

Hovingham with Scackleton Parish Council Meeting

Meeting held: **Wednesday 25th January 7^{pm} at Community Room, Hovingham Village Hall**

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

In addition; 1 resident was present.

APOLOGIES – None

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – Minutes of the last meeting, held on 23rd Nov 2022, approved.

Proposed by Dr Nicole Robson and Cllr. Jayne Berger.

REPORTS

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

GENERAL ACTIONS (Hovingham & Scackleton)

- **Consultation on closure of Hovingham School:**
 - Unfortunately, NYCC Executive has decided to close school
 - PC need to ask Ryedale Learning Trust for their thoughts, including from Mark McCandless.
 - Contact Steve Mason for a detailed description decision and what does keeping the doors open mean and our next actions.
- **MOSEYS Application for Lawfulness, submitted complaint and enforcement:**
 - Complaint to the Ombudsman has been turned down. It's expected that RDC will make a decision on the CLEUD shortly. According to Ombudsman RDC should have dealt with it within 8 weeks.
- **Hovingham Estate Masterplan**
 - Cllr Mark Wilson declared an interest
 - Hovingham Estate held consultation on their "Masterplan". There is considerable support in the village for those businesses and individuals (Worsley Arms Hotel, Worsley Arms Farm, GP, Fireplaces and neighbours) directly impacted by the plan and feeling that the Estate MUST reach an agreement/settlement with them before continuing.
 - The PC received an excellent cross-section of responses giving range of resident feedback, most of which opposes 93 homes being built. The PC will need to wait until the Estate/Savills next step.
 - The Estate consultation is independent of the Ryedale Plan consultation (next)
- **Ryedale Plan Review**
 - RDC are consulting on "Key Decisions" by 21st Feb 2023. The Parish Council will be responding and encourage interested residents to make own representation. There are details on the Hovingham website at www.hovingham.org.uk. Residents encouraged to take part.
 - Phil will draft a Parish Council response and liaise via email to these Key Decision proposals.
- **Grass Cutting 2023**
 - Circle has confirmed same rate as 2022. We can afford 4 cuts in 2023, however more cuts were discussed. Alternative quotes are being obtained. Final decision will be made at March meeting.
 - PC need to request quote for cutting greens
- **North Yorkshire Council Unification and Parish Charter**
 - NYC will be formed on 1st April and RDC will be abolished.
 - Proposal for a new "Parish Charter" on which the PC will make a submission. Most RDC services will be offered by NYC, most likely using Ryedale House in the short term. NYC are organizing meeting at 7pm Wednesday 10th February at Ryedale House. The consultation is from 18th Jan to 12th April 2023.
 - Parish Council will respond to consultation.

SCACKLETON ACTIONS:

- Report on Hovingham Parish Council website.
- Still awaiting signs.
- Planning for a music event – more details on that at next meeting.

HOVINGHAM ACTIONS:

• HOVINGHAM ACTION GROUP

- Market supplier of gazebos has ceased trading and will be purchasing 14 of their own from that supplier, with 50% grant from AONB. There are problems at village hall where visitors to village arrive early and leave little or no space for VH events.
- Decided to install signs to ask for consideration during events. New (improved) wi-fi installed at village hall both for stallholders and VH users.

• CEMETERY

- No need for urgent wall repair. Annual survey in future if need maintenance.

• DRAINAGE

- Yorkshire Water met with PC and the Estate. Repair needed to old pipe at Hall Farm.

• HOVINGHAM INN

- Footpath by tennis court and wall need maintenance. NYCC contacted. Inn due to re-open this year, hopefully 1st quarter. Parish Clerk to contact NYCC, cc: Steve Mason, regarding footpath and wall.

• MAINTENANCE

- Park Street, between Church Street and Worsley Arms will be closed for repairs on Monday 13th February.
- Repairs due by NYCC for potholes and damage to the bridge at Old Station.

• TRAFFIC

- NYCC will be painting slow down signage when weather allows and work on Park Street gates finished.
- Residents will be asked to volunteer to joining group to specify, raise funds and operate traffic activated signs.
- Proposal to share sign with Amotherby raised however, decided not long-term solution.
- Moving the Park Street 30mph sign will be considered by Police following feedback from slow down markings once painted.

• VILLAGE HALL

- New recycling area busy over Christmas.
- New flag pole very successful, co-existing well with the Christmas Tree.

FINANCE:

- Report published. Online bank account working well.
- £190 approved for flower tubs in villages and car park maintenance. External inspector of accounts will be contacted when ready in April.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Problem of icing at ford by bakery should be overcome using grit that is already in the bin.
- Suggested the community be able to accept credit/ debit cards at events and community cafes. This would be available to events at Village Hall run by Hovingham and Scackleton Community Groups including the churches.

NEXT MEETING:

- At 7pm – Wednesday 22nd March – Community Room, 24th May, 26th July (Scackleton), 20th Sep and 22nd Nov 2023

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