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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Thursday 4 March 2021; held remotely using Zoom electronic platform

Present:

Councillor D Sharp (Chairman), Councillor A Guest, Councillor B Woodley, Councillor R Allinson, Councillor D Dempsey, District Councillors Ian Threlfall and Leslie Rowe, County Cllr Carl Les and Shireen Rudge (Clerk)

1. **To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence:** None recorded.
2. **Declaration of Interest:** The Chairman declared an interest in item 9.1
3. **Public Participation:** No members of the public present
4. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**
The minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2020 were approved and duly signed by the Chairman.
Proposed: Cllr Woodley Seconded: Cllr Allinson
5. **Matters Arising**
 - 5.1 **Red Telephone Kiosk/British Cycling Bid (Minutes 14 Jan, item 5.1)** Work has begun. It was resolved to keep the sign 'Telephone'. The Clerk will put up notices regarding refurbishment work.

Action – The Chairman
 - 5.2 **Augustus Gardens transfer Plan (Minutes 14 Jan, item 5.2)** Clerk will contact Persimmon Homes to ascertain progress.

Action – The Clerk
 - 5.3 **Village Society – Boundary Fencing and Soft Landscaping (Minutes 14 Jan, item 5.3)** No further progress.

Action – The Clerk
 - 5.4 **Cemetery Shed (Minutes 14 Jan, item 5.4)** Clerk looking for contractor to estimate cost for removal of brick shed.

Action – The Clerk
 - 5.5 **Reinforcing the Riverside (Minutes 14 Jan, Item 5.5)** Cllr Guest met on site with a company to ascertain necessary work. He will contact for an update on costs. It was resolved for coppicing work to go ahead in the interim at a cost of £700.00.

Action – Cllr Guest
 - 5.6 **Policy Documents (Minutes 14 Jan, Item 5.6)** Cllr Woodley will prepare paperwork to discuss management of cemetery at a future meeting.
 - 5.7 **Silver Birch Tree – Footpath Pembury Mews/Station Road (Minutes 14 Jan, Item 5.7)** The Clerk has arranged for Ben Rennison to ascertain condition of the tree.
 - 5.8 **Bus Shelter Window Replacement (Minutes 14 Jan, Item 5.8)** One quote has been received for £800. Further quotes will be obtained by the Clerk. It was resolved to allocate a maximum spend of £800 to replace the window and frame.
Proposed: Cllr Guest Seconded: Cllr Dempsey

Action – The Clerk

- 5.9 **Dog Waste Bin – Stephenson Road (Minutes 14 Jan, Item 6.2)** Cllr Threlfall to ascertain why the bin had been removed and whether it was beyond repair prior to its removal.
- 5.10 **NYCC A1/A6055 Road Safety Audit (Minutes 14 Jan, Item 7.3)** A letter had been written to NYCC expressing concerns about the safety of the junction. The Audit is almost complete. However, the client will have to consent to share information.
- 5.11 **Parish Council Matters/D & S (Minutes 14 Jan, Item 12.1)** No further progress. **Action – The Clerk**
- 5.12 **Catterick Bridge Hotel (Minutes 14 January, Item 12.2)** Cllr Threlfall said there had been further collapse of the building. Building regulations and highways are involved to resolve the issue.

6. Reports

6.1 Report from NYCC – Cllr Les

Covid rates of infection are still high in the county. 255 fixed penalties issued over the week (50% tourists/50% locals). Vaccine rollout continues and government are working on a safe return to school. Re-boot has been launched which helps disadvantaged children to get a device to gain access to schools/lessons.

Council tax sees an increase in all sectors: Police 1.99%, Fire 1.99%, County Council 1.99% and Adult Social Care 1.5%. The Economy & Community is fragile. There is a greater demand for services. £8 million will be used out of reserves.

Locality Budgets continue for the next 2 years. Cllr Les has given £2.5 k to the 5 sports halls within his division. Government have launched an 8week consultation period for the Local Government reorganisation. County Council elections have been postponed by 12 months. Police, Fire and Crime commissioner elections will take place in May. Cllr Les has written to all Parish Councils on behalf of NYCC explaining why their proposal is better than the east/west split – because it keeps the identity of the county, is less disruptive and saves money.

6.2 Report from RDC – Cllr Rowe

The local Plan is progressing and should be out to consultation shortly. The average Council Tax band D property is now £2013 a year. This is an increase of 3.4%.

Cllr Les said discussions had taken place about the Life Lines scheme. It noted that numbers using the scheme had decreased. The scheme assists vulnerable adults who live alone. The cost of the service is £6.00 per week.

Cllr Les mentioned the Integrated Care Campus which is planned for the Garrison in the next couple of years. He said the Friary in Richmond will be retained.

