

Hovingham with Scackleton Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 23rd November at 7^{pm} at Community Room, Hovingham Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr. Phil Chapman – Chair, Cllr. Jayne Berger, Dr Nicole Robson, Prof. Steve Britland and Serena Farrow- Parish Clerk

In addition; 6 residents were present, including Ann Meagher, Malcolm Terry, Michael Burrows, Michael Swan, Monica Gripaios and Rob Thompson.

APOLOGIES – Received from Cllr. Mark Wilson - Vice Chair and Cllr Giles Naish

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – Approved the minutes of the last meeting held on 14th Sep 2022. Proposed by Dr Nicole Robson and Cllr. Jayne Berger.

REPORTS – None presented – from North Yorkshire Councilor Mr. Steve Mason and Ryedale District Councilors Mrs. Claire Docwra and Mr. Jim Bailey

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

- **What is happening with the damaged seat at entrance to old quarry?**
 - The seat will be repaired on site as it cannot be easily moved, otherwise it will be swapped with another or replaced.

- **What is happening with the damage bridge wall at the old railway station?**
 - This was reported to NYCC on 17th October, it has been inspected and will be repaired as part of their works program.

- **What's being done with regards to traffic problems and 20's Plenty Campaign?**
 - Please see "Traffic" section below.

GENERAL ACTIONS (Hovingham & Scackleton)

- **CONSULTATION ON CLOSURE OF HOVINGHAM SCHOOL:**

- Residents, village groups, Hovingham Estate and the Parish Council have come together to oppose any closure of the school. The school is open for enrolment and parents encouraged to choose Hovingham.
- It is crucial that evidence of prospective children is submitted to NYCC. The School Action Group has sent out questionnaires.
- "Wrap around Care" is important and this is being investigated by the school Governors.
- The school Governors have said they want to save the school and hopefully enable the school to be open for inspection by prospective parents and children during the market days on 3rd and 17th December. Volunteers are required to help "man" this.
- Volunteers have tidied up the school exterior, paint the railings and publicise the school is open.
- Enrolment Open banners have been provided by the Parish Council, Hovingham & Scackleton Action Groups plus the School Action Group. These are on display at the School and the Playground.
- Residents are asked to take part in the NYCC consultation which now ends on Monday 12th December.
- The Parish Council will be submitting their opposition to the school closure.
- Everyone was thanked for their support of the school and the efforts being made to keep it open.

- **PRECEPT FOR 2023-24:**

- Parish Council has a deficit of £750 this year due to increased grass cutting and other costs.
- The Parish Council must reduce costs/frequency and balance the 2023 budget.
- It was agreed a charge of £31.46 should be charged for each band D property. This is an increase of £5.18 per annum per band D property, 20% for the past two years), the total precept for both Hovingham and Scackleton would be £7,900.

- **MOSEYS CLEUD:**

- The complaint against RDC has now reached the assessment stage of the process with the Local Government Ombudsman.
- The UK Government advise that a CLEUD cannot be applied for while an enforcement action is in progress. This enforcement action has been confirmed by a Freedom of Information Act response from RDC, who need to be reminded of this and reject the CLEUD.

- **WINTER SALT AND GRIT:** Both Scackleton and Hovingham have enough salt and grit for this winter

SCACKLETON ACTIONS:

- There was a head- on collision on the bank.
- A 30mph and national speed limit signs have been stolen from Scackleton, which has been reported to NYCC for replacement.

HOVINGHAM ACTIONS:

Christmas Tree:

- Hovingham Market will be providing the village Christmas Tree.
- There will be an opportunity to recycle old Christmas Trees after Christmas, organised by the Action Group & Project Purple.

Flagpole:

- A resident and the Market have together purchased a flagpole to be located outside the village hall.
- Anyone wanting to “fly the flag” must contact the Parish Clerk at least 7 days in advance.

Cemetery:

- Repointing the internal wall may be deferred if not serious

Drainage:

- A meeting with NYCC and Yorkshire Water was planned for 22nd November. The overall situation in Hovingham is that old infrastructure needs urgent surveying and repair.
- In most heavy rain there is overflowing of drains somewhere in the village.
- Drains by the Park Street entrance have been reported as defective and NYCC are awaiting a dry spell to investigate what causing flooding.

Hovingham Inn:

- Remains closed, likely to open in Spring
- The wall remains in need of repair however, it is no longer as serious; reported to NYCC.
- The footpath needs to be maintained and excessive vegetation removed; reported to NYCC.

Recycling Area:

- The recycling area has new fencing and is resurfaced.
- A new collection bin was delivered however, could not fit through the entrance.
- RDC have financed this and Project Purple organised it.

Traffic:

- The Parish Council and Residents all support speed reduction in the villages and measures to reduce the noise and vibration nuisance created by some heavier vehicles.
- Recent speed surveys have shown that the speed in the centre of Hovingham, by the shop and village hall, are within the limit however, traffic speed at the entrances and exits to the village is considerably in excess of the 30mph limit.
- The recent petition regarding speed of traffic was supported by the majority of residents and is supported by the Parish Council. A response from “authorities” is awaited.
- A restricted width chicane will be painted by the NYCC at the Park Street gates with some slow down markings at the Helmsley and Malton entrances- this will come next Spring. The existing 30mph roundels painted on the road have helped.
- Following results of the Park Street chicane NY Police have agreed to consider moving the 30mph speed limit “out into the Park”
- Traffic speed bumps and vibration strips have been considered however; the road noise created is considerable.
- Traffic Activated Signs are a possibility but need between £5,000-£9,000 to buy them. Grants or gifts are being investigated however, a volunteer village fund raising group may be required to raise some or all of the funds required. Volunteers would be needed to maintain the equipment.
- Community Speedwatch will resume in the spring.
- Church and Park Streets could possibly have 20mph speed restrictions.
- The Parish Council support localized 20mph speed limits in selected locations on a village-by-village basis and that each opportunity should be evaluated on its own merits. In Hovingham, this is likely in Church Street and Park Street.
- Active police enforcement of speed limits is essential to make them effective to some drivers

Village Maintenance:

- Village seats have been moved into storage for the winter. Some seats can't be moved, such as old quarry seat, these will be repaired in situ.
- Damage to the bridge at the station by an unknown vehicle has been reported to NYCC. Repairs will be carried out.
- The Market are upgrading the village hall Wi-Fi as it is unreliable for stallholders at the Market.

FINANCE:

- Finance Summary – report published.
- Bank Account online is now up and running.
- Approved £100 for annual seat maintenance, including oiling of new tree seat on Coronation Green.
- Cllr Steve Britland agreed to contact possible external Inspector of the Accounts for 2022-23.

PLANNING:

- All planning applications previously circulated. Available on RDC website.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- None.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: 7^{pm} – Hovingham Community Room all Wednesday

- 25th January, 22nd March, 24th May, 26th July (Scackleton), 20th September and 22nd November 2023

Minutes approved at meeting held on 25th January 2023

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