



# Kirk Smeaton Parish Council

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## **MINUTES** **Of the** **Kirk Smeaton Parish Council Meeting** **Thursday 21 July 2022 at 6pm** **in the Community Room Kirk Smeaton School**

### **MINUTES**

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1. Attendance- Cllr Tricia Storey (Chair); Cllr Tony Lenc (Vice Chair)  
Cllrs: Barney Byfield; Carl Vitty; James Stephenson
2. There were no apologies
3. No members of the public were present
4. Minutes of the Village Annual Meeting held on 11th May were approved
5. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 11th May were approved
6. Matters arising from the Minutes of 11th May Annual Parish Council meeting
  - 6.1. The clerk reported that the sign on Hodge Lane had been erected and all residents were pleased with the result. The District Council has yet to reply to the query regarding a 30mph sign on Water Lane
  - 6.2. The lay-bys on Wentedge Road have been completed to a good standard and the PC is very pleased with the result. Cllr Stephenson is to contact the farmer who owns the land to the left of the A1 entry road to discuss the possibility of closing this gap and installing bollards.
  - 6.3. The debris has been removed from the field on Water Lane
  - 6.4. cPAD training has been arranged for Gala Day on 3rd September 2022. Clerk to send Cllr Vitty details of the contact for the History of the Railway for Gala Day.
  - 6.5. Cllr Byfield had some amendments to the Grievance Policy which the Clerk will amend. All other policies were noted to be in order and agreed.
  - 6.6. the bench on Wentedge Road has now been repaired, thank you to Cllr Stephenson.
  - 6.7. The initial report on the Affordable Housing survey was disappointing in that there were only 4 replies. The PC is to wait for the official report from Matthew Brown from SDC,
7. Raising Income - It was agreed to consider re-establishing the Wine Walk - there were 3 offers to host from members of the Council. Chair to contact the Chair of Little Smeaton to establish if they wish work together on this proposal. A date of 1st October was proposed.



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8. Rural Crime was discussed. The trend seems to be that the number of crimes in our area is going down. A Village update was agreed with Cllr Vitty offering to do the printing. Clerk to email the Chair of LS. The topics to be included: meetings attended; Police presence; CSW; Fly tipping; Friday night vandals. Future updates will be via the Village Facebook page and the Village WhatsApp Group.

### **9. Village Green and Village Matters**

- 9.1. Cllr Lenc reported on the Maintenance Contracts for The Green and the Village as a whole. It was proposed and agreed that future contacts for the Village grass cutting and maintenance would be annually, paid quarterly. Cllr Lenc to discuss this with our Contractor and walk the area to be worked. A volunteer work party is to be requested for current work on the Village Green - Cllr Lenc. The future contract for the Village Green will be discussed in September with a request for anyone interested to contact Cllr Lenc.
- 9.2. Christmas Trees - it was unanimously agreed to retain the Christmas Trees for the Village this year. It was agreed to advertise for sponsors for a cost of £50.
- 9.3. Official Thanks to Bernard Storey for all the plants in the planters and containers.
- 9.4. The proposal for Cameras on Wentedge and Long Lane was discussed at length. The suggestion of signage was also discussed. Cllrs Stephenson and Vitty to investigate the latest technology in Cameras and feed back to September's meeting.
- 9.5. CSW - it was agreed to carry out a speed watch on Wentedge Road on a Saturday in August.
- 9.6. School parking was again on the Agenda. After some lengthy discussion it was agreed to contact the school and offer our support. The following suggestions were made:
- a. Consultation with the School
  - b. Contact the bus company for support
  - c. Re-assessment of the double yellow line issue
  - d. Attendance of the community Police
  - e. 20mph speed limit round school
  - f. Bollards on the bends.
- 9.7. The Clerk has been informed that the sign for the pathway leading from Main Street is to be installed in the next financial year. The owner is to receive a letter to remove any debris.
- 9.8. The drinking fountain on Main Street is to be discussed next financial year.



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9.9. It was agreed that the Welcome letter was an excellent welcome to new residents. The Village Florist has offered to prepare a welcome bouquet which is a very generous offer.

### **10. Highways Matters**

10.1. The lay-by repairs on Wentedge Road have been successfully completed.

10.2. The sign on Hodge Lane is installed and the Clerk is still waiting to hear about the Water Lane 30 mph sign

10.3. The Fly-tipping on Middlefield Lane is causing concern. The Chair is to contact the two farmers whose fields about this tip to ask for assistance in its removal. Another avenue that will be explored is to contact Cllr John McCartney and a letter has already been sent to the PFCC asking for financial help.

