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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Thursday 6 July 2023 at 7.00pm at the Community Sports Hall, Honey Pot Road, Brompton-on-Swale**

**Present:**

Councillors S Rudge (Chair) A Guest, R Allinson and Councillor Carl Les

1. **To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence:** Apologies were received from Councillors David Dempsey and Lesley Addington and PCSO Elliot Brown.
2. **Declaration of Interest:** None
3. **Public Participation:** Members of the public who wish to speak regarding an item within the remit of the Parish Council may do so. PLEASE NOTE: Total time limit for this item is 30 minutes, each speaker limited to a 5-minute slot.
  - 3.1 A resident attended to discuss the ongoing problem of children playing football outside houses on Augustus Gardens, which has been ongoing for 5 years. The issue has caused damage to property and is a general nuisance to varying residents. The matter has previously been reported to Persimmon homes by the Clerk, but to date no solutions have been found. It was agreed that enquiries would be made with both Persimmon and North Yorkshire Council to see if 'no ball game' signs can be installed on the area. The Clerk will also contact our PCSO to see if they can make patrols at certain times to discourage the behaviour.

**Action The Clerk**
  - 3.2 Two representatives from the 'Save Our Scorton' campaign attended the meeting to provide an update on the current state of the proposed development of the Scorton Lake site. An environmental impact study is currently being undertaken and it is expected that a planning application may be submitted, following this study. The group have produced a leaflet providing information for tourists and it will be displayed in tourist information offices and various hotels, b&b's etc.

The group will provide further updates as and when details are known.
4. **To confirm the Minutes** of the Last Meeting held on 18 May 2023.

Resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting as a true and accurate record. Proposed Councillor Guest, seconded Councillor Allinson.
5. **Matters Arising**
  - 5.1 **Augustus Gardens** – The representative from Persimmon was unable to attend the meeting and provided a written update on some of the ongoing issues. There was a general discussion about the grass cutting contract and the poor performance of Persimmon's contractors, especially on the sports field area. Several complaints have been received from residents about the state of the playing field. It was agreed that The Clerk write in the strongest terms to Persimmon outlining the council's disappointment of the grass cutting contract. Answers will also be sought to the various outstanding questions that have been requested over the past few months. The Clerk will also request that they attend the next meeting in September.

**Action The Clerk**
  - 5.2 **Reinforcing the Riverside** – Councillor Allinson has sent another email to The Environment Agency to request confirmation that work on the riverside can commence.

- 5.3 **Allotments Site** – Councillor Allinson is continuing to investigate various options to develop the site. Costs being sought from GCH. No contact from the Probation Service, who offered to help with clearing the site.
- 5.4 **Village Event** – Two meetings have been held to develop plans for the Village Fete on 13 August. Both meetings have had good turnouts and several volunteers have come forward. It was suggested that this be an annual event for the village. A further meeting has been arranged for Thursday 13 July.
- 5.5 **Probation Clean Up** – The last response advised the work would commence by end of May. Despite several emails being sent, no work has commenced and no response to further emails sent.
- 5.6 **Grass Verges** – Report from North Yorkshire Council confirms that an order is with their contractor for the supply and installation of the posts. There is no date for the work to be undertaken, but he hopes it will be completed before the end of July.
- 5.7 **Play Park Equipment** – The new equipment has now been removed and moved to other areas within the play park on Brompton Park.  
The work to replace the play equipment on Curties Drive play area is due to be undertaken w/c 31 July.  
The Clerk will send letters to residents who back onto the site. **Action The Clerk**
- 5.8 **Richmond Pro Player Proposals** – The proposal has now been withdrawn.

## 6 Reports:

- 6.1 Report from NYCC – Councillor Les  
The issues reported at the last meeting regarding the contact centre performance have now improved. Staffing has been increased and the response times improved.  
An email had been received from a local resident regarding the water quality on the river swale. A notice of motion will be going to the next council meeting regarding the water quality. The local water authority account for only 25% of the pollution, the rest coming from industry and farming.  
A meeting is being arranged with Persimmon Homes to discuss varying local issues/developments.  
Further discussions are ongoing to resolve the issue with the owners of the old Catterick Bridge Hotel.  
A new Enforcement Office has now been recruited. Councillor Guest raised issues concerning two local developments, that appear to be underway without planning permission. The Clerk to make contact with the planning department to seek further information.
- 6.2 Report from Police – PCSO Elliot Brown  
The last two months reports were presented to the meeting and no questions raised.
- 6.3 Report from the Village Society  
It was reported that the Village Society are working with the Parish Council to organise the village fete in August.
- 7 **Current Issues**
- 7.1 This matter was dealt with at the start of the meeting.
- 7.2 Information has been received to confirm arrangements for the 80th D-Day anniversary on 6 June 2024. It was agreed that the village will take part with the lighting of a beacon to celebrate the day. A suggestion was also made for fish & chip van to be booked. The Clerk to register BoS interest.  
**Action The Clerk**
- 7.2 The grass cut for the sports field may need to be increased due to the village fete. The matter will be considered and a request made to GCH, if needed.

**8 Parish Finances**

**8.1 To receive and note payments previously authorized and receipts (circulated prior to the meeting)**  
It was resolved to receive and accept the payments and receipts. Proposed Councillor Allinson seconded Councillor Guest

**8.2 To Receive a Bank Reconciliation and Budget Comparison for the year to date (circulated prior to the meeting).**  
It was resolved to receive and accept the bank reconciliation and budget report. Proposed Councillor Allinson seconded Councillor Guest

**8.4 To Approve the following new accounts for payment**

**8.4.1** The payment to reduce the height of the tree in sports field was approved at a cost of cost £570.00. Proposed Councillor Guest, seconded Councillor Allinson

**9 Correspondence:**

**9.1** Councillor Rudge reported an issue with various items being damaged, or going missing from gravesides within the cemetery, following a complaint from a resident. It was agreed that the matter would be monitored and regular checks of the cemetery grounds undertaken. Councillor Rudge has responded to the resident.

**9.2** A request has been received for a litter bin to be installed at the layby on Richmond Road, just before Parkgate Lane. The Clerk to contact NYC to ask for further details. **Action The Clerk**

**10 To Consider and decide upon the following Planning Applications:**  
No new planning applications

**11 To receive the following Planning Decisions/Information**

11.1	ZD23/00268/FULL	2 Station Rd DL10	No Objections
11.2	ZD23/00233/FULL	17 Brompton Park DL10	No Objections – Now Granted
11.3	ZD23/00318/FULL	Shirley House Gatherley Road DL10	No Objections

No comments

**12 Minor Matters**

**12.1** Councillor Rudge confirmed that 2 new sets of pads for the defibrillators have been received and installed.

**12.1** The Clerk to write to the organiser of the Brompton-on-Swale Golf Society to establish the location of the trophies purchased by the Parish Council. **Action The Clerk**

**13 Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 7 September 2023 at 7.00 p.m.at the Community Sports Hall.

Signed:  .....

Date: 7/9/23 .....