

# Minutes of Hovingham with Scackleton Parish Council Parish Council Meeting held in St George's Church, Scackleton at 7 pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**PRESENT.** Councillor I. Battersby, Chairman, Councillor Ms M. Gripaios, Councillor Mrs W. Swann, Councillor R. Wainwright.

Electors. Mrs H. Bean, Mrs E. Scrimgeour, Mr J. White.

Clerk. Mrs S. Wainwright

## **APOLOGIES.**

Councillor P. Chapman, Councillor R. Matthews, Councillor M. Wilson.

## **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The DRAFT minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018 had been circulated.

Councillor R. Wainwright proposed, Councillor Mrs W. Swann seconded and it was agreed that the minutes be signed as a correct record.

There were no matters arising that would not be dealt with on the agenda.

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

- Mrs Stacey Burlet has been appointed as the new Chief Executive of R.D.C. and will take up the post on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, working 4 days a week for RDC and 1 for NYCC.
- The number of staff at RDC has been reduced. The work of the 151 Officer (Finance) will be carried out by an officer from NYCC. Officers from NYCC will provide support to the Legal Department as well as and Human Resources.
- Currently York Council deal with the payment of staff but as from 1<sup>st</sup> August this will be managed by NYCC.
- Investment by RDC in the proposed new Livestock Market will be discussed at a meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> July
- Proposed filling station on the former Dewhirst site is recommended for rejection.

Mr J. White expressed his disappointment about the removal of the livestock market from the town.

Observations were made that should a supermarket take the site it would jeopardise the local shops and in turn the tenants of the Fitzwilliam Estate.

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

## **GENERAL (Hovingham & Scackleton.**

### **1918 Armistice Remembered.**

- Plans continue to progress with wreaths being provided by local organisation and a lunch in the village hall.
- It is unlikely that the plaque exhibition will go ahead.
- Mr D. Brown's recommendation for a remembrance tree in Hovingham would be a copper beech. (see Finance)

### **Grass Cutting**

- Grass cutting has been minimal due to the lack of rain and a break down in the contractor's equipment.
- Scackleton Councillors continue to monitor the provision and will order additional cuts as a when necessary.

### **Parish Portal Workshop**

- The Chairman and the Clerk had attended a workshop at Area 4 Highways Offices.
- Any Highway issues reported to the Parish Clerk will be reported through the Parish Portal.

### **RDC July Environmental Crime**

- This is the current focus initiative 'Don't be a Waster' run by RDC. Abandoned vehicles, graffiti and fly tipping should be reported to RDC via the website.
- Focus for August is 'Love your Neighbour.'

### **Vehicle Activated signs.**

- NYCC Transport, Economy and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee Scrutiny Task Group met and concluded that it should recommend to the Executive that the Council change its policy to allow Parishes to purchase and maintain a VAS.
- Parishes will be contacted once the decision of the Executive is known.
- The Speedwatch project at Hovingham, being random, was having the desired effect of slowing down traffic travelling through the village.

### **Village Hall Constitution.**

- The revised Constitution had been accepted by the Charities Commission but other issues have arisen that need addressing.
- A special meeting with officers from Community First and representatives of the Village hall Management Committee and Parish Council is to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Village Hall Walls Part 2**

- Further information towards the end of the year.

### **Village/Parish Survey**

- Nothing further to report.

### **REPORT FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS C. GOODRICK. (late arrival due to unexpected road closures)**

- Barton Hill junction improvements. The feedback has been positive.
- NYCC disappointed that against their recommendation Ms J. Mulligan, Police and Crime Commissioner will also have oversight of the Fire Authority.
- NYCC disappointed about the Governments proposals to make exploratory drilling for shale gas a permitted development so that companies would not be required to apply for planning permission.
- Road repairs taking place all over the county. Laying tarmac is being hampered by the hot weather.
- Scotchman Lane/ A64 junction. Request to be made for a Level 3 CCTV survey to be carried out by Highways England.

### **SCACKLETON**

#### **Action Group Report. Councillor Mrs W. Swann reported.**

- Good attendance at the last meeting.
- Centenary of the Armistice. Request to the Parish Council for a cherry tree be planted in the hedge near the village sign.
- Request for help to cut back trees in the churchyard was turned down. Maintaining the church yard is the responsibility of the church.

