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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Thursday 14 April 2022 at 7.00pm at the Community Sports Hall, Honeypot Road, Brompton-on-Swale

Present:

Councillors A Guest (Chairman), B Woodley, D Sharp, A Lerigo, R Allinson. District Councillors Ian Threlfall County Cllr Carl Les and Martin Reynolds (Clerk)

1. **To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence:** Apologies were received from, David Dempsey, Shireen Rudge & Cllr Rowe
2. **Declaration of Interest:** No Interests declared
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.
None
4. **To confirm the Minutes** of the Last Meeting held on 3 March 2022.
Resolved: To accept the minutes of the meeting as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Sharp, seconded Cllr Lerigo
5. **Matters Arising**
 - 5.1 **Augustus Gardens** – Clerk met with Ben Stephenson from Persimmon, to walk the area around Augustus Gardens and identify areas to be included in the transfer arrangements. Persimmon to update the plan and provide Parish Council with proposals. All areas will need to be checked before any sign over to the Parish Council. Clerk to provide further update when received. **Action Clerk**
David Sharp confirmed that we require a cost for the sqm of hedges, grass and trees from RDC so the parish Council can calculate the cost of maintenance. Cllr Threlfall will obtain costs from appropriate officer at RDC. **Action Cllr Threlfall**
Persimmon confirmed that planning permission has now been granted for 36 dwellings on land off Gatherley Road. Further updates on the remaining proposed developments to be provided in due course and the clerk will update at the next meeting. **Action Clerk**
 - 5.2 **Red Telephone Kiosk** - Brian Woodley provided a drawing of the proposed area to be paved in front of the telephone box. The clerk to contact Albert Kelly for a quote to undertake the work. **Action Clerk**
Robert Allison confirmed that a total of £20.56 has so far been received in the donation box.
 - 5.3 **Reinforcing the Riverside** – Clerk has arranged an Initial site visit on Friday 29 April from Tomas Wilson of EcoNorth Ltd. They will provide a report on the feasibility of undertaking strengthening work on the riverbank. Chairman has some information on Willow plants that could be used as part of the work and suggested that some of the work could be undertaken by the Parish Council. **Action - Clerk**
 - 5.4 **Dog Waste Bin – Stephenson Road** – Not yet completed. Cllr Threlfall confirmed that the work is scheduled to be completed by RDC.

5.5 **Allotments Site** – Response sent to Mike White BOS Primary School, who will wait for our evaluation of the allotment site. No further update on work for the allotment site, Robert Allison to continue making enquiries. The clerk to investigate if any funding is available through the Central Area Partnership (Max £1000 available) and Community Infrastructure Fund from RDC

Action – Cllr Allison/The Clerk

5.6 **Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations** – The date and time have been agreed following two meetings held with residents, a further meeting has been arranged for 28th April. Various people have been allocated to run individual activities, but more people are still required. Some further information still needed for the grant application for the Platinum Jubilee Festivals and Events Fund. Once received the Clerk will submit our application.

Action – The

Clerk

5.7 **Play Park Equipment** – Cllr Threlfall confirmed that 3 pieces of new equipment have been confirmed for the play park on Brompton Park. No date scheduled for installation as yet.

5.8 **Soil Heap Bathroom World** – Still awaiting report from tree specialist.

Action – The Clerk

6. **Reports**

6.1 Report from NYCC – Cllr Les

Covid figures appear to have peaked, Richmond is currently below national average. Pressure still on the NHS with long waiting lists.

The campaign to get more people into employment in the care system has been successful, with 120 applicants having been accepted so far.

The council is ready to accept refugees from Ukraine and undertake necessary checks before any refugee is placed. The former RAF Linton is to be used as a refugee centre.

It is anticipated that the work to widen the last 10/12 miles of the A66 will commence next year. It will be a 5 year project.

Local government re-organisation is ongoing, the implementation plan has been agreed.

The road closures for works by Northern Powergrid will be lifted from 28 April.

NYCC currently have a new pothole machine on trial, which can repair holes cheaper and quicker.

Various issues raised, including parking of lorries on Bridge Road outside North Yorkshire Timber, the Catterick Bridge junction and the speed limit on Gatherley Road. Brian Woodley stated the speed limit signs on Gatherley Road need repair or replacement. All matters will be monitored and dealt with, as necessary.

An offer has been made by the Police & Crime Commissioner to help with a 'spring clean' initiative. The matter was discussed and three areas were identified; graffiti under the A1 M bridges on Bridge Road and the riverside path and the verges on Gatherley Road opposite the industrial estate. Clerk to send details to Cllr Les.

Action Clerk

6.2 Report from RDC – Cllr Threlfall/Cllr Rowe

A new conservations and planning officer has now been appointed. Cllr Threlfall has identified a list of cases of development that need action immediately from the new officer.

6.3 Report from The Village Society

Nothing to report.

6.4 Report from Police

It was highlighted that there appears to be very little reporting from the police in recent months. Cllr Les to raise the matter with the Chief Constable.

Action Cllr Les

7. **Current Issues**

7.1 **Replacement trees** – It was agreed that 2 new trees be purchased as replacements for the ones on River Lane, up to a cost of £130. Proposed by Angela Lerigo seconded Robert Allison.

7.2 Parish Facebook Page – The Clerk reported from a recent meeting of local parish clerks and suggested a dedicated Facebook Page be created for the Parish Council, which is used successfully by other parishes. It will be used to provide information on all Parish Council matters. It was agreed to proceed with the idea. **Action Clerk**

8. Parish Finances

8.1 To receive and note payments previously authorised and receipts (circulated prior to the meeting).
It was resolved to accept the payments and receipts. Proposed Brian Woodley, seconded David Sharp

8.2 To receive a Bank Reconciliation and Budget Comparison for the year to date (circulated prior to the meeting).

No questions were raised.

It was resolved to accept the bank reconciliation and budget comparison.

Proposed Robert Allison seconded David Sharp

8.3 To approve the following new accounts for payment

8.3.1 To approve the purchase of the jubilee beacon £646.00 + VAT and steel box and section post £295.00 + VAT. This item will be included within the Jubilee grant submission. Proposed David Sharp Seconded Angela Lerigo

8.3.2 To approve the renewal of the cemetery maintenance contract for 2022/23. Previous year was £3075. Current year £3,400, increase of £325. First increase in over 5 years. Proposed Brian Woodley Seconded Robert Allison

8.3.3 To approve the sports field grass cutting contract for 2022/23. NYCC previously held contract, current price £57.50 per cut – GCH Garden Maintenance have quoted £45 per cut. It was approved to recommend GCH for the new contract. Proposed Angela Lerigo Seconded David Sharp

8.3.4 To approve the grass cutting contract with GCH Garden Maintenance for 2022/23. Cost remains the same. It was approved to continue with GCH. Proposed David Sharp Seconded Angela Lerigo

8.3.5 To approve the clerk salary increase as per the new NALC pay scale £11.05 per hour. Increase of £8.23 per month, backdated pay £32.93 from Dec 2021 to March 2022. Proposed Brian Woodley Seconded Angela Lerigo

8.3.6 To approve the website support contract for 2022/23 at £30.99 per month, an increase of £1.83 per month. It was approved to accept the new price increase for 2022/23. Proposed Angela Lerigo Seconded Robert Allison

8.3.7 To approve the purchase of office items, black and colour printer cartridges, printer paper, lever arch folders and drawing pins. Total cost £78.79 nett. It was agreed to approve the purchase of office items. Proposed David Sharp Seconded Robert Allison

8.4 Parish Council Audit

The clerk reported that the council will be subject to an external audit. An initial meeting has been arranged with the accountant to look at the internal audit and the clerk will prepare the necessary work for both audits. **Action Clerk**

9. Correspondence

Email received from a resident regarding issues with trees along the riverbank. Some trees may be in danger of falling. Resident also asked if the council has undertaken a review of Ash trees along the riverside. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the tree surgeon to seek further advice and any potential cost implications. **Action Clerk**

10. To consider and decide upon the following Planning Applications

No new planning applications received.

11. To receive the following Planning Decision/Information

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| 11.1 | 22/00191/FULL | Replace existing concrete garage with new brick built garage | No Objections |
| 11.2 | 21/01026/FULL | Unit 1 Station Rd DL10 7SN | Granted |
| 11.3 | 21/01035/FULL | Showroom units 1 & 2 Station Rd DL10 7SN | Granted |
| 11.4 | 21/01098/FULL | 11 Tudor Court DL10 7GA | Granted |

No comments

12. Minor matters

12.1 The chairman confirmed that this would be the last meeting for Cllr Sharp and thanked him for all his efforts and support over the years.

12.2 The Clerk reported that the Parish Council now have a debit card for any ad-hoc purchases. This will avoid the need for councillors purchasing items and having to reclaim any monies owed.

13. Date of next meeting: Thursday 19 May 2022 at 7.00pm at the Community Sports Hall

Signed: *[Signature]*

Date: *19th MAY 2022*