

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22nd February 2021 at 7.30pm

Present:

Parish Councillors: Cllr Curry (Chair); Cllr Marshall; Cllr Capel; Cllr Bowes: Cllr Temple

District & County Councillors: Cllr Les; Cllr Barningham; Cllr Wilkinson: Cllr J Noone

Others: S Nicholson (Clerk/RFO)

Item Ref Detail

67) Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30pm.and welcomed Cllr Temple to her first parish meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Apologies received from:

- Cllr F Herbert
- Cllr O Robinson
- 68) Public Session

No residents present.

69) To Receive any Declarations of Business Interests by Elected Members

There were no declarations of business.

70) Covid-19

The Clerk reported that a statement today made by the Prime Minister means things are changing and recommend that we all check the NYCC Website which is undated regular to ensure we continue to comply with government guidelines.

71) To Approve & Sign the Minutes of the Meeting 25th January 2021

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 25th January 2021 had been circulated to all members.

Minutes Proposed as correct – Claire Capel Seconded – Alison Marshall Approved by all parish councillors. RESOLVED

Matters Arising:

All matters were on the agenda to be discussed

72) Parish Councillor / Clerk Issues

No issues

73) External Sector Reports

1. Police Report

The Police report had been circulated before the meeting.

The police stated that the crime this month was down with very little to report.

Question: The main issue appears to be drug related and are we experiencing an increase in this area?

Answer: No we have drug related issues in every area but we are developing and targeting these issues more which is why the numbers are up.

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2. District Council Report

Cllr JN and Cllr MB reported on the following:

- 1. HDC had decided not to increase their portion of the Council Tax but NYCC & Police Commission may have had more pressures on their budgets.
- 2. The collection of the green bin is due to restart on the 23rd Feb.
- 3. Payment for Green Bin recycle collection is available at £40pa.
- 4. HDC have launched a Helping Support Local Business. It is focused on helping small business with workshops, social media, holidays and basically getting those business back on track after Covid.

3. County Council Report

- Reflected on 11 months into the pandemic with sadly over 1000 deaths in North Yorkshire. We are seeing rates fall but still need to be vigilant. Community Support Organisations (CSO's) continue across NYCC - local voluntary organisations.
- We are still involved with the Free School Meal for vulnerable children. Winter Grant Scheme. Food voucher payments given to children who receive Free School Meals. Extended through Easter. Also the NYLAF North Yorkshire Local Assistance Fund available for those who are struggling. (Emergency food and utility vouchers.)
- 3. Vaccinations for over 65 -70 has started this week and we are encouraging everyone to participate.
- 4. Highways are working hard to keep the road clear after the bad weather, enabling residents to attend both the testing and vaccination sites.
- 5. NYCC are requesting any old IT equipment can be donated to them and they will recycle wherever possible to children in need of IT equipment. Consultation starts next week with government officials and all residents of NYCC regarding how local Government will be delivered for York and North Yorkshire in the future
- The phase 4 of the Superfast Broad band is up and running list on NYCC website.
- 7. NYCC has been hard hit due to Covid and will have to increase C.Tax: Basic Council Tax increase 1.99% Adult and Social Care increase 1,5% This equates to an increase of approx. £48 for a Band D house.

74) Parish Projects Projects

Londonderry Triangle Project

The Chair stated a Zoom meeting had taken place with Stuart Grimston from NYCC and a very frank discussion had taken place regarding why the cost could rise to £70-80K rather than the £20K that was original advised. The reason being related to possible utilities that may be hit belonging to the MOD which for security reason no one knows about. The Chair gave a verbal report of the meeting. During that meeting an alternative solution was proposed that a TRO was adopted on the left hand lane approaching Dere Street. This would mean only heavy goods vehicles, farm tractors and Buses could use that lane and it would be monitored by the police. SG stated this may be a solution and would work on this to see if it possible.

The Chair stated the meeting was productive with everyone present indicating this was a good solution and would be happy with that outcome.

The Chair asked for councillors opinions with everyone indicating this seemed a good compromise. The Chair then suggested that in view of the change in direction of this project the request for funds from HDC MAD Grant should now be withdrawn.

AGREED

Action: Clerk to inform HDC withdrawal of the MAD Application

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2. <u>VAS</u>

The Clerk stated that the quote had been received and requested confirmation that she should take steps to purchase the equipment.

AGREED

3. Defibulators

The Clerk confirmed that the process to purchase and install was now in place and the only reason for the delay was due to Lockdown. To be completes asap.

75) Parish Council Reports

1. Crow Wood

The Clerk stated she no further information from Lisa Wilson at this stage.

Action: Clerk to chase and add to next Agenda

2. Footpath out of Leeming – Dog Stiles

A letter had been sent and were awaiting a response.

Action: Chair to approach Cllr FH who knows Mr B, Clerk to add to next agenda

76) Planning

1. 21/00187/MBN – App to determine if approval required for agriculture to dwellings Melgoats, Exelby. **Delegated Decision**

The Councillors had a long and frank discussion about this application with a number of different views being expressed. The outcome was that the parish would support the application on the conditions that private access and rights of way where not compromised.

AGREED

2. 20/02373/OUT – Outline app for construction of 2nd dwelling The Old Forge, Exelby **Granted**

77) Playground

Nothing to report.

78) Grass Cutting

Nothing to report.

79) Highways

Nothing more to add.

80) Financial Matters

1. <u>Accounts</u>

The Clerk gave a verbal report of the monthly accounts and payments due.

Accounts

Opening Amount Current A/C	£19363.46
Business Premium Account	£5370.08
Business Premium Account (Canadian Reserve)	£2919.67
Outstanding Cheques	£100.50

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Payments

 Clerk Wages + Zoom
 £204.44

 HMRC
 £47.40

 Braithwaite's
 £150.00

Current Trading Balance

£18861.12

81) AOB / Correspondence

Dog Bin request bottom of Exelby Village
 The Chair did state that it appears a Dog bin would be beneficial.
 All the Councillors agreed

Action: Clerk to contact HDC Street Services to seek cost. If around £350 to proceed.

- 2. Trees Exelby
 - a) Tree on the small triangle is not the responsivity of the parish with no action
 - b) The Clerk had previously sent information to the householders at The Elms advising them that they needed to submit the application to HDC.

Action: Clerk to resend information again

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Meeting closed at 8.35pm

The next meeting will be via Zoom on Monday 29th March 2021 to commence at 7.30 pm.

Signed by Chair:	Dated:
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