

**Minutes of the Meeting of Hovingham with Scackleton Parish Council**  
**held in Hovingham Village Hall Community Room**  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7 pm**

**PRESENT.** Councillor P. Chapman, Chairman. Councillor I. Battersby, Councillor R. Matthews, Councillor M. Wilson, Councillor R. Wainwright.

**Electors.** Mrs M. Wilson

North Yorkshire County Councillor Mrs C. Goodrick. Mrs M. Farey. Community First Yorkshire Development Officer. Ms F. Snowdon Communities Officer R.D.C.

Clerk. Mrs S. Wainwright

**APOLOGIES.** Councillor Ms M. Gripaios, Councillor Mrs W. Swann,

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

Councillor proposed, Councillor seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th January 2018 be signed as a correct record.

**REPORT FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS C. GOODRICK.**

- North Yorkshire County Council has increased the Council Tax.
- Savings of £33 million need to be made over the next 3years.
- The Joint Minerals and Waste Plan is under inspection.
- A consultation is being held on Post 16 School Transport. It is proposed to make a compulsory charge of £490 per pupil. Free transport is not sustainable.
- Contact from a Hovingham resident concerning the speed of the traffic entering Park Street through the park gates. Looking for support from the Parish Council to request speed management protocol would be appreciated.
- A £500 grant towards a defibrillator has been made to Hovingham from the Localities Budget.
- Applications can be made to the Environmental Budget to support the maintenance of pathways etc
- In response to a question about the Scotchman Lane/A64 junction it was explained that the 3 month consultation and installation of CCTV cameras by Highways England was necessary for evidence gathering.

**REPORT FROM RYEDALE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR R.WAINWRIGHT.**

- R.D.C. does not have a permanent Chief Executive. The Deputy Chief Executive is in post.
- The post had been advertised internally but no applications were received.
- The next Full Council meeting would discuss the issue to advertise the post and whether a partnership could be formed with N.Y.C.C. for them to employ the successful candidate one day a week.
- Ryedale Council Tax had increased by 2.6%.
- New re-cycling vehicles will have a compacting facility meaning they will be processed at full weight rather than returning to Malton mid collection to tip which is the current arrangement.
- It was confirmed that Hovingham with Scackleton Parish Council had not increased the Precept even though the information enclosed with the Council Tax demand appeared to show otherwise. This is due to the reduction in the number of Band D properties.
- The length of time it is taking for the new road layout at Broughton Manor, Malton to come in to operation was also raised. The inclement weather conditions are probably contributing to the delay.

**ACTIONS**

To deal with matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting and new actions (bold)

**GENERAL (Hovingham & Scackleton).**

**1918 Armistice Remembered.**

- A meeting was held on 15th February to discuss plans to mark the Armistice.
- Proposed to plant a tree in Hovingham and Scackleton to commemorate the event.

- Scackleton would like to plant a commemorative tree but are having difficulty deciding on a suitable location.
- Village groups be invited to design a commemorative plaque to show how they wish to remember the occasion.
- Hovingham School pupils be involved with a project linked to Australia. Mr R. Thompson to organise.
- Poppy seeds to be sown in the memorial gravel.
- Bring and Share lunch in Hovingham Village Hall on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
- Bonfire/beacon at Church Farm, Scackleton 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018

#### 100<sup>th</sup> Hovingham Market.

- A lot of goodwill surrounded this celebration which was reinforced when the March market was cancelled due to the snow.
- There had been about 800 visitors.
- Organisers look forward to the 101st market on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### Bus Service

- This service has been reinstated and is being run by Coastliner on a long term basis.
- New jobs have been created.

#### General Data Protection Regulation.

- Councillors need to be aware of this new legislation which is expected to come in to force at the end of May.
- N.Y.C.C. and Y.L.C.A. will be providing advice and support through the process.

#### Grass Cutting

- J.E. Clifford and Sons quoted an increased price of about 5%, the first in four years, for cutting the verges.
- It was agreed to accept this price.
- There will be a small increase at the beginning of the season for cutting Hovingham Village greens because of the daffodils.
- The cutting of the cemetery grass would remain the same.

#### Howardian Hills. Potential New Rural Watch Scheme/New Hedge Grant.

- The information had been circulated to Councillors.
- The aim is to address the problems of illegal hare coursing and rural theft through a Rural Watch initiative.
- A meeting is being convened in April for local farmers and gamekeepers who would like to set up a group to cover the Howardian Hills.
- The closing date for applications to Natural England Hedgerows and Boundaries Grant Scheme is 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 for schemes to be planted next winter.
- The advice to ring 999 should suspicious activity be seen on land was welcomed.

#### RDC 'Don't Be A Waster' March and April

- Hovingham Action Group is holding a litter pick on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March. (see website for details)
- Faye Snowdon, R.D.C. Communities Officer outlined the Green Dog Walker Scheme being promoted by R.D.C. They include green ribbons on dog leads to identify a responsible dog walker who picks up after their dog and who would be willing to report any dog walker who does not pick up. Bin stickers and glow in the dark stickers for properties adjacent to footpaths where dog fouling is an issue.

#### Village Hall Constitution.

- Councillor I. Battersby reported that this is making progress and a new Charity has been created.
- The new vesting document is ready to be implemented.
- This will lead to the transferring of the property to the new organisation.

