

Hunton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting

held on 24th July 2024 at 7.30pm.

WJK: 27/7/24 FINAL DRAFT

Date: 24/7/24

Present: Councillors:

R Smith (Chair)
W Knight
R Worsdale
R Wyatt
J Wylie

2 members of the public

Item	Recording of meeting	Action
1.	Apologies for Absence Cllr Tom Jones Dee Lynn Kathleen Allison	
2.	Councillors' Declarations of Interest None	
3.	Minutes of last meeting held 8th May '24 Agreed as a true and accurate record, proposed: Cllr Worsdale seconded: Cllr Wyatt.	
4.	Actions from previous meeting (i) Costings for remedial works to edge of grass triangles Cllr Wyatt is waiting for various costings and logistics, in discussion with Highways, Commons & Recreation and Planning depts., regarding cost/robustness and extent of work to be considered. Item c/fwd to next meeting. A member of the public raised an issue of poor quality on the recent road resurfacing near the quoits pitch. Cllr Wyatt will contact NYC Highways.	RW
	(ii) Survey and costings for tree pruning in play park areas Willow pruning over the ford footbridge has commenced. More work to do along the beck at carpark will continue at end July. Cllr Smith waiting for costings for future work on trees.	JW/WK RS
	See Finance for consideration of a specified budget item in the accounts for future years.	

(iii) Replacement noticeboard

Nigel Heath has volunteered to do required work in the Autumn in liaison with Cllr Wyatt

It was decided to smarten up the PC noticeboard.

RW
JW/WK

(iv) Litter pick

it was agreed that this does not need to be an agenda item.

(v) Paving access to dog waste bin, Wild Hill lane

This has been installed.

(vi) Request from Quoits committee to plant a tree at the quoits pitch

This has been referred back to D Lawrenson. Cllr Wyatt to see Mr Lawrenson in the next few days.

Item cfwd to next meeting.

RW

(vii) Consideration to repeat 'Millenium' photographs of all houses and residents - 25th Anniversary

The original project was organised by residents in 2000.

Decision: This was originally a village project; it was agreed a 25 year repeated project does not require PC input or approval. No further action.

(viii) Persistent flooding at north end of village, Arrathorne road junction

Awaiting confirmation of when NYC will start the work. Cllr Wyatt reported that a date has not yet been scheduled. Drier weather and better drainage has only temporality mitigated the flooding problem. If no progress, Cllr Knight to email T Jones, 10th August.

WK

5. Police report

A report had been received and circulated in advance, there were no issues of concern or note.

1 crime

Suspicious behaviour - was a misunderstanding.

6. Local Planning Applications

There were no new planning applications.

7. Matters arising from NYC - none

Cllr Tom Jones sent his apologies for the next meeting, when he will be on holiday.

He will attend the following meeting, but he asks that meanwhile the Parish Council emails him with any concerns or issues for his attention.

Clerk

8. PC business/Maintenance

(i) Hunton in Bloom

23rd July, the Judging for Britain in Bloom took place. The portfolio was very well received and the judge was very

complimentary about village and the various areas submitted
The result will be communicated on 26th September.
Janet Boakes, representing Hunton in Bloom was invited
to address the meeting, regarding the history leaflet
produced by the History Group, currently available
in hard format at the Memorial site.
She requested that the hard copies on display
be linked by QR code to an online version on the PC website.
on the 'History Page'.

JW/WK

The meeting agreed to support in principle,
but will check if this is workable (the signal is poor at
the Memorial) Janet Boakes will also send Cllr Wylie
a link to the updated HinB portfolio, for inclusion on the PC website.

(ii) Financial Standing Order - Draft discussion

The proposed new Standing Order, previously distributed, was agreed.
Cllr Wyatt to check that the PC can alter/add to the standing orders
between Annual Meetings.
It was agreed to adopt this procedure for minor expenditure, going
forward.
Proposed by Cllr Wylie, seconded by Cllr Worsdale.

(iii) 20s Plenty

Cllr Wyatt was against extending the 20mph village wide (to the existing 30mph
signage).
Cllr Wylie and Cllr Knight were in favour of a village wide 20mph limit.
Cllr Worsdale felt that it was not likely that we would get that.
Cllr Smith felt there was merit in extending the limit to include the
Wild Hill section Wild Hill section by the play park.
Cllr Wylie made it clear that she was expressing the views of a large number
of residents as a council representative, rather than in her personal
capacity.
Of 120 residents, 116 were in favour of a village wide 20mph
limit, 2 'against' and 2 'don't know'.

Cllr Smith put forward 3 options and asked for a vote on each:

- 1) To go with NYC proposal
- 2) to propose that the Wild Hill section be added to NYC's proposal
- 3) A village-wide 20mph zone to replace the current 30mph limit.

Cllr Knight proposed Option 2) with Wild Hill Lane included.
This was carried. Cllrs Knight, Smith and Worsdale in favour.
Cllr Wyatt abstained.
Cllr Wylie proposed whole village 3). This was not carried.

The Parish Council will feedback to NYC. requesting that Wild Hill
Lane section be included in the 20mph zone proposed by NYC.

JW

Cllrs Wyatt and Worsdale requested data from NYC on latest
speed checks into the village.

JW

9.

Finance

The following points of discussion arose from scrutinising the Financial Report at May 2024

Patrick Brompton Churchyard mowing donation.

Historically, the PC have donated £300 towards 'mowing costs'.

The mowing regime has recently been changed to a more eco friendly approach.

RS

Last year it is believed that the donation was split at £150 Patrick Brompton and £150 Methodist Chapel. (confirmation needed)
After discussion on the historic and present role of the church in the lives of residents, and the role of the Methodist Chapel, it was agreed that Cllr Smith will continue to research current annual costs of mowing with Patrick Brompton church officials.

Tree pruning etc

For the record: At the last meeting the proposed tree pruning/removal costs were quoted at not more than £550.00.

This figure was incorrect and the quoted amount is £580.00

for works to be undertaken this autumn,

Clerk

The new expenditure figure of £580.00 was agreed.

Proposed by Cllr Wylie. Seconded by Cllr Worsdale.

It was agreed to reprieve the 'totem pole' fir tree for another season, and make a decision on it and the sapling ash next year. Meanwhile, as part of the beckside work, the ivy will be pruned off at the base

WK/JW

Items of expenditure

No new items since last meeting, 8th May.

£30 for domain name has been paid.

The treasurer is chasing £356.96 from NYC as a contribution to the PC's grass cutting contract costs for verges.

KA

Auditor's fee has been waived. Thanks to Rachel Morris.

At the next meeting the PC will agree a specific annual budget item for ongoing and future tree maintenance.

KA

The Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Dates for future meetings:

18th September 2024

20th November 2024