**WHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

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

ALSO PRESENT Clerk: Angela Livingstone, 6 residents, Cllr Hugill.

Due to covid-19 restrictions in the room, residents had been asked to register in advance for the meeting.

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

21.49.1 There were no apologies for the meeting.

21.50 **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2021 AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD**

21.50.1 The minutes of the meeting of the 15 September 2021 were proposed as correct and approved, these would be signed by the Chair and the Clerk would be added to the council website.  **ACTION: Clerk**

21.51 **PUBLIC FORUM** – The Chair reminded residents that this was the only item on which residents could bring forward discussions. If the item was not within the agenda Councillors could only discuss the item with no resolution and consider the matter for a future agenda item. A resident stated that there was a mention of grass cutting on the agenda. He informed that he wished to volunteer to cut the grass eight times per year, for which he advised he had the required equipment. In addition to this he offered to adopt the Pinfold and pay for the ongoing maintenance of this. Cllr Wright thanked Mr Morgan for his generous offer and asked for details of the offer to be sent to the clerk.

21.52 **TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** –The Chair stated that at the previous meeting under item 21.35 there had been a number of allegations made, she wished to record that when councillors were not engaged on council business they were not acting as Parish Councillors. There was no correspondence sent regarding Mr Morgan’s business from the Parish Council or the Chair. She had however as a private individual sort the assistance of the County Council following a tree being cut down and burnt and a visit from the police. There were further comments that the Parish Council had illegally re-elected themselves during the lockdown period and a comment that residents could force an election. The Clerk was asked for clarity on this and confirmed that there was no way to force an election, she clarified that there had been no election due during 2020, the next election was due May 2023. The Chair asked the Clerk to request information on the legal position on libel and defamation. **ACTION: Clerk**

21.53 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** – Councillors discussed the applications received for Exelby Services, land rear of high street adj. 17 Garbutt Lane and Throston House. It was agreed that there were no concerns and no comments.

21.54 **CLERKS AND CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

21.54.1 The Clerk had forwarded correspondence received: To note –

Resignations received & election process commenced (election date 9th December 2021)

Hambleton Council Ms Madden requested to meet regarding affordable housing to complete a housing needs survey. It was agreed that the Clerk should suggest that Ms Madden attends a future meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

Notice of Police, Fire and Crime comm election

Request for a copy of accounts

Consultation re Ryedale Plan

The Chair informed of an email received yesterday from NYCC re Brierley Homes with an offer to engage in a community activity, financially or practically. It was agreed that the Chair progress information for the next meeting. She stated that there was still no legal agreement received for the proposed development on the school site. **ACTION: Chair**

The Chair stated that an email had been received regarding the date of Whorlton run on 22nd June 2022. The Chair informed that carried forward from the October inquorate meeting there had been an email regarding 20s plenty speed limit in built up areas. Councillors discussed this initiative and requested the Clerk to respond in support of this. **ACTION: Clerk**

21.55 **PLAYING FIELDS** – The Chair informed of a broken swing which had been repaired. Due to banking charges SPFA had enquired if the Parish Council would hold their money in the Parish Council account. The Clerk stated the need to understand the constitution and it was agreed that charitable accounts could be still opened free of charge with a number of banks. Clerk to liaise with SPFA. **ACTION: Clerk**

21.56 **POLICE REPORT** – A Report had been received recently indicating 8/9/2021 - 9/10/2021 – 0 incidents.

21.57 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR AND PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

There were no Councillors present at the meeting.

