**WHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 19TH JANUARY 2022**

PRESENT: Jem Beadle, Steve Brisley, Dolly Hannon (Chair), Jonathan Skidmore and Alistair Wright.

ALSO PRESENT Clerk: Angela Livingstone, Amanda Madden, Hambleton DC, Police officer, 4 residents, Cllr Griffiths and Cllr Hugill.

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

21.63 **WELCOME NEWLY APPOINTED PARISH COUNCILLORS**

21.63.1 The Chair welcomed the new parish councillors. Necessary forms were completed and the clerk had forwarded a number of documents. The Chair advised the need to read the standing orders and financial regulations and adhere to the information to ensure that the meetings were conducted properly.

21.64 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE – MS MADDEN**

21.64.1 Ms Madden informed that her role was a rural housing enabler, she worked with the Parish Council and the Community to deliver affordable housing. A housing needs survey was completed in February 2018 valid for three years, 19 people were identified. The survey was across a cluster of local villages and she had an offer of a piece of land in Carlton but wanted to look for something in Swainby as it was a larger settlement. The survey gave information on the size need and market need. She stated that the current need appeared to be one bedroom. Ms Madden questioned if the Parish Council wanted the survey updating, she added that she questions proposed for inclusion in the Parish Plan would be used in this survey. The vacancy rate in social housing was questioned as bungalows were noted to be empty. Ms Madden was unsure regarding the 27 older person bungalows; it was confirmed that only one property became available at the new properties in Black Horse Lane. Ms Madden informed that correspondence would be sent to the Parish Council by 1st February, to be returned by 28th February. She stated that there was the piece of land in Carlton and an offer of a piece of land in Swainby. She confirmed there was no cost for the survey and the response rate was around 11% which the Chair questioned the use of. Ms Madden would question if other Parish Councils were interested in being involved.

*Ms Madden left the meeting.*

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

21.65.1 There were no apologies for the meeting. Cllr Wright informed of an interest in a planning application. The Clerk asked all councillors to complete and return their annual declarations, this was completed.

21.66 **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2021 AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD**

21.66.1 The minutes of the meeting of the 17 November 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**

21.67 **PUBLIC FORUM** – A resident who was involved with the Village Hall committee advised of discussions relating to celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee. The church had plans for an afternoon tea and wanted to work with other groups. Swainby PFA were having a tree planted by Hambleton DC through the Queen’s Green Canopy Tree Planting Initiative. All agreed the need for a full community event. It was suggested and agreed that an open meeting be held in March in the Village Hall to be advertised in a flyer to go with the Parish magazine. The Chair suggested a road closure and village party.

21.67.1 The PCSO present stated that she had not attended a meeting of the Parish Council and wanted to ensure that residents and the Parish Council had a contact. She advised that the annual Operation Bright had finished and been successful, police had targeted homes which would benefit from better external lighting. A speed traffic gun was now available at Stokesley Police station and would be used regularly. The Chair informed that the Parish Council had signed up to support the 20s Plenty campaign. Cllr Griffiths informed that the Executive committee had looked at this and not supported the campaign, this would be looked at on a case-by-case basis, he confirmed that the National Parks did not have a view on the additional street furniture. A resident suggested VAS (vehicle activated signs) which it was discussed could be applied for and funded by the Parish Council at a cost of around £3,500 each, these required moving 6 weekly. Clerk to progress with Highways lighting and find information. **ACTION: Clerk**

*Police officer and 1 resident left the meeting*

21.68 **TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** –

21.68.1 Grass cutting/Pinfold – Arising from 21.51 - The Chair confirmed that there had been no written confirmation following the offer of work on grass cutting and the Pinfold.

21.68.2 Brierley Homes – Arising from 21.54.1 – The Chair advised that following an offer of a contribution to a village activity, a list of possible ideas had been given to Brierley Homes, they liked an idea of an outdoor gym. SPFA had entered a lottery funding bid but been rejected. The figure available for an activity was uncertain, this was not tied to the housing obligations. Other ideas were brought forward of windows for the village hall and the VAS. It was agreed that as a social responsibility the VAS and outdoor gym be suggested first. Village Hall windows as a second idea. The Chair was asked to question Brierley Homes view on a suitable project and what budget they were looking at. VAS could be installed at both sides of the river. **ACTION: Chair**

21.69 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** – Councillors discussed the applications received for Whorlton House Farm and 5 Black Horse Lane. AGREED no concerns, applications to be decided by Development control.

21.70 **CLERKS AND CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

21.70.1 The Clerk had forwarded correspondence received: To note – emails re 20s plenty for N. Yorks, YLCA training programme and request for P Cllr details. A recent email from MAD Races confirmed the race date as 24th April. NYMNPA management plan, response by 21.1.22. no comment to be made.

 email to Vision ICT re website security, response received stating SSL certificate only needed when personal data was stored on the website, all data on the Parish Council site was for public consumption. The query on security was from a resident query, this also included a concern on the bins being a hazard to accessing the defibrillator. It was advised that a motion activated light had been purchased by the village hall which would solve the issue.

21.71 **PLAYING FIELDS** – The Chair stated that plans for the tree had been discussed, she added that Cllr Skidmore had joined the SPFA committee.

21.72 **POLICE REPORT** – A Report had been received indicating Oct - Dec – 0 incidents. A further recent report indicated from Dec to Jan showed 1 ASB Personal and 1 ASB Nuisance. 1 Criminal damage and 1 violence against the person, all stated they were not relevant to meeting. Officer updated earlier in the meeting.

