



MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 28th September 2020 at 7.30pm

Present:

Parish Councillors: Cllr Curry (Chair); Cllr Marshall; Cllr Herbert; Cllr Capel; Cllr Robinson
District & County Councillors: Cllr Less; Cllr Barningham; Cllr Wilkinson; Cllr Noone
Others: S Nicholson (Clerk/RFO); Residents 2

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	<p>Public Session No questions or issues raised.</p>
10.	<p>Welcome and Apologies The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30pm. No apologies</p> <p>The Chair thanked everyone for attendance to this our very first virtual meeting.</p>
11.	<p>To Receive any Declarations of Business Interests by Elected Members There were no declarations of business.</p>
12.	<p>Covid-19 The Clerk reported that Covid-19 bulletins from Cllr Wilkinson at NYCC and The White Rose from YLCA are being cascaded to members to ensure we are compliant with current government regulations. The Chair stated that this was why the decision had been taken to resume meetings but virtually as per the guidance provided.</p>
13.	<p>To Approve & Sign the Minutes of the Meeting 27th July 2020 That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 27th July 2020 having been circulated to all members were read, approved and signed by the Chair.</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p><u>1.Matters Arising not on Agenda</u></p> <p>127 External Sector Reports Trading Standards – The clerk had provided before the meeting the following details to Councillors regarding the contact with Trading Standards who had stated that the initial action of residents should be to contact the police on 101 who would then refer to them if they felt it necessary. They also stated that a number of scams are running in the area and they are liaising with the police to resolve these.</p>
14.	<p>Parish Councillor / Clerk Issues</p> <p>1. <u>Vacancy</u> The Chair stated that at present there was two vacancies on the parish. The discussion was around trying to encourage residents from Londonderry and Exelby to participate. The parish decided to actively try and find a residents from both areas who would be willing to stand as a parish councillor.</p>

	<p>2. <u>New Councillors</u> See Above</p> <p>3. <u>Clerks Appraisal</u> The Chair stated that this had been due in April and wanted to complete the task asap. The Chair requested a Councillor to assist in this and Cllr Marshall agreed.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to add to obtain suitable dates for all participates to complete the appraisal.</p>
15)	<p>External Sector Reports</p> <p>1. <u>Police Report</u> The Police had sent the report but had also sent apologies because they were unable to attend due to other matters. The Clerk read and shared the report with everyone.</p> <p>2. <u>District Council Report</u> Cllr MB gave the meeting the following verbal report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hambleton DC was investing approx. £341K in the Leisure Culture within the District and of that approx. £134K was being allocated on refurbishing Bedale Leisure Centre. • At present HDC are in the middle of consultations about the next budget. Details of this can be seen on their Website. • The first Planning meeting had been organised since lockdown for the 15th October. • Cllr MB informed the meeting on HDC view on the unitary re-organisation. The preferred option by them would be a two area scheme encompassing a West and East split. However, due to the current pandemic this issue is not moving forward very quickly. <p>3. <u>County Council Report</u> Cllr AW gave the meeting the following verbal report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The County are encouraging everyone to watch the NYCC briefing on re-organisation which is on the NYCC Website. The County's stance is that we are stronger together as one council. A briefing by Richard Flinton CEO of NYCC is available on the Website. • Confirmed that the Council has adequate supplies of PPE. • Encourage locals to buy locally.. • The community Support network for those in need is still available. • Can offer help with Zoom meetings from Stronger Together Organisation. <p>Cllr CL gave the meeting the following verbal report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed with the District that the re-organisation has slowed this was due to the second phase of the pandemic. The rise in the current local Covid-19 cases is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craven 83/100k • Hambleton 37/100k • The parish was made aware of a number of Covid-19 cases that are breaking out at schools causing classes at schools to self-isolate. This is being monitored by Public Health England.

16)	<p>Parish Council Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Road Safety Grant</u> The Clerk confirmed that an Application had been sent in and dependant on the outcome the parish would work with various sectors to ensure the design required and safety of the triangle at Londonderry is maintained. The outcome is not expected until late Oct / Nov. 2. <u>Crow Wood</u> The Chair provided information to the meeting about the problems that had arisen during Lockdown. It appeared that some adults were using the area as an unofficial Trials Bike track and made deep runs in the wood. In recent weeks some children have also starting to use it as a mountain bike area. The main issues are around safety and insurance that the parish may be held responsible for any accidents. The councillors discussed a number of approaches including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handing the land back to HDC • Trying to arrange a third party like Stronger Communities NYCC to assist the parish on how this piece of land could be maintained. <p>Action: Clerk to contact both HDC and Stronger Communities to try and get some ideas about how this land could be best utilised and by whom.</p> 3. <u>Sycamore Road</u> The Chair outlined the ongoing issue of the path that is dangerous and is outside elderly / disabled bungalows. The Clerk stated she had contacted Highways twice without a response. Action: Cllr AW requested the clerk send her the details so she could take this up with Highways 4. <u>Flower Tubs</u> The Chair stated that residents who sponsor the planters in the Parish need to be aware the contribution of £30 is now due and should be sent either to herself or directly to the clerk. 5. <u>Foot path out of Leeming</u> The clerk had investigated this issue with NYCC Footpaths and had circulated a comprehensive email from them detailing that the stiles are suitable for humans and that there is no requirement for them to be dog friendly. However, a councillor suggested that perhaps we should approach the landowner and express the concerns of some residents to see if they were willing to adapt the stiles or work with the Parish Council on this matter. Action: Clerk to get cost of dog friendly stile Clerk to write to the land owners with the parish suggestion that they work together on this project.
17)	<p>Planning</p> <p>All applications are being sent directly to member when they are received. Obviously due to the virus things are very slow.</p>
18)	<p>Playgrounds</p>

	The Clerk stated that no inspection had been done recently. Cllr CC stated she would speak to the Play Equipment Inspector and get this organised.
19)	<p>Grass Cutting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exelby road near bridge hedge cut had been cut without having to contact the Land owner <p>Action: Clerk to forward a letter to Mark Samson to thank him for his prompt action on the hedge.</p>
20)	<p>Highways VAS</p> <p>The Clerk stated that she had been approached by Aiskew Leeming Bar PC to see if the parish was willing to work alongside them in purchasing and covering the cost of maintenance on a shared VAS. Cllr AW also stated if both parishes are considering purchasing a VAS sign she would be happy to support us from her Locality Budget.</p> <p>Action: Report to Askew Leeming Bar PC and to get some details from Darren at NYCC how the maintenance part of the scheme would work and costings in getting the VAS moved and serviced.</p>
21)	<p>Financial Matters - To consider and make payments on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Mandate Signature</u> The Chair stated that due to death and illness of councillors the parish had been left with only one signature on the bank account which was obviously not advisable but had been accepted by the bank due to the exceptional circumstances. The Chair request councillors to agree in becoming signatures. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Margaret Curry Claire Capel Olive Robinson Alison Marshall <p>Action: Clerk to arrange a new Bank Mandate asap.</p> <u>Payments Due</u> The Clerk shared the current payment and bank details to the meeting. The Clerk also stated that today she had been notified that the second part of the Precept amounting to £4.5K had been deposited which was obviously not in the figures shown. Resolved all payments to be made.
22)	AOB / Correspondence
	<p>Next meeting was closed at 8.30pm The next meeting will be via Zoom on Monday 26th October 2020 to commence at 7.30 pm.</p>

Signed by Chair:

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