#### Village Hall Walls – Part 2

- The project cost the Parish Council £2010 thanks to grants received from, North Yorkshire County Councillor Mrs C. Goodrick through her Locality Budget, Hovingham Village Hall Management Committee, Howardian Hills AONB and carpark donations.
- It was agreed to ask P.H. Carr to quote for rebuilding the other section of the village hall wall.
- It was agreed that the noticeboard remain in a similar position and that the hedge has to remain.

#### Winter salt and grit

- Additional salt and grit had been delivered to Hovingham and one bag taken to Scackleton.
- Following the recent bad weather it will be necessary to review the situation in September.
- Clerk to check with NYCC on their policy for replenishing the grit bins and piles during the winter months and which of the village bins are the responsibility of the Parish Council.
- Request a replacement grit bin for Scackleton to replace the one damaged by an HGV.

#### **SCACKLETON**

##### **Action Group Report**

- The AGM had been held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and officers appointed.
- Minutes of the meeting not yet available.

##### **Mobile Home update.**

- No further information available from R.D.C. Planning Department.
- It was agreed that planning permission would be required.
- Clerk to contact R.D.C. for an update on the situation.

#### **HOVINGHAM.**

**Action Group Report.** Copy attached to these minutes.

##### **Community Speed Watch**

- Some planned sessions had been cancelled but those held had proved effective i.e. slowed down vehicles travelling through the village.
- Drivers regularly exceeding the speed limit can expect letters from the police and possibly a visit.
- The scheme is dependent on volunteers and more are always welcome.
- It is not possible to monitor the speed of traffic on Park Street due to the short distance between the 30 mph signs and the junction with the B1257.
- Another application will be made to request speed management protocol.

##### **Pasture Lane – update**

- The resurfacing work had been completed.
- Residents commented that the workmen had been very pleasant.
- N.Y.C.C. and R.D.C. would share the cost of the work and hopefully recoup the cost from the land owner.

##### **Trees on top green.**

- The clerk met with a tree surgeon who agreed to price for removing the tree stump, reducing the crown of the flowering cherry and remedial work on the oak tree.
- Prices available at the next meeting.

##### **Village seats.**

- The new seats have been delivered and will be put out with the rest of the village seats.
- The bakery to be invoiced for one seat and Scackleton Action Group for 50% of another.
- Cllr Matthews agreed to assemble the Scackleton Bench.
- Being made from tanalised wood they do not need “treatment” before installation.

##### **Yorkshire Housing enquiry top green parking**

- An officer from Yorkshire Housing Association had contacted the Parish Council about the ownership of the top green as they had been asked to look at the possibility of providing parking spaces in front of the bungalows 1 to 4. The Green.
- Councillors did not agree to the request to provide parking in front of bungalows 1 to 4 The Green.
- Questions were raised about the ownership of the road between the school and the bungalows.

Councillors believe Hovingham Estate owns the land and it was provided as a service road for the school and the bungalows and not as a permanent parking facility.

## **FINANCE**

**Finance Update.** A copy of the financial statement is attached to these Minutes.

### **Approval to spend £40 for replacement gravel for village hall car park.**

Councillor I. Battersby proposed, Councillor M. Wilson seconded and it was agreed the Parish Council pay for the gravel from the carpark income.

### **Approval to pay £109 for village seat maintenance.**

Councillor M. Wilson proposed, Councillor R. Wainwright seconded and it was agreed to pay for the village seat maintenance.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS** All information previously circulated. Available on RDC website.

**18/00058/LBC** Mr and Mrs Moutrie. Deer Keeper's Lodge Parkside Hovingham. Observations by 5<sup>th</sup> March

**18/00134/LBC** Hovingham Estate. The Stone House, Main Street Hovingham Observations by 26<sup>th</sup> March

**CORRESPONDENCE.** Not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

- Citizen's Advice. Letter thanking P.C. for donation.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

### **Verges – Scackleton**

- The ownership of verges and their maintenance was raised especially as overgrowing trees and bushes are causing damage to vehicles as they pass.
- Clerk to contact Howardian Hills A.O.N.B. to ascertain the ownership of the dry stone wall which might provide information as to who is responsible for maintaining the verges.

### **Brookside Road - Hovingham**

- A letter received from a Brookside resident concerned about the condition of the road was forwarded to N.Y.C.C. Highways asking for their opinion/policy on the matter.
- Reply from N.Y.C.C. Highways explained they have a statutory duty to manage and maintain the highway with only a desire to improve.
- Widening the road would be deemed as an improvement and funding would only be available through a third party.
- Actual evidence of damage being caused, N.Y.C.C. Highways can, under the Highways Act 1980, recover any reasonable costs incurred to repair damages.
- It was agreed to contact Hovingham Estate to see if they can help find a constructive way forward.
- It was noted that potholes in roads and pavements need to be reported via the Parish Portal to ensure they can be monitored efficiently by North Yorkshire Highways.

## **Date of the next meeting. Annual Parish Council Meeting.**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in Hovingham Village Hall Community Room at 7pm.

## **Dates of meetings 2018.**

**Hovingham Village Hall Community Room.** Sept 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 14<sup>th</sup>

**St George's Church Scackleton.** July 25<sup>th</sup>

Meetings commence at **7pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

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