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

- Clerk read out the update from RDC Planning Officer Alan Goforth.
- The landowners have 6 months from 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018 to comply with the enforcement notice.
- The Parish Council will be notified if an appeal is lodged within the next 6 months.
- Residents are extremely concerned and angry about the impact the situation is having on the village and frustrated at the possible length of time it will take to resolve the situation.

#### **Newstead Farm, building.**

- A retrospective planning application has been prepared and will be discussed with RDC Planning Officer Alan Goforth before a formal submission is made to RDC.
- It is expected that the Parish Council will be consulted in the near future.

#### **Noticeboard**

- Noticeboard has been repaired. Parish Council to be invoiced.

#### **HOVINGHAM.**

#### **Action Group Report (Copy circulated to Councillors and attached to these minutes)**

- The Project Purple Group is investigating the possibility of installing an electric charging point at the village hall.

### Brookside broken railings – update

- The repair to the railings has been made good.
- Clerk to ask Mr J. Graham to quote for painting the new railings.

### Condition of the beck and flood relief channel.

- The Environment Agency has agreed to clean out the beck on the downside of Victoria Bridge.
- Clerk to contact Mr D. Skelton about cutting the relief channel following harvest.

### Smart Meter Mast.

- Planning application has been submitted to RDC.
- Clerk to respond acknowledging the reduction in height on the mast and expressing the concerns of the Parish Council.

### Trees on top green – update

- The cherry tree has been cut back making the seat round the base accessible.
- The copper beech stump has been dealt with and the sawdust removed by Councillor M. Wilson.

### Mobile Post Office

- Visits are on Tuesday afternoons 2.30 pm to 3 pm and Thursday morning 9.45 am to 10.15am outside the Malt Shovel.
- Councillors were pleased to hear that residents are making good use of the facility.

## FINANCE

### Finance Update

- Councillors had received a copy of the updated accounts.
- Predicted expense of £610.00 on grass cutting.
- Car Park donations are steady and should exceed £850 by the end of the year.
- The grant of £637.51 from NYCC is expected shortly.

### Approval to spend:

- £50 for labour and materials to install manhole covers in village hall car park, funded from Car Park Donations. Proposed by Councillor Ms M. Gripaios, seconded by Councillor Mrs W. Swann and unanimously agreed.**
- £20 for Parish Council Wreath. Proposed by Councillor R. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor Mrs W. Swann and unanimously agreed.**
- £50 to hire Village Hall for lunch following Remembrance Service. Proposed by Councillor R. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor I Battersby and unanimously agreed.**
- £174 plus labour for Remembrance copper beech for Coronation Green. Proposed by Councillor R. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor Mrs W. Swann and unanimously agreed.**

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

**18/00297/HOUSE** Mr C. Birch, 2, St George's Court, Scackleton. **Approval 16.05.2018**

**18/00668/TELN56** Arqiva Ltd, Erection of an 8m high streetworks pole for Smart Meter electronic communications. Land adjacent to telephone exchange Hovingham. **Observations by 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018.** NB Reduction in height. (See under Hovingham)

**18/00508/HOUSE** and **18/00508/LBC** L. and M. Hawley. Brook House, Market Square, Hovingham. Internal and external alterations. **Observations by 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018.**

- **No comments or observations.**

**18/00663/CAT** Mr M Blades. Lister's Cottage, Main Street, Hovingham. Fell beech tree. **Observations by 28<sup>th</sup> July 2018.**

- **Comments to be submitted that the Parish Council is disappointed to see the request to fell this copper beech and hope it might be possible to prune the tree to a more manageable size.**

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

- Letter of thanks from Mrs J. Vowles

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

- Councillor Ms M. Gripaios, developed the item raised by North Yorkshire County Councillor Mrs C. Goodrick, to make everyone aware of the latest proposal of the Government to consider making exploratory drilling for shale gas permitted development.
- Government also proposing that fracking in England be treated as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, meaning that planning applications would be decided by a government inspector rather than the local planning authority.
- Everyone was urged to make representation to those in authority if they felt strongly about the matter.
- It was suggested the matter be referred as an agenda item for the next Parish Liaison meeting.

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

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 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>

All meetings commence at **7pm.**

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