

HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 20th July 2021 at 7.30pm

Reference:

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Date: 20th July '21

Present:	Councillor R Wyatt Councillor R Smith Councillor J Wylie Councillor R Worsdale Councillor W Knight Councillor Carl Les NYCC Kathleen Allison	Chair Treasurer
Items	Recording of Meeting	Actions
Item 1	Apologies for absence Councillor Pat Middlemiss RDC Councillor Helen Grant RDC Dee Lynn Clerk	
Item 2	Councillors declarations of interest - none	
Item 3	Minutes of last meeting held 19th May 2021 – agreed as a true and accurate record, proposed Cllr Smith seconded Cllr Worsdale.	

<p>Item 4</p>	<p>Actions from previous meeting;</p> <p>(i) Livestock on roads in village Cllr Wylie stated she had spoken with residents and there was no further action to be taken</p> <p>(ii) Playpark Funding Cllr Wyatt stated £10,000 funding had been awarded to the village to renew the 'Lower Green' play equipment. Two suppliers have been contacted for quotes: PlayDale and StreetScape. Pupils at the school were consulted regarding the different types of play equipment available for the trail and have given feedback regarding their preferred choices. This information was given to the suppliers who will come up with the best playground trail solution for the price. Councillors also stated their preference for a natural wood, circular trail and quotes are to include fixings to protect the wood. Cllr Wyatt stated that decisions still need to be made regarding the final positioning of the new equipment on the Green. This will be done once plans are finalised. Cllr Wyatt has asked for two quotes from each firm: with and without removal of old equipment. The quotes from Play Dale and Street Scape will be circulated to all councillors for final consideration once received.</p>	<p>Cllr Wyatt to distribute quotes once received</p>
<p>Item 7</p>	<p>Cllr Carl Les joined the meeting 7.40pm. Due to his need to leave early for another meeting Item 7 was brought forward</p> <p>Matters Arising from RDC and NYCC There was no report received from Cllr Middlemiss RDC</p> <p>Cllr Les NYCC apologised for the roadworks on the A684 but noted that the improvements were necessary, overdue and hopefully shouldn't impact too much on residents. He reported on the introduction of a demand/response bus service in the area although currently it will not be available this side of Bedale. An online link will be made available to residents to illustrate how this service will work.</p> <p>Cllr Les announced that the proposed new Unitary Authority for North Yorkshire has got the go-ahead. Current proposed date for this to be up and running is 2023 although there will be a period of transition. This was reported as a positive outcome for North Yorkshire as it will provide opportunities for more efficient and cost effective working. He warned members that there is likely to be a period of austerity following the costs incurred during the pandemic but expressed support for local initiatives re wild flowers and said that funds would still be available through the Locality budget for specific projects. Cllr Wylie explained there was currently some money left in the Wild Flower budget but may contact him later in the year, if necessary, to purchase more seed.</p> <p>Cllr Knight raised concerns about increased traffic on Wild Hill Lane and through the village following the tank road closure. It has already resulted in increased littering and the increased volume of traffic, unused to the narrow lanes could potentially cause a traffic safety issue for children/residents in the village. Cllr Les stated that the diversions in place should not encourage cars through the village but said he would look again at the diversion signage; particularly signage at the junction on the A684 and Wild Hill, which is not the designated route into the village (apart from local traffic).</p> <p>Cllr Knight asked if the decision not to site litter bins in the new laybys would be made permanent. Cllr Les's response indicated that NYCC were not intending to do so, unless RDC made it clear that they wanted them and would undertake to empty them.</p>	

