

# HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm

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<b>Present:</b>	Councillor R Wyatt Councillor R Worsdale Councillor R Smith Councillor W Knight Councillor J Wylie  Dee Lynn Kathleen Allison  Eight members of the public attended including three representatives from Hunton in Bloom (HIB) and two members of the public who attended to speak on specific agenda items and this had been agreed in advance of the meeting.	Chair  Clerk Treasurer
<b>Items</b>	<b>Recording of Meeting</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<b>Item 1</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b> None received	
<b>Item 2</b>	<b>Councillors declarations of interest</b> none	
<b>Item 3</b>	<b>Minutes of last meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> January '24</b> Agreed as a true and accurate record, proposed Cllr Worsdale seconded Cllr Knight.	

	<p><b>As two members of the public had attended by arrangement to speak to specific agenda items the Chair proposed to take Item 6 and Item 8 (xiv) first and second on the agenda and this was agreed.</b></p> <p><b>Item 6 Local planning applications</b></p> <p>(i) ZD24/00087/APDN Application to Determine if Prior Approval is Required for Conversion of One Agricultural Building to Two Larger Dwellings LOCATION: Manor House Farm South View Hunton Bedale. Responses due by 22 March 2024.</p> <p>Paul Morris of Manor House Farm attended to speak to this item, it is expected to be a Class Q permitted development and so not requiring planning approval. The application is to convert an agricultural building (barn) to two 4 bedroom properties, the size 465 sq meters is within the regulations. Mr Morris has consulted local properties who would share access if the development went ahead. The Parish Council is a consultee to the application.</p> <p>The Parish Council thanked Mr Morris for attending and explaining the proposal, it was agreed the Parish Council would not respond at this stage and await the determination by North Yorkshire as to whether prior approval is required.</p> <p><b>Item 8</b> (xiv) Persistent flooding at north end of village Arrathorne road junction – Cllr Knight</p> <p>Stephen Bowe of Blewery Grange Farm attended to speak on the persistent flooding issue and explain his understanding of some of the causes and issues. Cllrs Knight and Wylie have recently visited the site and met with Mr Bowe. Works completed by the council Highways Department to upgrade pipes under the road have not resolved the problem, Mr Bowe has since excavated the site at the West end and located the pipe. Mr Bowe explained on looking the pipe which exits into his field it seems to be blocked by debris from the road. Mr Bowe has banked up the field access gate to try and keep the water off his field which he intends to sow. A visit from a Highways representative Mr Strickland is arranged for 21/03/24 and it is planned that Councillors will attend if possible and also Mr bowe to try and agree a resolution to the problem. Mr Bowe confirmed that he does not believe any drainage plans exist which might assist in understanding what may be causing the flooding which is much worse than in previous years and more persistent.</p> <p>The Parish Council thanked Mr Bowe for attending and confirmed they are committed to pursuing a resolution.</p>	
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<p><b>Item 4</b></p>	<p><b>Actions from previous meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 20's plenty Cllr Wylie explained a 20mph village limit remains under consideration. Ian Beighton has arranged for wires to measure and monitor volume of traffic and speed of vehicles. This information will be copied to Cllr Duncan and Cllr Jones.</li> <li>(ii) Flood prevention advice, Cllrs Wyatt and Smith met with Heather Lagan who is the Flood Prevention Officer. There is a scheme for evaluating residential property flooding risk and questionnaires which residents can complete. There is funding which can be applied for for flood defence / prevention measures. It is recommended that Hunton starts to document and record flooding episodes. The Parish Council will print off copies of the questionnaire and distribute with an accompanying explanatory note to properties likely to be affected.</li> <li>(iii) Grasscutting contract Cllr Smith confirmed the contract has been agreed and the first cut is expected w/c 25/03/24.</li> <li>(iv) Tree surgery Cllr Smith explained the agreed work to the damaged willow and "spindly" fir has been delayed by the wet weather. The costs have not yet been agreed, in the absence of a confirmed definite figure it was proposed to agree funding "not to exceed £550" proposed Cllr Wylie seconded Cllr Worsdale.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cllr Wyatt</b></p> <p><b>Treasurer</b></p>
<p><b>Item 5</b></p>	<p><b>Police report</b></p> <p>A report had been received and circulated in advance, there were no issues of concern nor note.</p>	
<p><b>Item 7</b></p>	<p><b>Matters arising from NYC - none</b></p> <p>people, who could not afford to buy, it was in keeping with the traditional character of the village, a classic Yorkshire linear settlement, and it was modest in size.</p>	
<p><b>Item 8</b></p>	<p><b>PC business / maintenance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Hunton in Bloom HIB representatives gave an update and confirmed they have entered small village category of Village in Bloom, judging will be in July. The open gardens will be postponed</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Item 4</b></p>	<p>until 2025. There will be a tallest sunflower competition and HIB will have a newsletter soon for distribution. They advised they have received a further £500 from Cllr Jones' locality budget and this will be put towards the Greenacres "island" project. It was noted work still needed for gate to Pinfold and agreed this will be progressed now weather is improving.</p> <p>Greenacres "island" proposal, design options for the accessible bench had been circulated in advance. Cllrs accepted the recommendation of HIB as it has a higher seat so more accessible and suited to the objective.</p> <p><b>(ii)</b> Bias and facebook, Cllr Wylie fed back to the meeting there had been an objection to the information on the Wild Hill planning issue which the Parish Council had placed on the village facebook page. It was acknowledged that the council had used facebook to quickly communicate information about the planning application given the time constraints and delay in residents receiving formal notification. It was agreed that in future the Parish Council will not use facebook but requests that the facebook page links to the PC website.</p> <p><b>(iii)</b> Quoits committee tree planting request. The Quoits committee have asked for approval to plant a tree in the area of the quoits pitch. The Parish council, in principle agreed to this request. A member of the public present raised a concern regarding the potential for tree roots to impact upon the two drainage culverts which run from the road under the quoits pitch to the beck and asked that this be taken into consideration when giving approval. It was agreed the Parish Council will have further discussions regarding the type of tree and the proposed location.</p> <p><b>(iv)</b> Photographs of village properties and residents. A member of the public has contacted the parish council reminding them that in 2000 there was a project to photograph all properties in the village along with the residents (with consent). It has been suggested this exercise be repeated in 2025. It was agreed that the 2000 project had been well received and popular and the Parish Council would want to support a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary photographic record of the village.</p> <p><b>(v)</b> Meeting with NYC Highways representative. Cllr Wyatt explained this meeting has been rearranged and will now take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm, it is a meeting for councillors to raise a number of highways and flooding issues, Cllr Wyatt said approximately 15 separate issues have been identified for discussion.</p> <p><b>(vi)</b> Update on flood prevention See 4(ii) above</p>	<p>Cllr Wyatt</p> <p>Cllr Wyatt</p>
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**(vii)** Flood risk questionnaires  
See 4(ii) above

