Matters

11.1. It was noted that a successful Liaison Committee Meeting was held at Wentedge Quarry on 7th December 2022. The new owner is trying to bring forward and extend the proposed pathway and has altered the extraction method which will considerably reduce the amount of dust. The benefits of dust reduction will be monitored by YWT in conjunction with the dust measurement process as laid out in the S106 agreement.

11.2. 2022/1202/HPA - Demolition of garage and boot room and erection of a new rear extension Ivy Cottage, Main Street, Kirk Smeaton

11.3. 2022/1390/TCA - partial crown reduction by 30% and trim a flowering Cherry at Andray, Main Street Kirk Smeaton

12. Any Other Business for information - *The Chair, Tricia Storey officially gave notice of her resignation from her position of Chair and from the Parish Council from the end of March 2023.* Cllr Storey informed the meeting that the family would still prepare the Village planters.

13. Matters in Private –

14. Date of next Meetings: 9 March 2023

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