



Kirk Smeaton Parish Council

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Tricia Storey – Chair

MINUTES

Virtual Meeting

11 November 2020 at 6pm

MINUTES of the Kirk Smeaton Parish Council Meeting held virtually on 11 November 2020 at 6pm

1. Attendance – Cllr Tricia Storey – Chair

Cllrs: Tony Lenc; Elaine Bartlett; James Stephenson; Jayne Cooper

Clerk: Kate Bowden

Visiting Speaker: Alec Boyd - YWT

2. There were no apologies.

3. N/a

4. Declaration of Interests Cllr Bartlett with regard to the Gardener for the Village Green and Cllr Cooper with regard to Went Edge Quarry

5. **Living Went Project** – Alec Boyd from YWT gave a very interesting talk on the work of the YWT along the River Went and in Brockadale Nature Reserve. Alec is Team Leader with the YWT and is involved with the Living Went Project which includes Brockadale which he said was “made for wildlife and people”. He is also involved with the introduction of wooded habitat structures and also a project to help the Water Voles. There is a guardianship of the River Went project and also a Volunteer group who have been receiving training. Alec can be contacted on alec.boyd@YWT.org.uk

6. **Public Questions and Issues** – no member of the public was present

7. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 September 2020 were approved

8. Matters arising from the Minutes of 9 September Parish Council meeting

8.1. Risk Management amendments previously circulated were agreed.

8.2. Bulbs to be purchased on line as local garden centres were out of stock

8.3. A gardener has been appointed to look after the Village Green

8.4. Christmas tree brackets have been installed

8.5. Dog poop notices have been displayed – clerk to order a further 6 signs

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

All decisions were agreed by the Council

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10. **The government re-organisation – NYCC and SDC.** All communications have been sent to Cllrs for information. It was agreed that Councillors keep informed of both plans from SDC and NYCC.
11. **Selby Local Plan** – It was noted that the report to NYCC with regard to the Local Plan had been acknowledged and queries answered.
12. **Code of Conduct – further consultation by the Committee for Standards in Public Life (CSPL)** – Clerk to forward the NALC consultation document to Cllrs for feed back within a week. Clerk and Chair to report.
13. **Village Green and Village Matters**
 - 13.1. Safer Streets Project – this project has begun in Kirk Smeaton with many positive reports. The team will continue to see all applicants within the next 2/3 weeks.
 - 13.2. Land on Wentedge Road – Cllr Stephenson reported that he had been in contact with a Land Agent who had given advice to hold onto this land. The rental value potential may increase due to the A1 alterations. Cllr Stephenson to contact the Land Agent to check on the present rental value.
 - 13.3. The Boxing Day Hunt was discussed. Due to the very disturbing incidents which occurred last Boxing Day, Councillors agreed that the Police be asked to be present this year. The Chair agreed to contact the Police to request their presence.
 - 13.4. The Christmas trees which are a new venture for the Pc will be installed throughout the Village during November. It was agreed that Sponsorship will be sought next year with a note in the magazine when the PC has evaluated any comments made by residents.
 - 13.5. The erection of the Village Christmas tree was discussed. It was agreed that Cllr Bartlett forward the Clerk details of the procedure which is needed to source and erect the Christmas tree on the Village Green and to ask Mr Jackson if he can supply the tree. Cllr Lenc to co-ordinate a working party for the job and the Chair and Clerk to carry out a risk assessment.
 - 13.6. A proposal for Village outdoor gym was discussed and this was not supported.
 - 13.7. The successful bid to the AJ1 fund was discussed. The order has now been placed and Darren Griffiths contacted who will forward a legal agreement from NYCC. The Clerk has put forward concerns which will be dealt with as and when necessary.
14. **Highways Matters**
 - 14.1. Progress on Wentedge Road repairs – Gary Lumb has reported that the 284 agreement is still with the Developer’s solicitor. NYCC legal team is chasing this and has sent a further draft agreement.