**(viii)** Update on planning application 23/00085/OUT  
This is the Wild Hill application which was considered at a second Planning Committee hearing having been previously deferred. Cllr Knight explained as the Parish Council representative she had been able to address the committee for 3 minutes and had had no right of reply or challenge to what was potentially inaccurate information given by the developer regarding the footpath issue.

**(ix)** Local plan portal  
The clerk was asked to retrieve and recirculate the information received from NYC.

**(x)** Speed gun  
Information had been received from the Police explaining some PCSOs and officers had been trained in the use of a speed gun. It was agreed this was not something the Parish Council wanted to pursue.

**(xi)** NYC School travel consultation  
The Parish Council had been invited to contribute to this consultation, it was not a matter the Parish Council wished to express views on but had asked the Local Authority School Governor to raise at the school's Governing Body and ensure the school's views had been sought. The clerk was asked to follow up with the Head and Chair of Governors checking the deadline for consultations.

**(xii)** Urban highways grasscutting  
Cllr Wyatt explained that Hunton had confirmed to Richmond Highways that we would undertake the grasscutting of the identified verges and receive payment for this, expected to be c£350.

**(xiii)** Village Hall replacement TV  
The Parish Council had been asked by the Village Hall Committee to consider making a contribution to the cost of purchasing a replacement TV. As a new TV has been purchased and installed the matter was not discussed further.

**(xiv)** Persistent flooding at north end of village / Arrathorne Road junction  
See above.

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<p><b>Item 9</b></p>	<p><b>Finance report</b></p> <p>A report had been circulated in advance and was available at the meeting. The Treasurer drew the meeting's attention to three items of expenditure;</p> <p>The dog waste bin - £270  Emergency work to remove willow branches from beck - £25  Microsoft renewal - £59.99</p> <p>HIB representatives requested that the Parish Council purchase the bench as agreed item 8(i) and HIB would reimburse, this was agreed.</p> <p>The Parish Council discussed mechanisms for approving small sums for immediate works eg tree branch removal in between bi-monthly meetings.</p> <p>It was suggested that Councillors be able to individually agree up to £100 and to advise other councillors of the intended spend and seek views if possible. Any such expenditure to be on the agenda of the next meeting to be ratified.</p> <p>In the event the expenditure were not approved the individual councillor would be liable for the expenditure.</p> <p>The clerk was asked to seek advice as to whether such delegated authority were permissible.</p> <p>An overview of spend against the precept had been prepared by the Treasurer and this is to be on the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p>The Treasurer was thanked for her report</p> <p><b>Dates for future meetings;</b></p> <p>8 th May * also annual general meeting 2024  24<sup>th</sup> July 2024  18<sup>th</sup> September 2024  20<sup>th</sup> November 2024</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
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Clerk : Dee Lynn 27/03/2024

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