



Kirk Smeaton Parish Council

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Cllr Tony Lenc – Chair

MINUTES Of the Kirk Smeaton Parish Council Meeting Thursday 30 November 2023 at 6pm

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1. Attendance: Cllr Tony Lenc (Chair) Cllrs: Barney Byfield (Vice Chair); Carl Vitty; James Stephenson; Russell Graham, Kate Bowden (Clerk) One member of the Public; PC Sarah Ward NPT and Wildlife Officer
2. To receive and note apologies: no apologies received
3. N/A
4. Councillors to make any Declaration of Interests: Cllr Byfield and Cllr Lenc declared that they are allotment leaseholders.
5. **Public Questions and Issues** – A local resident is concerned that the Water Meter belonging to the Parish Council, in his garden is causing issues. It was resolved that we look to have our own supply on the allotment and we understand the cost before we proceed.
6. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28 September 2023 were approved as a true and correct record.
7. Matters arising from the Minutes of 28 September Parish Council meeting
 - 7.1. Speed signage – to discuss later on the Agenda
8. Discuss the new website – after much amendment by the Clerk the Website is up and running and is compliant.
9. Report from recent (9th October) Liaison Committee Meeting: Cllr Vitty outlined the main points from the meeting and that Plantlife have not given permission for the Bridleway to run through Thompson's Meadow.
10. Climate Ecology – we have received confirmation from our MP that this will be agreed.
11. North Yorkshire Council - Draft Statement of Community Involvement – resolved that Cllr Byfield will complete the necessary documentation with the Clerk.
12. With regard to the Government grant available for local transport (£150m) it was resolved that the Clerk would contact Little Smeaton PC to make joint representation if they are interested.



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13. General Powers of Competence – the council's powers of spend were discussed and confirmed.

14. Village Green and Village Matters

- 14.1. Discuss a plan for the planting of the bulbs. – resolved that each Councillor will be responsible for the planting of some of the bulbs purchased and collect from the Clerk.
- 14.2. The Chair updated the Council regarding the grant from the A1 Social Values team and confirmed that the new burial area would be completed by their contractors together with the pruning of 3 trees and a new fence provided.
- 14.3. It was noted that funding for restoration of the Water Fountain is not available.
- 14.4. The summer hanging basket quotation was agreed.
- 14.5. 20s Plenty and speeding – it was resolved that the Clerk would request a traffic monitor around the school at a cost of £135 for a 20mph speed limit and also request monitors on Wentedge Road, Pinfold Lane and Water Lane. Resolved that Wheelie Bin Stickers would not be purchased.
- 14.6. Fly tipping: CLlr Graham updated the team on his unsuccessful attempts to get a response from anyone from NY regarding this. Sarah explained that there were multiple agencies involved with Long Lane and the need to contact Public Rights of Way; the Police and the Quarry owners. This matter will be looked at again on the January Agenda.
- 14.7. Sharon Fox, NY Highways - report: resolved to request a quotation from Highways for a build out on Wentedge Road; and to survey a strip of verge on Pinfold to ascertain if the topsoil could be removed to improve the pathway (Cllrs)
- 14.8. CLlr Byfield reported on a very positive meeting with the School. It was resolved to offer a donation up to £50 if the fund-raising was short. They have requested we look into the possibility of a safe pathway from Smeaton into Norton. Systrans and Network Rail would probably be involved together with LSPC and Norton PC. Resolved to look into this issue.
- 14.9. Thanks go to Highfield Christmas Tree Farm for the kind donation of the Christmas Tree which is now on the Village Green.



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14.10. The wild flower bank on Water Lane was discussed. Resolved that we would request a border be mown around the area to ensure a managed approach.

14.11. Water Lane edges and hedgerow. It was resolved that the left-hand edge of Water Lane would be sprayed in the Spring. The hedgerow will be cut on Sunday 3rd December by Councillors.

14.12. Resolved.

14.13. The footpaths team have again been notified of the need for a Public Footpath notice near The Gables, Main Street KS.

14.14. North Yorkshire Local Plan Launch – Briefing for Parish Councils – Tuesday 5 December 6 pm.

14.15. The Emergency Plan was examined and considered an excellent document and approved.

15. Highways Matters

15.1. Update/information regarding the repairs to Wentedge Road S278; Highways have advised that legal are still waiting for the owners of the quarry to send a further works drawing. The owners have agreed to carry out additional carriageway works such as kerbing and drainage.

16. Allotments and Cemetery

16.1. The Cemetery works were discussed in point 14.2 above.

17. Financial Matters:

17.1. Payments were noted

17.2. Income was noted.

17.3. Balance at the Bank as at 22.11.23 - £8331.03

17.4. The accounts as at 22.11.23 were approved and signed off by the Chair

17.5. Request for donation from Citizens Advice – not agreed

17.6. **Budget and Precept for 2024/25** – it was resolved that the precept for 2024/25 would be increased by 10% in order for the Council to manage the Finances appropriately.



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17.7. Further purchase of dog refuse bags was agreed.

18. Planning Matters

18.1. Planning – Chair to write further regarding our concerns.

18.2. Ivy Cottage, Main Street, Extension – **Permitted**

18.3. ZG2023/0973/DOC – Mr & Mrs Leighton. Discharge of condition 03 (materials) of approval 2021/1362/FUL erection of two storey side and front extensions etc. Riverside Farm, KS

18.4. ZG2023/1025/S73 Mr M Churm, 5 Springfield Crescent KS. Section 73 application to vary condition (plans) of approval 2022/1132/HPA. Residents of Springfield Crescent have been approached.

18.5. ZG2023/1079/TCA Mr Carl Bradley – permission to fell one eucalyptus tree. Northfield, Water Lane, KS.

18.6. Yorkshire Water, Sewage Works off Willowbridge road, EIA screening opinion for new rising main. Permitted

18.7. 2022/1279/HPA Pear Tree Cottage, Main Street, Extension to the rear following demolition of existing extension – **Permitted**

18.8. Mrs Chakrabati – 6 Wentedge Road KS – Request Permission to fell one Silver Birch

18.9. Mr D Williamson, Stonefield, Water Lane KS – Request Permission to reduce one weeping willow by 40%

18.10. ZG2023/1130/COU – Hazelnut Cottage, Middlefield Lane KS – change of use from Ancillary annexe to independent dwelling.

19. **Any Other Business for information** – Emails to the present Sponsors of Christmas Trees to be contacted next year.

20. **Matters in Private** –

21. **Date of next Meeting:** 25 January 2024