



Kirk Smeaton Parish Council

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Tricia Storey – Chair

MINUTES

Virtual Meeting

9 September 2020 at 6pm

MINUTES of the virtual meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th September 2020 at 6pm via Skype.

1. Attendance and apologies for absence -
Cllr Tricia Storey – Chair; Cllr Tony Lenc – Vice Chair; Cllr Jayne Cooper; James Stephenson
Apologies: Cllr Elaine Bartlett
Kate Bowden - Clerk
2. Declaration of Interests – Cllr Cooper declared an interest regarding Wentedge Quarry
3. Co-opting a new Councillor – Mr James Stephenson was proposed by Cllr Storey and seconded by Cllr Lenc to be co-opted onto the Council with immediate effect. The Council welcomed Mr Stephenson to the Council.
4. **Public Questions and Issues – no member of the public was present**
5. The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 July 2020 were approved.
6. Matters arising from the Minutes of 8 July Parish Council meeting
 - 6.1. Web-site accessibility (Clerk) – At this point Cllr Colin Atkinson from LSPC joined the meeting and explained the regulations regarding web-site accessibility. He has worked closely with the Clerk to ensure that, as far as possible, the web-site is as compliant as possible. The web-site accessibility statement declares that it is partially compliant and the reasons why.
 - 6.2. Risk Management amendments – Clerk to email Cllrs with amendments for ratifying.
7. **Ratifying decisions made and money spent between meetings due to the Coronavirus Pandemic**
 - 7.1. £50 donation to the Sculpture Fund – was discussed and confirmed
 - 7.2. Funding to the AJ1 project of £2,500 – was discussed and confirmed
 - 7.3. Acting as conduit for £500 grant to Sculpture Fund – was discussed and confirmed.
Documentation received from NYCC regarding the £500 grant would be completed by Ms Vicky Green and/or Mrs Tricia Storey.

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8. **AJ1 Road Safety Fund bid and update** – Cllr Lenc and the Clerk informed the meeting of the project bid which was submitted in August and the PC had offered £2.500 as partial match funding towards the £6,000 requested. The decision would be made at the end of September.
9. **The government re-organisation – NYCC and SDC plans – Councillors’ views** were sought with regard to the proposed re-organisation of the NYCC and Selby District Council areas. The proposals are complex and contentious and it was agreed that Cllrs would glean as much information as possible in order to make an informed decision/recommendation.
10. **Village Green and Village Matters**
 - 10.1. The purchase of bulbs for planting on the Green and around the Village was discussed and it was agreed to a spend of £50 toward the purchase. Cllr Lenc and Clerk to arrange.
 - 10.2. The Whitley Ward £550,000 fund – Safer Streets Project was discussed. The Council has been informed that the take-up for the funds has been slow and were encouraged to ‘spread the word’ as much as possible. Clerk to order posters.
 - 10.3. The upkeep of the Village Green was discussed. The volunteers had made a sterling effort but it was agreed that a more permanent solution be found. It was agreed that Cllr Lenc and the Clerk advertise for a gardener for a few hours per week in Spring and Summer.
 - 10.4. It was noted that Nitrous Oxide Canisters had been found in our area and residents had been advised to report this to the local police.
 - 10.5. Danny Curnow has reported excessive dog poop throughout the Village. This problem was discussed and it was agreed that the Chair and Cllr Lenc would put together a narrative for the Magazine to name and shame culprits.
 - 10.6. Wayleave proposal (Clerk) – The PC is paid an amount of £1.87 per year for cables running over land it owns on Wentedge Road. The Clerk has discussed a 20-year payment to save time and money on both sides. The discussion went on further as to the amount of land the PC owns and the value of this land. Cllr Stephenson agreed to work with Cllr Bartlett to undertake an assessment and current value and report back to the November meeting.

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10.7. The Chair reported on a very enjoyable visit to 1st Impressions Open Day. Both the Chair and the Clerk attended at different times and were very impressed with their organisation. Three areas were discussed and agreed:

10.7.1. Safety – it was agreed to further the proposal for extra security chains on the hanging baskets in the most vulnerable parts of the village.

10.7.2. Colour Scheme – it was agreed to have a blue/yellow/white colour scheme for the baskets for 2021

10.7.3. The proposal for Christmas decorations was agreed. These would be in the form of small real, lit Christmas Trees attached to brackets. The Chair and Clerk to walk the village to ascertain numbers. The cost is £38 per tree with a one-off cost of £35 per bracket.

10.8. Cleaning reeds etc from the River Went. Residents have reported that the River is choked and has never been as bad. As a result, the Chair of LSPC who is herself a riparian owner is to undertake the arrangement of the clearing, with the consent of all riparian owners through the Village.

11. Highways Matters

11.1. The repairs to Wentedge Road were once again discussed. This item is to be carried forward to the November Agenda.

12. Allotments and Cemetery

12.1. The email from a resident re Monument tracing and transcription was discussed. After a vote, it was agreed that we would not pursue this matter at the present time. It was agreed that we would lay any unsafe headstones down as long as this was in accordance with Health and Safety. Cllr Lenc to liaise with Danny Curnow regarding this issue.

12.2. The Clerk has received a complaint regarding damage to the bottom plinth on a gravestone. This matter has been successfully concluded and the owner of the grave is satisfied.

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- 12.3. Allotment news: 2 allotments are to become free. One immediately and one in the Spring of 2021. A new resident is to take over 3a and the outgoing tenant has agreed to leave all remaining equipment etc for the new tenant. Clerk to advertise the 2nd allotment.

13. Correspondence

- 13.1. The Clerk has been advised of the theft of the whole box of dog poop bags from Water Lane. Clerk to obtain the Reg No of the vehicle and report to the police.

14. Financial Matters

- 14.1. Cheques drawn: D Curnow £260 July; £500 online to Sculpture Fund (NYCC Grant); on-line £50 Sculpture Fund; on-line HMRC £152.48; D Curnow £185 June; D Curnow £260 July; £7.99 HP ink
- 14.2. Monies paid in: £1.87 Wayleaves from Northern Powergrid; £18.27 grass cutting allowance
- 14.3. The Accounts for the period ending 31st August 2020 were agreed.
- 14.4. The role of Internet Banking was discussed. It was agreed that this is the way forward with security in place. Relevant forms from Lloyds bank were being completed to assist in this matter. The Council agreed that the Clerk could pay for any goods/services below the amount of £50 without further authority.

15. Planning Matters

- 15.1. 2020/0730/HEN – Wentedge House, Wentedge Road, Kirk Smeaton. House Extension Notification for a timber glazed orangery with glazed lantern on traditional built cavity walls extending 6 metres to rear, 3.9 metres to ridge and 3 metres to eaves. The felling of trees was discussed at this point and concluded that unless a preservation order existed then our hands were tied.
- 15.2. 2020/0845/TCA 5 Manor Close, Kirk Smeaton. Application for the felling of Cedrus Deodara Tree.
- 15.3. NY/2019/0002/ENV – Wentedge Quarry further update. No date has been received regarding the Planning Meeting for Wentedge Quarry further extension.

16. Any Other Business for information

17. Matters in Private

18. Date of next Meeting: 11 November at 6pm

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