



Kirk Smeaton Parish Council

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Tricia Storey – Chair

MINUTES of the Virtual Meeting

8 July 2020

MINUTES of Kirk Smeaton Parish Council meeting held virtually using Skype on Wednesday 8 July 2020 at 6.00 pm.

1. Attendance and apologies for absence:

Present: Cllr Tricia Storey (Chair); Cllr Tony Lenc (Vice Chair); Cllr Elaine Bartlett. Cllr Cooper was unable to connect to the meeting. A member of the public who wished to attend was unable to connect to the meeting.

2. There were no Declarations of Interests

3. **Public Questions and Issues** – no members of the public were present.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17 June 2020 were approved

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

5.1. Cllr Bartlett reported that Father Adrian had confirmed the church was still closed until a thorough cleaning and assessment had been carried out. A further meeting will be held later.

5.2. Web-site accessibility – Cllr Lenc reported that he had been unable to contact Craig and would attempt to speak to him asap.

5.3. The Risk Management Scheme was approved

5.4. Risk Assessment for Allotment/Cemetery (Covid-19) – Cllrs agreed that the PC is fully compliant.

5.5. Gary Lumb informed the PC that the build out was on hold due to the Pandemic and he was to discuss the progress of repairs to Wentedge Road with the relevant officer of the Council.

6. **Climate Action** – Environment Group – It was agreed to put this item on the January Agenda

7. **Discuss the AJ1 Road Safety Fund** – Discussion took place regarding the AJ1 Road Safety Fund. Cllr Bartlett put forward a suggestion to apply for VAS for the Village. This was supported. It was agreed that suggestions from residents would be requested on the Facebook page and the Web-site. Chair and Clerk to liaise.

SignedTrician Storey (Chair)

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8. Village Green and Village Matters

- 8.1. Sculpture at The Shoulder – A community sculpture is being prepared to reflect the level of kindness during the Pandemic by Mark and Gez and their team. The sculpture will be a tree representing growth, nourishment and rebirth with 2 sheep underneath. Mark and Gez are to refurbish the land at the back of the car park. Workshops are to be held. A bank account is to be agreed to gain funding for the project. This project is totally independent of the Parish Council.
- 8.2. Weeding on the Village Green. It was agreed that Cllr Lenc would put a message on the Village WhatsApp asking for volunteers to help with the weeding on the Village Green. The PC would like to thank Iain Cockerham for his invaluable work keeping the Village Green looking good. The loose grass cuttings were mentioned. Cllr Lenc to discuss with Danny Curnow.
- 8.3. Discussion took place regarding the dead fish found in the river. Approximately 70 dead fish have been found on our stretch of the River Went from the viaduct down. This is of great concern to residents and the PC. Cllr Storey has been in touch with the Environment Agency and YWT. The Environment Agency visited 2 weeks ago and took samples from above the viaduct. These samples were clear. Further reports of dead and distressed fish have been received this week and the incident has now been escalated. The PC has requested further sampling of the river water. If anyone sees further evidence of dead or distressed fish ***please take photographs if possible and report at once to the Environment Agency on: 0800 807060 or direct to Ben Bishop, area officer on 020 30259178*** Messages will be put on our Facebook page and Web-site.

9. Allotments and Cemetery

- 9.1. The Clerk informed the meeting that a H & S inspection was carried out 2nd July on the monuments in the Cemetery. 6 monuments were found to be loose and a danger. The difficulty of tracing relatives was discussed. Relatives of 2 of the monuments in question have been contacted. It was agreed to lay down any dangerous headstones where relatives cannot be traced and put labels on the others.

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10. Correspondence

10.1. **The YLCA** advice regarding decision making under Covid 19 was discussed. It was agreed that the PC is compliant.

11. Financial Matters

11.1. Cheques drawn: Clerk's Salary £600; Hanging Baskets £1980; the Clerk mentioned that Tax/NI had not been paid as no information had been received from HMRC.

12. Planning Matters

12.1. 2020/0628/HPA - Erection of detached "green" timber carport LOCATION: Millstones, 7 Went Edge Road, Kirk Smeaton

12.2. 2020/0466/HEN – House extension notification – prior approval not required.

12.3. NY/2019/0002/ENV – Wentedge Quarry update. Although not confirmed, the Planning Application may be heard on 30 July but definitely not 21st. Felicity will be completing her report this week. It is hoped that the Gale Common application will be heard on the same day as issues overlap. For information: 185 comments have been received by NYCC and the majority were against this Planning Application.

13. **Any Other Business for information.** The Clerk informed the PC that there had been interest shown in the vacancy on the Council by one resident.

14. Matters in Private

15. **Date of next Meeting: 9 Sept 6pm**

SignedTrician Storey (Chair)

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