Report from RDC – Cllr Threlfall

Cllr Threlfall mentioned the Wheels to Work Scheme. He asked the Parish Council to promote the scheme throughout the village. A Council Tax increase was opposed by some district Councillors. Funding will be out of the Tax Payers Reserves.

Grants are available via RDC (the Community Sports Hall has received available grants).

Working group on climate is running. They are about to determine the terms of reference.

Brompton Park – vehicle damage to the green is being monitored. The land is owned by RDC who will place signage if necessary.

Cllr Woodley asked about the hedges along Gatherley Road. Hedges are the responsibility of the landowner. The Clerk will inform Area 1 who will be able to follow up with the landowner.

Cllr Guest mentioned the caravan advertising sign which had yet again been parked at the Scorton/Brompton crossroads. He asked whether some pressure could be put on Area 1. Cllr Les will take this up on behalf of the Parish Council.

6.3 Report from The Police

The report had been circulated prior to the meeting

6.4 Report from The Village Society

Various work is being completed at the hall, including repairs and decorating. The Committee is working towards opening when restrictions allow, under Covid guidelines.

The Sports Hall Committee are considering costings for reorganisation pitches at the sports field to enable regular pitch rotation.

7. Current Issues

7.1 Discuss and Adopt Code of Conduct for Parish Councils. It was resolved to adopt the Code of Conduct.

Proposed: Cllr Allinson Seconded: Cllr Guest

7.2 Discuss/Agree Cemetery Fees increase 2021/2022. It was resolved to increase the fees by 10%.

Proposed: Cllr Woodley Seconded: Cllr Dempsey

7.3 Discuss issue of litter in/around village including purchase of litter pickers etc. Cllr Dempsey said people had been litter picking in the village. This originated from a resident who was concerned about fly tipping in her local area. Cllr Allinson suggested a 'pool' of equipment which could be collected and used by residents. The Chairman said it may be necessary for a more structured approach, with a co-ordinator to assist with arrangements. Councillors agreed Cllr Allinson would discuss the issue with the resident.

Action – Cllr Allinson

7.4 Discuss/accept urban grass cutting arrangements with NYCC (as previous years). NYCC have informed the Parish Council it will pay £1082.32 for Urban Grass Cutting. This was noted.

7.5 Discuss face to face meetings after 7 May 2021. From 7 May 2021 there will be no legislation to allow remote meetings. Government Guidelines re Covid 19 do not allow face to face meetings in an indoor space.

It was resolved to cancel the meetings on 15 April and 27 May and hold an Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting on 6 May 2021.

8. Parish Finances

8.1 To receive and note payments previously authorised and receipts (circulated prior to the meeting).

Payments and receipts were noted.

Proposed: Cllr Woodley Seconded: Cllr Dempsey

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

No questions were raised. Bank reconciliation and budget comparison were noted.

Proposed: Cllr Woodley Seconded: Cllr Dempsey

8.3 The following new payments were approved.

8.3.1 The Clerk – Canon Printer £34.99 incl VAT

It was resolved to settle the account as above

Proposed: Cllr Guest Seconded: The Chairman

9. Correspondence

9.1 An email was received from North Yorkshire Youth. It was resolved to contact North Yorkshire Youth to explore the opportunities and how they can be developed.

Action – The Clerk

10. To consider and decide upon the following Planning Applications

10.1	19/00473/FULL	Motorway Service Area East of Junction 52 – Amended Proposal	No additional comments or objections from previous
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11. To receive/note the following **Planning Decision/Information**


11.1	19/00591/VAR	Variation of Condition 1 (14/00782/FULL) to allow the Dove Cote to be used as a Holiday Let	GRANTED
11.2	19/00780/LBC	Listed Building Consent to Replace Windows on Front Elevation at Holly Cottage, 33 Richmond Road	GRANTED
11.3	19/00519/FULL	FPP for 2 Storey Side Extension to Create Single Garage to Ground Floor with Mater Bedroom qt 1 Curteis Drive	GRANTED
11.4	21/00055/FULL	FPP for Proposed Porch to Side Elevation at 38 Brompton Park, DL10 7JW	No comments or objections
11.5	21/00051/FULL	FPP for Erection of Single Storey Extension at 17 Brompton Park, DL10 7JW	No comments or objections
11.6	20/00264/AORM	AORM for 32 Dwellings at Robin Hoods Farm, DL10 7JF – Amended Proposal	No new comments or objections. However previous comments stand re access and egress

12. **Minor matters**

12.1 Cllr Allinson asked to book onto a New Councillors training course with the YLCA at a cost of £48.00. It was approved and resolved.

12.2 The Clerk mentioned the condition the Cemetery wall. It was resolved the Clerk will obtain quotes.

13. **Date of next meeting, Thursday 6 May 2021 at 7.00pm via Zoom remote meeting platform**

Signed: 

Date: *6th MAY 2021*