

Kirk Smeaton Parish Council



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MINUTES Of the Kirk Smeaton Parish Council Meeting Thursday 17 November 2022 at 6pm

November 18, 2022

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1. Attendance: Cllr Tricia Storey (Chair) Cllr Tony Lenc (Vice Chair)

Cllrs: Barney Byfield; Carl Vitty; James Stephenson

Kate Bowden (Clerk)

2. Apologies to Cllr Byfield - he had not sent his apologies
3. An accessible Library - a request from a local young resident - to be rescheduled
4. **Public Questions and Issues** - There were no members of the public present
5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 29 September were approved
6. Matters arising from the Minutes of 29 September Parish Council meeting

- 6.1. The Chair reported on her meeting with Mrs Hannah Cuddy - Headmistress of our local school..

Mrs Cuddy is comfortable with the addition of the double yellow lines around the bend to Pinfold Lane and agrees with the proposal for the PC to work with the parents and develop links with the school. An increasing number of pupils are from Kirk and Little Smeaton, Womersley, Walden Stubbs and Criddling Stubbs. The proposal for the pupils to develop and maintain an area on the Village Green was welcomed and to develop links with YWT and Friends of Brockadale.

- 6.2. Middlefield Lane Fly-tip update - the Chair reported that a local business will take the waste (albeit costly per ton) A local farmer has said he would offer help to move it provided all the licensing requirements are met. Councillors are extremely concerned at using a large amount of public monies when further Fly-tipping of this nature could easily reoccur. This matter is to be discussed at the extraordinary Fly-tipping meeting to be held on Thursday 24th November. Members of Selby District Council will be present. Further discussion was held re the state of Long Lane and the regular Fly-tipping that occurs here. Poachers Blocks were mentioned as a possibility, this will also be discussed at the meeting in the 24th November.

- 6.3. Emergency Plan - the Chair reported on a meeting which took place with some members of LSCP regarding the update of the Emergency Plan. A mock emergency was proposed for January 2023 - details to be finalised.

7. Strategic Plan - discussed in item 12.6

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8. Village Green and Village Matters

- 8.1. Cllr Lenc outlined the proposal for an annual contract with a local supplier and a quotation has been received for this together with tree maintenance on a number of trees in the Cemetery and on the Village Green. A further quotation is to be obtained. The Clerk is to contact the local contractor to identify the VAT position.
- 8.2. The Agenda for the meeting on 24th November regarding fly-tipping was discussed
- 8.3. The many issues which came up regarding the use of loud and low fireworks was discussed. The events team may discuss this next year.

9. **Highways Matters** - Wentedge Road - the 278 agreement with North Yorkshire and the Quarry has been agreed and NY are waiting for dates from Wentedge Quarry for work to begin.

10. Allotments and Cemetery

- 10.1. Supplies for the Garden of Remembrance are being delivered on 18th November.

11. Correspondence

- 11.1. Let's talk initiative - this has been advertised in the Village Magazine.

12. Financial Matters:

- 12.1. Payments: Well Medical £204; Clerk Salary £600; Clerk Expenses £60; D Curnow, Grounds Maintenance £140; Tax £150; Dog waste bin lid £59.99; Ink £4.49; Poppy Wreath £25; Water £5.92; Printing £11.40; supplies for Garden of Remembrance £1110.00
- 12.2. Receipts: Cemetery Income £180; £300; £650;
- 12.3. Balance at the Bank £6,084.03
- 12.4. The accounts were agreed and signed off.
- 12.5. Hanging Baskets for 2023 - the Chair and Clerk met with an alternative supplier to check out costs and quality. It was agreed to remain with First Impressions.
- 12.6. **2023/24 budget** - Lengthy discussion was had on the budget for 2023/24 and setting the Precept at the correct level to enable the Council to carry out its duties. DOG POOP BAGS were debated - yet again, it was noted that the Council spends £500 per year on dog poop bags. After discussion it was agreed to a further order being placed and the position closely monitored.

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Forward planning for the budget took place. It was agreed to the purchase of a Laptop with Office 365 and set-up etc from Cloudy IT. The Clerk's salary was discussed and it was agreed that this would be increased in line with recommended salary scales and overtime would be paid over the agreed weekly number of hours with a monthly over time sheet being sent to Cllrs. It was resolved not to increase the numbers of hanging baskets and Christmas Trees next year but to consider this for 24/25. Reserves are to be included and forward planning to 24/25 and further took place. Cllr Vitty will work on the budget/precept figures together with the Clerk over the coming days.

13. Planning Matters

- 13.1. Wentedge Quarry - The dust mitigation has not worked up to now and the need for a water cannon was proposed at the last Liaison committee meeting.
- 13.2. 2022/1132/HPA Erection of side and rear extension, loft conversion, new garage and front porch
5 Springfield Crescent, Kirk Smeaton, Pontefract

14. Any Other Business *for information* -

15. Matters in Private –

16. Date of next Meetings: 12 January 2023

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