

# MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 26th April 2021 at 7.30pm

#### Present:

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

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

Others: S Nicholson (Clerk/RFO), Police Representative

Item Ref Detail 21/22

## 1) Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30pm.and welcomed everyone for their attendance. Apologies received from:

- Cllr F Herbert
- Cllr O Robinson
- Cllr Barningham;
- 2) Public Session

No residents present.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

4) Covid-19

The Chair recommend that we continued to check the NYCC Website which is updated on a regular basis.

5) To Approve & Sign the Minutes of the Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 had been circulated to all members.

Minutes Proposed as correct after amendments – CIIr C Capel Seconded – CIIr A Bowes RESOLVED and Approved by all parish councillors present

#### **Matters Arising:**

All matters were on the agenda to be discussed.

## 6) Parish Councillor / Clerk Issues

1. Code of Conduct

The Clerk stated she had sent the updated version of the Code of Conduct. A councillor commented that the Code of Conduct, the document stated councillors should undertake training provided by their LA, please can we investigate the provision of training by the LA?

Action: Clerk to seek training possibilities with YLCA, HDC and NYCC on Code of Conduct.

Add to next month's Agenda

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2. A councillor raised an issue relating to moles that are causing problems in Londonderry. The Chair stated that unfortunately our usual mole catcher is not available.

## Action: Clerk to seek an alternative person and get a quote

## **External Sector Reports**

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## 1. Police Report

The Police report had not been circulated as it was received on Sunday evening. The Clerk stated she would forward to councillors asap. The Clerk read out the number of cases advised from the police.

The Police wanted to make the parish and residents aware of some suspicious incidents that have been occurring within Leeming Bar, Aiskew and Leeming village where an individual had been caught on CCTV trying car doors and stealing items where the car had not been locked. This was happening in the early hours of the morning.

### 2. <u>District Council Report</u>

Cllr JN reported on the following:

- 1. HDC had been successful in negotiating with Sunderland and York Universities to have HUB of excellence set up in the new Treadmill Centre in Northallerton. This will mean better higher education facilities within the area.
- 2. HDC are still agreed that the correct reorganisation restructure should be what the present status quo is. If the government insist on change HDC preferred option would be where the least job losses occur.

#### 3. County Council Report

Cllr AW reported the following:

- North Yorkshire residents without access to computers who wish to pay tribute to HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh, are encouraged to visit their local library where a National book of condolence is open for people to share their messages on <a href="https://www.royal.uk">www.royal.uk</a>
- Residents can book appointments to use the public computers, staff are on hand to offer assistance. Services and opening hours will vary between libraries, so prior to visiting customers should check with their library by calling 01609 533800 or visit www.northyorks.gov.uk/library-and-record-office-services-duringcoronavirus-covid-19
- 3. Vaccination Programme. People aged over 45 are now being contacted. First use of the Modena vaccine in the County. If not had the vaccine and now wish to please contact your local NHS.
- 4. Free lateral flow tests available to everyone without symptoms. See NYCC website collected or posted.
- 5. List of all testing sites on NYCC website, new site at Catterick.
- 6. Please continue to support our local businesses 900+ listed online.
- 7. Louise Wallace confirmed as the Director of Public Health, after covering for the last few months. Role expanded to include Health Integration, Engagement, and Governance with Health and Adult Services.
- 8. Consultation regarding the future of Outdoor Learning in North Yorkshire. Schools, teachers, young people, members of the public and other organisations invited.

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- 9. Our archives and records office will be reopening from the 27<sup>th</sup> April, staff during lockdown have been cataloguing and providing access to even more historical documents from across the county.
- 10. LED Streetlights Programme.

The replacement streetlights over 50,000. are all fitted with energy saving LED lamps. These lamps are greener, save energy and reduce our carbon footprint. Saving money of around £1.2million a year. The programme has been delivered 2 years earlier and around £5million under budget.

