**WHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA A ZOOM MEETING**

**AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH 2021**

PRESENT: Steve Brisley, Dolly Hannon (Chair), Howard Tribick, Jenny Tribick and Alistair Wright.

ALSO PRESENT Clerk: Angela Livingstone, Cllr Hugill, 1 resident CD.

20.30 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES and approve reasons for absence and receive any declarations of interest**

20.30.1 Due to covid-19 restrictions the meeting was held by a Zoom meeting. There were apologies for absence from Cllr Griffiths.

20.30.2 Cllr Wright and Cllrs’ Tribick declared an interest in Item 20.34.2 Whorlton House Farm.

20.31 **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 OCTOBER 2020 AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD**

20.31.1 The minutes of the meeting of the 21 October 2020 were proposed as correct and approved, these would be signed by the Chair and the Clerk would add to the council website. **ACTION: Clerk**

20.32 **PUBLIC FORUM**

20.32.1 A resident informed her concerns regarding flooding at Church Lane, she informed that she had been emailing Cllr Hugill and the drains had been gulley washed. She questioned if this had worked adequately and questioned the runoff from fields beyond the snickett. The resident added that she had approached the householder of the field involved but found that the resident was unwell and had already spent a lot of money on drainage which was not working well. She proposed that a belt of trees would soak up water. The Chair assured that she had attended the area on the evening of the flood to help alongside others and then later had a meeting with an engineer and looked at the area involved. The engineer was given the contact details of the field landowners and was to talk with them of solutions. A channel had been dug to the playing fields to run off the water and the path had needed repairing. The Living Leven scheme through the Rivers Trust, being progressed by Judy Power was discussed as a possible contact for a future meeting. The scheme was around biodiversity not flood risk and the visit the previous year by Council officers was around emergency response for floods not planning for flood risk. Options were discussed for retaining water or getting into the stream quickly. It was understood that millions were being spent to stop the water running off the hills into the river, but this scheme was too late to support residents’ immediate needs. The Chair reminded that the engineer was looking how to support, and she was awaiting a response. Cllr Hugill informed that there were grants available under the Elms scheme. Cllr Wright advised that he was happy to support a scheme on his land to slow the flow and would discuss with Cllr Hugill. The resident stated that the council response had been too slow with drains only being cleared recently. The Chair informed that she would inform the resident of any progress and would advise Cllr Griffiths that a regular clean of the drains was required. **ACTION: Cllr Wright and Chair**

20.33 **TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

20.33.1 Defibrillator – Arising from 20.20.4 - Cllr Brisley confirmed he was monitoring the unit.

20.33.2 Speedwatch – Arising from 20.22.1 – Cllr J Tribick informed that she would progress a community speedwatch when there had been a lifting of lockdown.

20.33.3 Old Highway sign – Arising from 20.22.3 – The Clerk to enquire progress with NYMNPA. **ACTION: Clerk**

20.33.4 Potto Bridge – Arising from 20.27.1 – The Chair informed that greenery had been cut back and the bridge was awaited. £1000 grant had been received through Cllr Griffiths for which thanks were given.

20.34 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

20.34.1 9 Heather Close – no comment on this domestic development, to be looked at by planning department.

20.34.2 Whorlton House Farm – Declarations of interest had been received on the application, Cllr Brisley and the Chair agreed that they had no concerns and that this be left to the planning department.

20.35 **CLERKS AND CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

 The Clerk had forwarded correspondence received:

20.35.1 Consultations – NYMNPA Management plan (11th April), Local Government Reorganisation (19th April)

 Consultation tree felling Arncliffe Wood (end 11.3), Tree work application 15 Garbutt Lane, Police and Crime Commissioner elections 6th May and Swainby Sweep trail race 11th April – It was questioned if this would be permissible under current regulations and determined that outdoor sports of this type would be. Councillors were unsure if the company would be able to organise staggered start times. The Clerk reminded that there had been recent correspondence and presumed that the race would be allowed.

20.36 **PLAYING FIELDS** – The Chair informed that there was nothing to report.

20.37 **POLICE REPORT** – A Report had been received for January indicating 1 ASB personal - social media dispute, 1 ASB environmental Covid related. February report 1 ASB personal and 5 ASB Environmental, 4 Covid related and a hazardous fire on council fire to rear of Blackhorse pub, Increased patrols were being conducted by North Yorkshire Police in Whorlton and Swainby in respect of Covid breaches.

