



MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 26th October 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 J Noone

Others: S Nicholson (Clerk/RFO); Residents 1

Ref 20/21

Detail

Public Session

No questions or issues raised.

23. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

The Chair thanked everyone for attendance to this meeting.

24. To Receive any Declarations of Business Interests by Elected Members

There were no declarations of business.

25. Covid-19

The Clerk reported that NYCC was still at Tier 1 with updates from Cllr AW. Parishes have been encouraged to remain having virtual meeting.

26. To Approve & Sign the Minutes of the Meeting 28th September 2020

That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 28th September 2020 having been circulated to all members were read, approved and signed by the Chair.

Resolved

27. Parish Councillor / Clerk Issues

1. Vacancy

The Chair stated that last month the parish stated that there were two vacancies and they wanted to encourage residents from Londonderry and Exelby to become involved as councillors.

The Chair had received an application from Angela Bowes who regular attended the meetings before Covid-19 and has continued to join us on Zoom. She is a resident of Londonderry. The Chair asked if all Councillors agreed and they all thoughts she would be an asset to the parish.

Parish will continue to seek another resident for the vacancy that remains.

Action: Clerk to collect information and send Hambleton District Council (HDC) paperwork to AB to complete.

2. Clerks Appraisal

The Chair stated that this had been completed and a copy had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. The only issue was when we employed the clerk we agreed, subject to her work being satisfactory she would be paid on the LC2 substantive bench mark range. At present her top scale would be 25, which is below substantive range. The proposal is that the clerk's rate is in line with her other level of pay. Also payment to be back dated to April 1st because Appraisal could not be completed due to the pandemic.

Agreed that the clerk is paid at the agreed level for her expertise with the top scale rate of 28.

Action:

Clerk to send information to Accountants and copy in Chair

28) External Sector Reports

1. Police Report

The Police report had been circulated before the meeting.

Question Cllr OR: there are some concerns within the village on youths knocking and ringing doorbells of elderly residents late at night?

Answer: The Police are aware of this and are trying to do foot patrols in the areas whenever possible.

Question Chair: I understand that there have been a number of ASBO incidents in Brompton and Bedale are we getting the back lash from that?

Answer: There has been some incidents with a large number of youths having been reported roaming in areas but we think we are now managing this situation.

2. District Council Report

Cllr MB reported on the following:

- a) The Unitary changes continue with Districts proposing two area East and West
- b) Schedule Process – Initial documents 1/11/20
– Final paperwork 9 /12/20
- c) Implementation date will vary dependant on which scheme the Government Minister decides on and could be implemented in 2021 if one authority or 2022 if the two area proposal are chosen.
- d) Bedale Leisure Centre has had problem over the weekend with an issue in the pool and it will be another 4 or 5 days before the temp is back to normal.
- e) The Planning meeting / consultation on the 85 houses in Aiskew that was on the 15/10 has now been rescheduled for the 29/10.
- f) Contractors have been agreed for the new Crematorium.

3. County Council Report

Cllr AW gave the following verbal report:

- a) NYCC is still under Tier 1 (Medium) with being subject to the rule of 6 and everyone remembering Hand Face Space. NYCC doing everything to reduce the figures in areas that are still of concern. Some districts are low (Ryedale) but others districts numbers are still increasing (Craven). The authority is looking at the figures from the whole of the county and averaging them out to try and remain in Tier 1.
- b) NYCC schools are attaining attendance above 90% and teachers are going above and beyond to ensure our children are being taught.
- c) There are a number of permanent Testing sites – details on the NYCC Website

- d) Community Support sectors are still working hard.
- e) NYCC is promoting the single unitary council.

29) Parish Council Reports

1. Road Safety Grant

The Clerk Stated that she has not had communication regarding the application, but it was not expected until late Oct / Nov.

2. Crow Wood

The Chair requested if we had received any communication from HDC, Stronger Communities or the Insurance.

The Clerk stated that she had received emails from HDC about the previous issues in the wood but nothing about handing the lease back. There had not been a response from Stronger Communities and due to the lack of response the Insurance Company had not been contacted yet.

Action:

Please contact all parties again. Agreed to copy in Cllr AW to county issues.

3. Sycamore Road

The Clerk stated that the response originally from Highways was not favourable. However Cllr AW stated that Highways had agreed to look at profiling the pavement but obviously this may take some time due to the cost and work scheduling. The Chair stated that there is also an issue with the refuse truck usually mounting the pavement in that area.

Action:

Clerk to email Area 2 and HDC regarding refuse truck issues.

4. Foot path out of Leeming

The Clerk had located and costed a dog friendly style which had been circulated. The Parish Councillors had a long discussion on the landowner's responsibility, rights of way and also which style should be replaced if possible.

The final option was that the 2nd style leaving the compound that need replacing first. Agreed that we offer to replace at a 50 /50 cost to Landowner if they are agreeable.

The Clerk stated she had written to the land owner but had not had a response.

Action:

Clerk and Cllr FH to work together and write again to the land owners with the parish suggestion that they work together on this project.

30) Planning

The Chair stated she was pleased that the refusal of the gate at Prest House and they had quickly changed that back.

31) Playground

The Clerk made the councillors aware that an injury had been reported on the spinning apparatus on the park due to the ground being very slippery. The clerk arranged with a contractor to clean the tarmac area urgently, on Health and Safety grounds.

Cllr CC stated that the inspections had started again and she would request that ground maintenance was included during the inspection.

Agreed that the clerk would be notified when the area need cleaning again.

32) **Grass Cutting**
No issues expect the parish had still not had an invoice from Colin Brown who did Contract 1.

Action:
Clerk to write to C. Brown and request invoice.

33) **Highways**
VAS
The Clerk stated that she had spoken to Aiskew Leeming Bar PC who are willing to go 50/50. The only remaining issue is how we actually or who we get to move the VAS around and how and where they would be installed.

A councillor suggested speaking to Chris McGee at Crakehall and Langthorne Parish Council as they have purchased one and do move it around.

Action:
Clerk to email C McGee and get a quote for maintenance.

34) **Financial Matters** - To consider and make payments on the following:

1. Mandate Signature
Completed except for final signatures.

Action:
Clerk to drop at Chair and Councillors involved will arrange to get it signed.

2. Accounts / Budget
The current status in the bank is £17684.28. A draft budget to be sent to Councillors and added to the next meeting.

3. CIL Payments
A discussion was on how the money should be spent. The clerk advised that this was a ring fenced amount for community benefit. Possible use on the Dog Style or Planters

4. Payments Due
Payment due amounted to £1214.10.

Clerk / RFO Wages	164.20
HMRC	41.00
Grass Cutting	645.00
T P Jones	53.10
WJPS Admin	310.80

Resolved all payments to be made

35) **AOB / Correspondence**

1. Video Policy
The clerk requested that under the present pandemic circumstances it would be beneficial and wise for the parish to have a Video Conferencing Policy in place.

Action:
Clerk to forward a draft policy for councillors to read and add item to the next agenda.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

**The next meeting will be via Zoom on
Monday 29th November 2020 to commence at 7.30 pm.**

Signed by Chair:

Dated:.....