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

21.73.1 Cllr Griffiths stated that there had been press releases on the council tax, due to high demands the council were likely to work towards the top end of the government rates of 1.99% increase in council tax and 2.49% increase in social care levy. The council had drawn down on reserves of £6-£11 million pounds. He informed that the unitary and district councils would work together and the newly appointed county councillors will be appointed for five years and shadowed for a year before the unitary structure came into place in May 2023. Swainby would fall under a new ward including Hutton Rudby and Osmotherly, the boundary sizes would be assessed during the first year to find average numbers.

21.74 **TREE WORKS – phase 2**

 The Chair informed that there had been no complaints regarding the first phase of the works, these had finished except for treating the regrowth. The same contractor had been asked to price for the second phase as had been agreed as the process when appointed and had given a price of £2580 inc. VAT. RESOLVED Councillors approved the quotation, Chair to inform residents and contractor. **Action**: **Chair**

21.74.1 Cllr Skidmore queried grass maintenance on the picnic area, it was advised that a resident had been maintaining but Cllr Beadle would monitor if this needed to be included in the maintenance he completed.

21.75 **COMMUNITY FIBRE PARTNERSHIP PROJECT**

 The Chair informed that the resident who was liaising with Openreach had advised of an additional 40 properties and Openreach’s response was being questioned to see if this was to be progressed.

21.76 **PINFOLD**

 The Chair informed that SPFA had offered machinery to break up the ground, the works were discussed and it was agreed that Parish Councillors be involved in the works. The Chair was to check if the Pinfold was listed or if planning permission was required. **ACTION: Chair**

21.77 **FUTURE PROJECTS**

21.77 The Chair informed that due to funding received during the pandemic there was a large sum in the account. Therefore, some projects which had previously been discussed could be progressed together

21.77.1 with any new ideas. Councillors discussed; Sandbag store – the premises which had been discussed had been sold and the Chair suggested purchasing a storage bin to be stored in the church car park, for which they had given permission. Cllr Brisley agreed to find information and forward to councillors prior to the next meeting together with any cost for the sandbags from the council depot. **ACTION: Cllr Brisley**

21.77.2 Parish Council Notice board - The Clerk to enquire if Howard Tribick had progressed this or could supply specification. The Chair to look for alternatives. **ACTION: Clerk/Chair**

21.77.3 Mole infestation on river banks – The Chair informed that the council previously had an annual contract for this service, there no longer seemed to be a service. Cllr Wright to advise Cllr Beadle on a service and this be procured. **ACTION: Cllr Wright / Cllr Beadle**

21.77.4 Toilet painting and repairs – Cllr Beadle informed of the need to install the extractor fan and paint the toilets. He added that the light timer turned off too quickly and the hand dryer plug was faulty. Chair to contact the installer again to ask them to return. **ACTION: Chair**

21.77.5 New projects discussed included a muddy area on the grass when coming off the new bridge to Potto. Cllr Skidmore/Cllr Wright to purchase and install a type of grasscrete. **ACTION: Cllr Skidmore/Cllr Wright**

21.77.6 Sports Day – Winner Cup – Cllr Wright to ensure the cups were available as discussed previously. **ACTION: Cllr Wright**

21.77.7 Village Footpaths -The Chair was to look at the footpaths and ensure evidence was in place. **ACTION: Chair**

*Cllr Hugill entered the meeting.*

21.77.8 Footpath to rear of Church Lane – The requirements to ensure the footpath was secure were discussed. The Chair felt that moving the fence would help the issues, Chair to ask SPFA to reposition the fence. Cllr Skidmore commented that it would be nice to have a stoned path all along the area, the Chair agreed to speak with the Rangers. Cllr Beadle commented that the bank where the seats were located near the church was very steep, he suggested placing steps to ensure this area could be navigated. He would progress this. **ACTION: Chair / Cllr Beadle**

21.77.9 Eco Agenda – The Chair suggested looking at offering some type of Buy Nothing movement, this involved the use of an App to recycle items. A resident advised an idea of a Repair Café. A project was advised of in Helmsley where residents took items to the Town Hall named a Give and Take. Any items left at the end of the event were collected by Ryedale Council (Res). A further idea was to combine the Eco ideas and the Platinum Jubilee and see if a piece of land could be obtained for a community orchard or if a feasibility study were to be funded to slow the river (JS). There had been a further suggestion of an electric pool village car. Ideas to be progressed and sent to Clerk for next meeting. **ACTION: Councillors/Resident**

21.73.2 **COUNCILLOR REPORT** – The Chair returned to a previous agenda item and asked Cllr Hugill if he had anything to report. Cllr Hugill informed of work promoting reconnection to the Bilsdale Mast, he advised the helpline number of 0800 1214828.

21.78 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

21.78.1 Income to bank – None, Chair to empty toilet donations. **ACTION: Chair**

21.78.2 Expenditure paid – Clerk monthly salary £281.66, EDF Energy monthly direct debit £31.00, Anglian Water D/D £89.75. Expenditure to approve- NYCC replenish bin £90.00, WEL Medical defibrillator pads£43.20, Toilet rolls £46.58, Rennison tree services £2820.00, Stamps & paper £18.50. Additional invoice received NYCC £864.00 mowing playing field 2021. It was agreed that if the Village Hall required support for the windows the Parish Council may be able to give a donation.

21.79 NEXT MEETING - Date of next meeting scheduled Wednesday February 16th 2022 at 7.30pm.

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

Chair of Whorlton Parish Council