10.4. Cllr Vitty - The recent power outage along Pinfold Lane and Wentedge Road was possibly caused by the weight of continued heavy vehicles over the cables. Enforcement of vehicle weight limit through village was discussed. The Clerk to contact Gary Lumb for new weight limit signs. Signage on Wentedge road possibly one sign just after the quarry entrance, one sign as you enter the village just before the first property and one sign on Pinfold Lane maybe just after the bend. The problems will also be discussed at the next meeting of the Quarry Liaison Committee.

### **11. Allotments and Cemetery**

11.1. The Parish Council would like to thank a local resident for the donation of £200 which has been received to help with the development of the Garden of Remembrance. It was agreed to continue the development in September/October. The Chair has offered to purchase the bench in remembrance of the Storey family.

11.2. All Allotment holders understand the need for the rent increase.

11.3. It was agreed to place an article in the Villages' Magazine regarding plots available and costs.

11.4. Discussion took place on the future plans with regard to new plots/allocation and reservation. It was resolved that as the availability of plots now stands at less than 18, the strategic way forward when the burial plots are used is that the allotments will be reduced. Markers will be used to identify all reserved plots.

### **12. Correspondence**

12.1. EV Charging - It was agreed that this was not a priority for the Council



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12.2. Safeguarding children. The Clerk is to forward the information to the School and the Community Room and advertise the web-site on our Facebook page.

### 13. Financial Matters

- 13.1. Payments: JRB £290.34; Lofthouse £75.84; Ink £7.49; Room Hire £40; Danny £160; Clerk Salary £600; 1st Impressions £2129; Ink £4.49; Yorkshire Water £50.52; Danny £305.00;
- 13.2. Income: - HMRC VAT £1276.05; Grass Cutting £18.27; Allotment rent £100 plus increase; Donation £10; Plot purchase £300; Land rent £50; Various extra cash for allotment rent increase; Plot purchase £300; £550 Cemetery plot and burial £550; Donation from TPK Data Solutions £200;
- 13.3. The accounts were agreed and signed off.
- 13.4. The surplus funds linked to the Brockadale Reserve just giving page - it was resolved that these funds (£415.32 after the £500 donation to the YWT for the barrier) will be held in the account and reviewed on a regular basis.

### 14. Planning Matters

- 14.1. 2022/0203/DOC Discharge of condition 03 (Materials) of planning permission 2021/0608HPA 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 at 21 Springfield Crescent, Kirk Smeaton.  
**Condition decision**
- 14.2. 2022/0270/TCA- **Permitted** - Application for consent for partial crown reduction of approx. 1m, crown thin approx. 10% and reducing 1 limb to 1no Willow tree and partial crown reduction of approx. 1m and crown thin by approx. 10% to 2no Willow trees at Church Cottage, Main Street, Kirk Smeaton
- 14.3. 2022/1072/HPA- Mr Ryan Moore Erection of 3 bay pitched roof garage and covered garden structure at Beechcroft, Went Edge Road, Kirk Smeaton - **Permitted**
- 14.4. 2022/0248/COU - Mr Andy Waller - Change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage (retrospective) at Walden Meadows, Pinfold Lane, Kirk Smeaton - **Permitted**



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- 14.5. 2022/0688/HPA - Andy Waller - Walden Meadows, Pinfold Lane, Kirk Smeaton. Extension to ground floor with new internal works and slight demolition works
- 14.6. 2022/0489/HPA - 27 Springfield Crescent, KS - Loft Conversion and side extension - **GRANTED**
- 14.7. 2020/0315/FUL - Barnsdale Bar. McDonald's coffee shop and drive thru - **GRANTED**
- 14.8. 2022/0817/AGN - Land east of Smeatley's Lane - erection of a Fertiliser storage tank. Apparently this is in Little Smeaton - not Kirk Smeaton
- 14.9. 2022/0770/HPA - To demolish existing conservatory and rebuild in the same position a sun lounge extension with tiled roof. The Old Mill, Water Lane, KS

**15. Any Other Business for information** - Quarry planning/Liaison Committee to be on all Agenda. A resident has offered wildflowers for our banking. A young lady wishes to discuss the possibility of an accessible library in the Village. Planning matters to be put on our Facebook page.

**16. Matters in Private** – Clerk's Contract of Employment/Job Description was discussed - hours of work were to be monitored and amended if necessary. Salary review every year.

**17. Date of next Meetings:** 29 September 2022