<p>Item 4 (Cont)</p>	<p>Phonebox – Cllr Smith completed the online response form stating the PC was not interested in adopting responsibility for the phonebox. Currently it is still useable.</p> <p>Relocation of “youth club” bench – The old bench has been refurbished by Ian Sandell and has been located by the wall on Greenacres side of the beck, at the request of Mrs S Sandell, former Youth Club organiser. Cllr Wyatt and Smith have sourced some slabs to provide a permanent base for the bench and these will be laid when available. A note of thanks was sent to Ian Sandell for his refurbishment work on the bench.</p> <p>The new memorial bench funded by the Dale family is now in place although Cllr Wyatt is going to contact the supplier regarding concerns about the quality of finish on the screw heads at the back. Thanks were given to Cllr Smith and Mark Allison for powerwashing the old concrete base in preparation for siting the bench.</p> <p>Letter to Countryman’s Inn steering group – A letter of support was sent to the group by Cllr Knight.</p> <p>Permission from RDC for wheelie bin stickers – permission was received for the stickers and Cllr Smith ordered a set which have been put up around the village. Councillors commented upon the effectiveness and visibility of the stickers currently in place. The decision was made to order more signs to target additional areas e.g. Church Bank and Wild Hill.</p> <p>Obscured 30mph sign – Cllr Smith contacted highways but was told current funding would not allow for the sign to be re-sited. Decision was made for one of the village safety stickers to be put on the telegraph post in front of the sign.</p> <p>Cinder house inspection – Cllrs Wyatt & Smith inspected the Cinder House and have cut back the ivy at its base. Because of the damage caused by the ivy, the walls of the house would benefit from re-pointing. A crack in the wall appears stable at the moment but will be monitored for further deterioration. It was also noted that their inspection was only on three sides as one is inaccessible. Cllr Wyatt to approach a local contractor regarding repointing of Cinder House.</p> <p>Shrub height on bridge (Bedale Road) – Cllr Wyatt reported that overhanging shrubs have been cut back. Cllr Worsdale raised concerns regarding overhanging shrubs outside a property by the junction of Rattan Row and the Bedale Rd. Councillors to visit, review situation and speak with the resident if necessary.</p> <p>Defib training – Cllr Smith has booked training for Friday August 6th at 2pm. There is a list of about 12 residents interested in the training but now a date has been fixed, the training will be advertised to the community again. As there were only 2 residents interested in an evening session, it was decided to cancel this training time slot. Cllr Smith asked whether the current Defib battery was due for replacement. A new battery is £200 and needs to be replaced every 4 years. Cllr Wyatt felt there was a warning light if the battery charge was low but would check the state of the current Defib battery and pads before the training.</p> <p>AGAR form and Zurich insurance premium – Treasurer reported that the AGAR forms had been completed and submitted online although not acknowledgement had been received. The Annual Insurance premium has been paid to Zurich Insurance.</p>	<p>Cllr Wyatt</p> <p>Cllr Smith to purchase more stickers</p> <p>Cllr Wyatt</p> <p>Newsletter?</p> <p>Cllr Wyatt.</p> <p>C I I r Worsdale</p>
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Item 5	<p>Police report – a report has been received for the period since the last meeting, this was circulated and contents noted.</p>	Clerk
Item 6	<p>Local planning applications; (i) Old Hall Equestrian Yard– no objections (ii) Air Source Pump– no objections</p>	
Item 8	<p>PC business / maintenance items</p> <p>(i) Green Spaces Initiative Cllr Wylie contacted Green Spaces to ensure RDC are aware of the designated areas the PC feel should remain green for local planning. Cllr Wylie also looked into the Keep Britain Tidy initiative but reported we were too late for involvement this time. It was noted that another litter pick is planned for September.</p> <p>(ii) Best Kept Village Cllr Wylie reported that after researching the award, she felt the criteria for the competition was outdated and could cause some issues for residents. She felt it was not appropriate for the village at the moment.</p> <p>(iii) ‘No Mow May’ Cllr Knight suggested the village could be encouraged to adopt the national initiative No Mow May next year. It was suggested some communal areas of the village should be left unmown during May to encourage greater diversity of plantlife. Residents will also be encouraged to support the initiative in their own gardens. Some councillors felt this was more a matter of personal choice and raised safety concerns regarding visibility at junctions if verges were left to grow. It was decided to highlight the initiative next Spring in the newsletter and let individual householders decide whether or not to take part.</p> <p>(iv) Damage to Playpark Equipment Cllr Knight pointed out that the base of some of the wooden play equipment continues to get damaged despite the placement of plastic guards. A variety of solutions were discussed at the meeting including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - leaving a small circular area of grass to grow around the base, - weedkilling the grass around the base - a tar bandage to protect the base of the wood. <p>It was decided that Cllr Wyatt would look into solutions to this problem and the item would be set as an agenda for the next meeting</p> <p>(v) Playground Inspection The annual inspection of play equipment is due in August. Cllr Wyatt pointed out that as all the actions of the previous report related to the play equipment about to be replaced, it would be more sensible to delay the inspection until April 2022, when all the new equipment will be installed. Cllr Wylie asked whether the annual inspection was a legal requirement. Cllr Wyatt replied it was not but an inspection was considered best practice and sensible in terms of safety, insurance and liability. It was decided that the inspection will be delayed to April 22 but that regular monitoring of the area and checks on specific ‘high use’ equipment such as the swivel swing and zip wire will be undertaken.</p> <p>(i)</p>	<p>Cllr Knight - newsletter</p> <p>Cllr Wyatt</p> <p>Cllrs</p>

<p>Item 9</p>	<p>Finance (i) Financial report the financial report had been prepared by the Treasurer and circulated. The Treasurer summarised the position and invited questions.</p> <p>Cllr Knight asked whether funding was available for updating the website. KA stated some money had been allocated to the website following previous discussions regarding the budget. Cllr Knight to look at the Thornton Steward Sailing Club website to see if it would be a preferable option for the PC. Cllr Wyatt to speak with a contact at the club regarding working on a new website for the Parish Council.</p>	<p>Treasurer</p> <p>Cllr Knight Cllr Wyatt</p>
<p>Item 10</p>	<p>Any other business (i) Streetlight outside Coopers Cottage still not working. Cllr Smith to send the serial number of the light to Pat Middlemiss at RDC to see if they can solve the problem.</p>	<p>Cllr Smith</p>
<p>Date and time of next meeting: to be held Wednesday 15th September 2021 at 7.30pm.</p>		

K Allison in absence of Clerk

Original signed

Signed: _ Date _____

Please note these minutes are draft and marked as such until agreed at the next meeting.