20.38 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

20.38.1 The Clerk presented the financial report, which was approved by all members.

• Income to bank

 SPFA £588.00 & £217.80

 NYCC grant for Potto bridge £1000.00

Toilet donations £142.33

• Expenditure – accurate information Amount cheque no.

Monthly - Clerk salary October, November, December, January & February 1372.55 direct

Monthly - EDF Energy October, November, December, January & February 80.00 direct

 Citizens Advice Bureau 50.00 000879

 Whorlton PCC Church 475.00 000880

 Swainby Village Hall 550.00 000881

 Mr J Beadle£1250 grass cutting, £1250 toilets 2500.00 000882

A Livingstone - 12 2nd class stamps 7.80 000883

Chuhan & Singh payroll service Jul-Sept 36.00 000884

Barnes associates Tree surgeon 720.00 000885

JM Barnfather (SPFA) 217.80 000886

Country Gardens (SPFA) 588.00 000887

NYCC Potto footbridge 2575.00 000888

Chuhan & Singh payroll service Oct-Mar 72.00 000889

AC Hannon – lawnmower 499.00 000890

AC Hannon – toilet rolls 22.07 000890

AC Hannon – toilet rolls 22.50 000890

NYCC – grit bin 90.00 000891

NYCC – grass cutting 840.00 000892

A Livingstone – Zoom payment 14.39 000893

A Livingstone – wage underpaid 7.19 000893

A Livingstone – 12 x 2nd class stamps 7.92 000893

20.39 COUNTY COUNCILLOR, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR AND PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS –

P20.39.1 Cllr Hugill informed that Potto residents were voting for in the Police and Crime Commissioner election in Swainby, it was believed this was Covid related. He advised that phase 4 of the superfast Wi-Fi in North Yorkshire had commenced for more coverage. Work had commenced on the Northallerton makeover and the new crematorium near Thirsk. Cllr Hugill had attended a Sheepwash meeting and informed that funding had been granted to repair a route. He reminded of the consultation mentioned by the clerk. Cllr J Tribick questioned if there were any further details on the cycleway, Cllr Hugill had no update but the Chair advised she was regularly updated if there was information by the Potto Parish Council Chair.

20.40 VILLAGE TREES

20.4O.1 The Chair informed that the arborist report had been received in November and circulated to Councillors and residents by email, there had been no objections. She advised that if the Parish Council followed the recommendations, of which there were three elements which she assumed would be completed over a period of a few years as there were no urgent works required. Cllr Brisley suggested that volunteers could clear the ivy and Cllr H Tribick agreed the need to do what was possible with working parties. The Chair stated her hopes for economy of scale and proposed the this was put to tender. She added that the first phase could be the south side of the High Street where trees were destroying the bank of the river, followed by the next phase crown lifting over the other side of the river. The Scugdale Road area could be over a couple of different phases. It was felt that the works would change the dynamic of the village however there had been no objections from residents. Councillors asked for additional time to look further at the report before agreeing a way forward. **ACTION: Agenda**

20.41 FLOODING RESPONSE

20.41.1 The Chair stated thanks to Cllrs Brisley and Wright for their support on the evening of the flood. Councillors discussed issues with the storage of the floodsacs with the new property tenant informing that the store of floodsacs were no longer available despite knowing of the responsibility to keep these. Cllr Hugill spoke of the difficulty of disposing of floodsacs after use. Councillors talked of homeowners taking on responsibility for their own property. **Resolved**: Chair to approach owner of property with storage under granary steps to find if bags could be stored there and request bags from Hambleton CC. Parish Council to ask Environment Agency to speak to householders about protecting their homes. **ACTION: Chair**

Resident left the meeting.

20.42 NEXT MEETING

20.42.1 The Chair proposed that the April meeting was not required and she would forward any information through to Councillors and residents. The Clerk informed that remote meetings were only allowed by government until 6th May 2021 and no further information had been received for meetings following this date other than the need for risk assessments.

20.43 SCHOOL SITE DEVELOPMENT – CLOSED MATTER

20.43.1 The Chair invited Cllr Hugill to remain in the meeting, she informed of information received regarding electric vehicle chargers which all agreed should be future proofed with a 88Kw supply. Councillors discussed the lump sum offer and agreed that a higher figure was required to ensure costs were covered, including legal costs. **Resolved:** To request £18,000, ensure adequate electric supply and reiterate previously agreed matters. The lighting of the car park was questioned, it was felt that Claver Close was lit and this would cover the car park. Chair to request support from NYMNPA to look at the legal agreement. Cllr Hugill congratulated the Parish Council on being forward thinking. **ACTION: Chair/Clerk**

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Chair of Whorlton Parish Council