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- 14.2. Progress on Water Lane Build out – Gary Lumb has reported that this will be completed before the end of the Financial year. (April 2021)
- 14.3. A complaint has been received from a concerned resident as to the safety of residents when walking on Pinfold Lane. This issue has been brought to the PCs attention previously and we have been informed that the 30mph sign cannot be moved owing to the lack of street lights. We have been informed that repairs to the pathway are in the current programme. It was requested that a mirror be installed at the corner to help residents to cross the road safely. Chair and Clerk to write to Highways.
15. **Allotments and Cemetery-** The Clerk reported on the recent Training Programme. This would be discussed further at the next meeting in January. An urgent issue is that the PC needs a policy regarding the repairs to existing monuments which have been laid down. Clerk to look into the costs of repair.
16. **Correspondence**
- 16.1. The proposal for Outdoor gym was discussed and not supported.
17. **Financial Matters**
- 17.1. The Budget for 2021/22 was discuss and it was agreed that the Precept for 2021/22 to remain the same and not be increased.
- 17.2. The Purchase of a Radar Gun was discussed and it was agreed to wait until the VAS had been installed to check on the efficacy throughout the Village and also when the restrictions due to the Covid Pandemic had been eased.
- 17.3. Cheques drawn/BACS payments: £280 Danny Curnow, September; £152.40 PAYE; £69.18 dog signs; £25 poppy appeal; £30 Seminar on Cemetery Management; Danny Curnow October £130
- 17.4. Monies paid in: Precept £3,956.97; £1.87 Wayleave
- 17.5. The Accounts for the period ending 30 October 2020 were agreed.
- 17.6. Update on Internet Banking applications – The Clerk reported that the Chair and Cllr Lenc have now received their internet banking details and Cllr Bartlett’s is still ongoing.
18. **Planning Matters**
- 18.1. 2020/0248/FULL Proposed facade treatments to existing barn and use for B8 (storage) purposes at Grange Farm, Pinfold Lane, Kirk Smeaton – **Permitted**

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- 18.2. 2020/0730/HEN House Extension Notification for a timber glazed orangery with glazed lantern at Wentedge House, Wentedge Road, Kirk Smeaton – **Refused**
- 18.3. 2020/0990/HPA - Proposed alteration and extension of an existing dwelling and replacement of existing domestic outbuilding. LOCATION: Hazelnut Cottage, Middlefield Lane, Kirk Smeaton
- 18.4. 2020/0845/TCA Permission **granted** for the felling of one Deodara Tree at 5 Manor Close.
- 18.5. 2020/1120/HPA – 24 Springfield Crescent, KS. Ground floor rear extension and render all walls.
- 18.6. Decision no: 2019/1031/HPA – Watermill Farm KS - Proposed erection of side and rear extensions and internal alterations – **Granted**
- 18.7. Decision no: 2020/0527/HPA - Erection of a garage following demolition of existing lean to – **Granted**
- 18.8. 2020/104/HEN – Orangery at Went Edge House KS - no prior approval required
- 18.9. Update on Wentedge Quarry application – it was confirmed that a new case officer – Stuart Perigo had been engaged to deal with the quarry application. The query with the trenching has been dealt with and resolved, the land has now been restored. The enquiry regarding the independent site visit is still ongoing.
19. **Any Other Business for information –**
- 19.1. The Clerk reported a further complaint regarding a van parked permanently on Wentedge Road. Chair to look into this.
- 19.2. A bollard has been knocked down outside a resident’s house. The Clerk reported this to NYCC and has had a call from Glen Donaldson from NYCC to say this will be replaced and as we adopted these, we may have to pay for the replacement. As a further 3 incidents have happened on the corner in question the Chair to liaise with the Clerk regarding further communications with NYCC regarding adopting the bollards.
- 19.3. The PC discussed the recent unsavoury and distasteful words used on the Smeaton’s WhatsApp Group site. The Council reflected how important the WhatsApp Group is as a method of communication and do not endorse any racist or unpleasant use.
20. **Matters in Private**
21. **Date of next Meeting: 13 January 2021 at 6pm**

Note: the minute numbering does not agree with the Agenda owing to a clerical error

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