11. Finally, the government led consultation on local government reorganisation in the county has now closed. The next stage is now for government to analyse our proposal for a single unitary council covering the county and the alternative proposal of splitting the county area into 2 councils on an East/West basis. The government will also have to consider all of the responses before finally coming to a conclusion. Probably July.

## 8) Parish Projects

## **Projects**

#### 1. Londonderry Triangle Project

The Clerk stated that she recently had a response from Stuart Grimstone regarding another meeting. The dates from the Chair and Cllr AW have been received and the meeting will be arranged asap.

## Action: The Clerk to organise the meeting

2. <u>VAS</u>

The Clerk stated that the VAS has been ordered with delivery being imminent.

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.

#### 9) Parish Council Reports

1. Crow Wood

The Clerk had just received information from Cllr KT regarding Jeff Cox.

Action: Clerk to contact Jeff Cox to resolve the issue in Crow Wood.

#### 2. Footpath out of Leeming - Dog Stiles

The Chair outlined that the Clerk had sent letters to Mr Barker and Miss Boulton and a response had been received from the later.

The following issues had been raised:

- a) If the parish install the stile do they intend maintaining it?
- b) Would the Parish also be refurbishing the fence at the same site and maintaining that?

The Councillors discussed both questions and unanimously agreed on the following

- a) They would install and maintain the stile.
- b) They would not be responsible for the fence at that site.

The other issue raised was the amount of dog excrement along the bridle path.

Action: Clerk to arrange completion of the work with letters being sent to Mr B and Miss B when the work is to be completed Clerk to seek assistance from the Dog Warden regarding fouling.

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## 3. Dog Bin

The Clerk confirmed that the Dog Bin had been sited. Cllr KT said she could confirm the bin was in place and is being used.

## 10) Planning

The Chair stated that an urgent issue had arisen since the last meeting regarding the possible work of building a Livery stable on the land next to the playground on Mill Lane. The Councillors also stated potential increase in and type of traffic would be a concern to residents of the lane and a safety issue for users of the play area

The Clerk had been notified and had sought assistance regarding this matter from Planning at HDC. They stated they had no knowledge about this but intended sending an Enforcement Officer to investigate who would keep the parish informed. The Clerk stated that information from that should be with the parish by the end of this week.

A councillor stated that the offer to house horses was being put on Facebook.

The Chair continued by stating the use of the road which is a bridle path is not suitable for the number of vehicles that may want to then use that road.

Action: Clerk to monitor and add to next agenda.

#### 11) Financial Matters

#### 1. Accounts

The Clerk reported that the amount sent out were as on the summary but was seeking to add one more item which was the invoice for payment from HDC for the Exelby Dog Bin.

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Opening Amount Current A/C	£18491.58
Business Premium Account	£5370.21
Business Premium Account (Canadian Reserve)	£2919.74
Outstanding Cheques	£584.90

**Payments** 

Clerk Wages + Yearly Expenses	£190.05
HMRC	£47.40
Insurance BHIB	£551.38
HDC Dog Bin	£293.76

Current Trading Balance £16824.09

#### 2. CIL/S106

Ongoing awaiting information from Cllr AB for Londonderry request on spend.

Action: Clerk to add to next agenda.

#### 3. Yearly Accounts

Clerk to forward to all councillors before the next meeting to ensure they can be agreed.

Action: Send accounts to councillors and Internal Auditor

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## 12) AOB / Correspondence

### 1. Pot holes in Exelby

This item had only just been raised and was to be put on the next agenda.

Cllr AW stated that residents could report these to Highways directly via the NYCC website.

Action: The Clerk stated she would send the information to Cllr KT

### 2. Flood Bridge

Cllr KT raised an issue about HGV using that bridge and weight restrictions and who's responsibility was it

Action: Clerk was requested to find out if the bridge was our parish responsibility and add both items to next month's agenda.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

The next meeting will be on Monday 24th May 2021 to commence at 7.30 pm.

Signed by Chair:	Dated: