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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Thursday 7 July 2022 at 7.00pm at the Community Sports Hall, Honeypot Road, Brompton-on-Swale

Present:

Councillors A Guest (Chairman), S Rudge, R Allinson, B Woodley, 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, Angela Lerigo and 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 19 May 2022.
Resolved: To accept the minutes of the meeting as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Rudge, seconded Cllr Allison.
5. **Matters Arising**
 - 5.1 **Augustus Gardens** – The Clerk has received details of the revised plan for phase 2 of the Augustus Gardens development. There is a reduction in the number of houses and an increase in green spaces. The 3 storey apartment buildings have been lost and replaced with a number of bungalows. Green verges have been introduced into the development and the hedgerow along the northern boundary will be protected. There was a discussion around the areas highlighted for transfer to the Parish Council and concern that the playing field area, which was not part of the original plan, has been included. Clerk to request clarification from Persimmon. **Action Clerk**
Persimmon are looking into the two issues raised by residents and will consider if goal posts can be put in the field to alleviate the problem of football being played in the roads. They have also spoken to the contractor regarding the grass cutting to ensure this is undertaken consistently and will also look at the feasibility of co-ordinating with the Parish Council contractor. Clerk to follow up with Persimmon. **Action Clerk**
 - 5.2 **Red Telephone Kiosk** - A quote was received for £840 to undertake the work in front of the telephone box, which was felt excessive. It was agreed to defer the matter until later in the year to determine if funds could be made available.

Cllr Allison confirmed that a total of £50.36 has so far been received in the donation box.
 - 5.3 **Reinforcing the Riverside** – Cllr Allison has made enquiries to determine if rocks can be moved to shore up the bank but has not yet received a response. He will chase up again for the next meeting. Application will have to be made to the Environment Agency before any work can be undertaken.
Action – Cllr Allison

- 5.4 Dog Waste Bin – Stephenson Road** – Chairman and Cllr Threlfall to visit the area after the meeting to agree the site for the new bin.
Action Chairman/Cllr Threlfall
- 5.5 Allotments Site** – The Chairman advised that an enquiry had been received from a resident concerning the lack of action on dealing with the vacant land. Cllr Allison is still making enquiries to determine the cost of preparing the land. It was agreed that an application should be made for a grant from the Community Infrastructure Fund from RDC, once the costs of preparing the land have been established.
Action – Cllr Allison/The Clerk
- 5.6 Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations** – It was agreed that the fete had been a success and many people had asked when the next event would be.
The Chairman and Clerk attended the school to judge stamp design competition and winners will be presented with gift vouchers.
The grant fund has been confirmed from RDC, £1,378.78 will be received. A total of £2,600 was made from the fete and it was agreed this would be shared between the Village Society and funds for Play Park equipment, Cllr Rudge and Clerk to agree funding split. RDC have requested a 'Post Event Appraisal' be completed.
Action – Cllr Rudge/The Clerk
- 5.7 Soil Heap Bathroom World** – The Clerk has received details of the landlord and will make contact.
Action – The Clerk
- 5.8 Replacement Trees** – Cllr Woodley has obtained quotes for the purchase of new trees. Orders have to be placed and it was agreed to purchase an Oak and Horse Chestnut/Copper Beach.
- 6. Reports**
- 6.1 Report from NYCC – Cllr Les**
Local Government re-organisation is just 9 months away and it was reported that on day 1 there will be no change to services and everything will transfer seamlessly. A number of workstreams are ongoing at the moment. It is largely being seen as an opportunity and not a threat.
Covid figures are rising again and hospitals are nearing capacity.
It was confirmed that the Bridge Hotel has now been sold, via auction. There are no details as to the plans at this stage.
A site opposite the new designer outlet at Scotch Corner has been shortlisted for a possible development for a new factory for Rolls Royce. It is one of a number of sites shortlisted.
The resurfacing of the crossroads at Gatherley Rd/Station Rd is ongoing. There may be a problem with drainage, which need to be investigated as part of the work.
The locality budgets are open again, Cllr Les will notify of anything that could benefit the Parish Council.
The headquarters for British Rail will be moving out of London and York, along with other areas have been suggested. It will be going out to public consultation.
Cllr Woodley asked if people are now being encouraged to return back into the workplace. Cllr Les confirmed that there is a general push to encourage people back, but it is up to the individual.
- 6.2 Report from RDC – Cllr Threlfall/Cllr Rowe**
Cllr Threlfall confirmed that grants area available through the Community Investment Fund and encouraged the Parish Council to consider an application. Area partnership funding is also available. It has been agreed to refurbish the swimming pool.
Consultation has been launched for the re-development of Catterick Garrison. Looking for funding through government 'levelling up'
It has been confirmed that all taxi drivers will have to undertake dementia training.
The development of electric charging points is still ongoing. RDC now has a fleet of electric vehicles.
Cllr Rudge asked what was happening with the playpark equipment. Cllr Threlfall confirmed this is ongoing and hoped there would be more information before the start of the school summer holidays.

6.3 Report from The Village Society

It has been suggested that the next event will be a Halloween disco which will be discussed at the next meeting on 10 July.

6.4 Report from Police

No report received from the police for a while. Cllr Les has taken the matter up with Zoe Metcalf to establish why there are no reports or representation at the meetings.

7. Current Issues

7.1 **Probation Spring Clean** – Clerk confirmed that a site meeting will be arranged with the Probation Services to consider the Parish Council’s proposals. Chair and Cllr Woodley have agreed to attend. Clerk to follow up. **Action - Clerk**

7.2 **Road Signs** – Clerk confirmed that NYCC had agreed a clean of road signs in the village and orders to be placed for the replacement of any broken signs. Cllr Woodley confirmed that this appears to have been done. Clerk to check with NYCC. **Action - Clerk**

7.3 **Overgrown Footpaths**– Cllr Allison raised the issue of several footpaths in the village being obstructed by overgrown hedges. The Clerk has reported the matter to NYCC and is awaiting a response. **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 Cllr Allison, seconded Cllr Rudge

8.2 **To receive a Bank Reconciliation and Budget Comparison for the year to date (circulated prior to the meeting).** Clerk advised that some figures have not been updated and the document will need to be corrected and re-circulated. **Action - Clerk**

8.3 **To approve the following new accounts for payment**

8.3.1 To Approve Clerks overtime from 1 March 22 to 30 April 22 (28.5 hours - £314.92) for additional work on end of year accounts/audits/elections/annual meeting preparation. Proposed Cllr Woodley, seconded Cllr Allison.

9. **Correspondence**

9.1 Email received from a resident in Honeypot Road regarding damage caused by a tree in the sports field. It was agreed that costs be sought for the removal of the tree. **Action Clerk**

9.2 Letter received from Darlington Borough Council confirming small strip of land on sports field to be transferred to Highway England for A1m improvement scheme, additional small strip to also be used for access purposes, which had been anticipated following the creation of the A1M Motorway. The document was signed by the Chairman and Cllr Rudge. Clerk to arrange return of the document. **Action Clerk**

10. To consider and decide upon the following **Planning Applications**

10.1	21/00946/FULL	Toilet/Shower block and extension of Campsite to east at caravan site, Millfields, Parkgate Lane	Further enquiries to be made before sending response.
10.2	22/00398/FULL	Extension to provide dining area at 8 Nightingale Close DL10 7TR	No comments/objections
10.3	22/00423/FULL	Conversion of existing garage to form living accommodation & 2 no rooflights and windows	No comments/objections

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

11.1	22/00303	Change of use from mixed use nursery and residential to residential only. Shirley House, Gatherley Road DL10 7HX	No comments/no objections
11.2	NY/2022/0125/FULL	Erection of 2 no new salt barns in Highways dept. Industrial Estate, Gatherley Road DL10 7JQ	No comments/no objections
11.3	22/00343/FULL	Create front parking area a 6 Bridge Road, DL10 7HW	No comments/no objections
11.4	21/00847	Use of Bark Farm as an independent dwellinghouse. Bark Farm, Parkgate Lane DL10 7HA	Granted
11.5	21/01003/FULL	Extension of existing terrace and replacement windows. Catterick Camping & Caravan Ltd Gatherley Rd DL10 7JB	Granted
11.6	22/00303	Change of use from mixed use nursery & residential to Residential only. Shirley House, Gatherley Road DL10 7HX	Granted

No comments

12. **Minor matters**

13. **Date of next meeting:** Thursday 1 September 2022 at 7.00pm at the Community Sports Hall. Meeting date may be moved to 8 September due to unavailability of the Clerk. Clerk will notify all concerned once known.

Signed: 

Date: 1st SEPTEMBER 2022