21.58 **COMMUNITY FIBRE PARTNERSHIP PROJECT**

The Chair informed that she had hoped Mr Wilson would have been available to update on the project. She informed that Openreach had looked at 193 households and given a total cost of £287,000 this was using existing infrastructure. This gave a figure per household of £1400. There was however the need to sign up with the service provider to the next speed of broadband. Cllr Wright asked a resident for information as he had been involved in progressing this. The resident informed that he had walked the village and identified an additional 40 homes not included. The Chair questioned the location and was informed these included properties on Scugdale and on The Close. This would reduce the cost per home if they signed up. If all homes agreed and signed up for the voucher the project would be cost neutral. The resident stated that he would question the take up needed to go ahead, which he believed would be 60-70%. The Chair informed that Openreach had informed a normal take up of 40%. Timescales were queried, and it was believed that nothing further would happen till January. It was questioned if properties would be able to sign up at a later date, it was felt this would be possible but it was uncertain if the vouchers would still be available as the costs would have already been met.

21.59 **PROPOSAL TO INVESTIGATE PURCHASE OF RECORDING EQUIPMENT**

The Chair stated that if meetings were to be recorded it was important for the Parish Council to be in control and show an unedited version. She questioned if the costs and best equipment types for this should be investigated. The Clerk was asked to question other councils on their equipment. **ACTION: Clerk**

21.60 **PINFOLD**

The Chair stated that this may be a project which Brierley Homes could complete. Cllr Brisley reminded that a proposal was awaited too from Mr Morgan on this.

21.61 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

21.61.1 Income to bank – Toilet donations £118.89, NYMNPA toilet Grant £861.87, SPFA £120,00, £334.79 & £94.80, Hambleton DC precept £5,462.10

21.61.2 Expenditure paid – Clerk monthly salary, EDF Energy monthly direct debit, Rentokil Initial £69.12 000907

RoSPA Playsafety £94.80 000908, PKF Littlejohn £240.00 000909. Councillors approved the payments made in the previous month and the following payments to be made. Chuhan & Singh £36.00 000910, J Beadle (grass cutting/toilet cons) £ 34.10 000911, Mrs Hannon printing £5.00 000912.

21.61.3 To approve annual payments - Councillors discussed the annual donations made. Following discussions, the following payments were APPROVED.

Citizens Advice Bureau £50.00 000913, Whorlton PCC Church upkeep of churchyard £475.00 000914, Swainby Village Hall £550.00 000915, Mr J Beadle£1250 grass cutting, £1250 toilets total £2500.00 000916, The Globe £250.00 000917.

21.61.4 The Chair informed that the invoice for tree works had not yet been received, the works had been approved by Councillors who agreed that they were happy with the work completed. The Clerk was authorised to make the payment if this was in advance of the next meeting and the Chair would progress obtaining a tender for the second phase

*Cllr Hugill entered the meeting.*

21.61.5 To agree budget / precept for 2022/23 – Councillors agreed that due to the grants received during the pandemic the council was in a good financial position. **Resolved:** Clerk to inform that the Precept would remain at £10,924.20. **ACTION: Clerk**

21.61.6 Cllr Brisley was asked to check the dates on the defibrillator as it was believed that some renewal may be required, he was uncertain if pads had already been changed. The Clerk confirmed that she had not received any correspondence. Cllr Brisley to check the defibrillator and inform the Clerk of any requirements for her to organise. **ACTION: Cllr Brisley**

The Chair enquired if Cllr Hugill had any updates and the previous agenda item was looked at.

21.57 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR AND PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

21.57.1 Cllr Hugill informed that the Making a Difference grant was still open, this was likely to be the final year for this grant. It was agreed that the Clerk should progress item 21.59 swiftly and see if this was eligible and if she could enter a bid for the funding for recording equipment. **ACTION: Clerk**

21.57.2 Cllr Hugill informed that Hambleton DC were to do some filming at Whorlton Castle which may encourage more visitors.

21.57.3 Cllr Hugill informed that the council would start the transition to the new council in May 2022, this would leave 90 Councillors in 89 wards. The Chair questioned how that compared to the current numbers. Cllr Hugill advised this was around half, he stated that Swainby would couple with Hutton Rudby and surrounding areas.

21.62 NEXT MEETING - Date of next meeting scheduled Wednesday January 19th 2021 at 7.30pm.

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Chair of Whorlton Parish Council