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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Thursday 7 September 2023 at 7.00pm at the
Community Sports Hall, Honey Pot Road, Brompton-on-Swale**

Present:

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

1. **To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence:** PCSO Elliott Brown
2. **Declaration of Interest:** Interest declared by Councillor Guest in regard to item 3.1
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 highlight an issue with developments on land adjacent to the river and houses on Grange Road. An area of land has been purchased from the owners of the field, which has been prepared and covered in hardcore. The land has previously been designated as protected to ensure no development takes place. The matter will be referred to NYC Planning department. Councillor Les will take up the matter. **Action Councillor Les**
 - 3.2 A resident attended to discuss the quality of the river swale; information has been sought from North Yorkshire Water to establish the amount of discharge that has occurred into the river. The resident attended a meeting with an action group 'Save our Swale' in Richmond and it was agreed that several monitoring areas would be established along the river, including one in Brompton-on-Swale. The resident requested support to purchase the testing kits required for the monitoring process, costs would be approximately £300. The Parish Council agreed with the work the resident is proposing, but has requested more detailed costs, which will then be discussed at the next meeting.
4. **To confirm the Minutes** of the Last Meeting held on 6 July 2023.
Resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting as a true and accurate record. Proposed Councillor Allinson, seconded Councillor Guest.
5. **Matters Arising**
 - 5.1 **Augustus Gardens** – No representative from Persimmon was available to attend the meeting. The response from Persimmon on various issues previously raised was discussed by councillors. It was noted that the meeting was disappointed with the lack of clarity on issues such as maintenance of the estate, including the playpark, and the response on the Sn106 agreement. The Clerk will write to Persimmon to request a meeting on site to discuss the ongoing issues and to request that a representative then attends the next meeting to discuss the matter in full. **Action The Clerk**
 - 5.2 **Reinforcing the Riverside** – The payment for the new permit has been made. Councillor Allinson has received another email from The Environment Agency to request further information on the proposals. The meeting noted the frustration with the continuing requests for information and that the delay now means the work will be unable to take place this year. A response to The Environment Agency will be sent. **Action Councillor Allinson & The Clerk**
 - 5.3 **Allotments Site** – Councillor Allinson has received a response from the allotment society regarding possible funding. However, no progress has been made on clearing the site. A request to be made to GCH Maintenance for a quote to undertake some clearance work, once the growing season has ended.

- 5.4 **Village Event** – It was agreed that the event was a success and raised £1,744, which will be split between the Village Society and the Parish Council playpark fund. The contribution of everyone who helped organise and run the event was acknowledged and Councillors thanked everyone who helped make it a success.
- 5.5 **Probation Clean Up** – The Clerk has received a reply from The Commissioners Office. They have advised that due to a lack of resources and training, the planned work could not be undertaken at this time. The Clerk will continue to follow up. **Action The Clerk**
- 5.6 **Grass Verges** – The posts have now been installed.
- 5.7 **Play Park Equipment** - The work to replace the play equipment on Curties Drive has been completed and has been received favourably. The issue with a portaloos being left on site has now been resolved.
- 5.8 **Damaged/Missing Items on Cemetary** – This has been monitored and no further incidents have been identified/reported. The Clerk to contact the grounds maintenance team to make them aware of the issues. **Action The Clerk**
- 5.9 **New Litter Bin** – A request was made for a new litter bin at the layby on Richmond Road. The matter was discussed and agreed that the area would be monitored to determine if a bin was required, but at this time approval was not given.
- 5.10 **Planning Enforcement Officer** – Various planning issues have been reported within the village that require further investigation by the NYC Planning team. A new Enforcement Officer will be appointed this month and details of all the issues will be forwarded to the officer. It was agreed that all councillors would identify cases they wish to be investigated and forward them to The Clerk. The Clerk will then send the list to the Enforcement Officer and copy Councillor Les. **Action The Clerk**

6 Reports:

- 6.1 Report from NYCC – Councillor Les
Councillor Les attended a meeting with Persimmon Homes to discuss building plans for North Yorkshire. The issue of Augustus Gardens was raised.
Discussions have been taking place with North Yorkshire Water regarding their plans for the future and a business plan was presented.
- 6.2 Report from Police – PCSO Elliot Brown
The last month report was presented to the meeting and no questions raised.
- 6.3 Report from the Village Society
Councillor Allinson reported that various new ways of getting people involved with the hall have been discussed. A coffee morning is to be arranged where people will be invited to see what is available at the hall and to discuss use of the facility.
A recent survey was undertaken to establish what residents would like to see taking place in the village. Additional supporters have joined the group and will be looking to hold a kids disco near Christmas. A discussion was held regarding responsibility for maintaining hedges and trees around the sports field. It was agreed that The Village Society would obtain a quote for cutting back the hedges and report back to the next meeting. **Action Councillor Allinson**

7 Current Issues

- 7.1 It was agreed to purchase a wreath for Remembrance Day at a cost of £50, plus a donation of £25 to The British Legion. Proposed Councillor Guest seconded Councillor Lerigo. **Action The Clerk**
- 7.2 **Solar Farm** – Concern was raised about the number of lorries travelling along Parkgate Lane for the building of the new solar farm, which is against the agreement of the planning application. There

should be an introduction of temporary 30mph speed limit signs on the B6271 from the existing signs to the east of the junction with Parkgate Lane, including the full extent of Parkgate Lane, to be agreed with the Highways department. Councillor Les will take the matter up with the planning department.
Action Councillor Les

7.3 Dog Bin – A request had been made for a new dog bin on Citadilla Close. After a discussion it was agreed that there are several dog waste bins in the vicinity and a new one was not necessary.

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 Guest seconded Councillor Lerigo

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 Lerigo seconded Councillor Addington

8.4 To Approve the following new accounts for payment
 No new accounts.

9 Correspondence:

9.1 Scotch Corner Developments – A report was received detailing various potential new developments around the Scotch Corner area. The report was noted and The Clerk will keep in touch with the Clerk at Middleton Tyas Parish Council.
Action The Clerk

9.2 River Swale Quality – This item was taken at 3.2

9.3 Tree River Lane – Email received from NYC regarding the planting of a new tree on River lane. The Clerk will reply to NYC outlining the details for planting the tree and request retrospective permission.
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	ZD23/00202/FULL	73 Richmond Road – Replace existing wall with gabion wall	Granted
11.2	ZD23/00384/FULL	Repeater Station Gatherley Road – Conversion to 3 bedroom apartment and creative space.	No Objections
11.3	ZD23/00453/FULL	16 Bridge Road – Erection of perimeter fencing to front garden.	No Objections

No comments

12 Minor Matters
 No matter raised

13 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 26 October 2023 at 7.00 p.m.at the Community Sports Hall.

Signed: 