**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18th January 2023 at 19:30 at ABN.**

Present: Cllrs Hynes, Healy, Falkingham and Wormald.

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Hynes and assisted by the clerk.

**OPEN FORUM**

Nothing was discussed here.

Meeting started at 19:33 hrs.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

2023.01 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Cllr Parker had sent her apologies and Cllr Hemesley had informed the PC that he would be late to the meeting.

2023.02 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

Cllr Healy declared an interest in agenda item 2023.13.

2023.03 WARD CLLR REPORT

No updates in Cllr Hammonds absence.

2023.04 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record and signed by Cllr Hynes.

2023.05 MATTERS ARISING

**Adding signatories to the Barclays account**

The clerk had received confirmation from Barclays that the form was missing a signature. Cllr Healy signed the form. ACTION: Clerk to send the form back to Barclays.

**Bus shelter**

Cllr Hemesley has asked residents to consider ideas for this. He has had suggestion from parishioners to remove it. As this has previously been ruled out due to the costs, it was agreed that it should be painted, and a climbing flower will be planted to hide this. ACTION: Carry this over for completion during 2023.

**Red Telephone Box**

The clerk noted that she had not ordered the signs as the work won’t be carried out until the weather improves. ACTION: Clerk to order signs once the work has been scheduled.

**Painting of the Beacon**

ACTION: Keep on as a rolling item until 2023.

**Self-Watering Planters**

ACTION: Cllr Healy to chase Andrew Addison to arrange a site visit.

**Church Tree**

Cllr Healy has spoken to the Vicar who is unsure as to who owns the tree. ACTION: Clerk to report this to ERYC to determine who needs to action this.

**Village Task force Survey**

ACTION: Cllr Hemesley to complete this by the deadline of 5th February.

**Fallen sign near ABN**

Cllr Hynes reported that this has now been removed. Action closed.

**Damage caused by lorry**

Cllr Hemesley reported prior to the meeting, that he was unable to get the drivers details. The clerk noted that ERYC were likely to either fill in the ruts left or leave for the grass to grow over. The clerk has also asked Ward Cllr Hammond to investigate a resolution for this. ACTON: Clerk to check with Ward Cllr Hammond before the next meeting.

2023.06 ACCOUNTS

The clerk had circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting, the bank reconciliation and schedule of payments.

Samantha O’Connor – (salary for December)

HMRC - £9.80 (clerks PAYE for December)

Samantha O’Connor - £24 (work from home allowance for December)

Tom Hemesley - £77 (repayment for window cleaning x 7)

Tom Hemesley - £100.50 (balance of Festive Fridaythorpe expenses 2022)

Cllr Falkingham and Cllr Healy signed the invoices and schedule of payments.

The bank statements and accounts spreadsheet were signed by Cllr Healy.

**Cllr Hemesley arrived at 19:48 and took over Chairing the meeting.**

2023.07 PRECEPT

The clerk had sent a financial report prior to the meeting, to inform Cllrs of projected expenditure and precept options. The clerk informed the PC that the precept amount had remained the same for eight years even though the PC expenditure is higher than the precept. The PC have previously used reserves to bridge the gap, but this is no longer feasible as reserves are depleting.

A discussion was held, and it was agreed that the precept should be raised to £6000. It is worthy of note that this still does not cover the PC basic expenditure. Cllr Hemesley proposed to raise the precept to £6000, Cllr Wormald seconded this, and all members unanimously agreed.

The clerk noted that on a Band D property this would see a 34.35% rise which equates to £12.88. This amount is not the full council tax amount, it is only the precept portion that makes up the full council tax bill. The clerk also noted that given the tax base, a band D charge would have risen, even if the precept amount had remained the same as for 2022/23.

ACTION: Cllr Hemesley to produce a letter of information explaining what this will mean for residents.

2023.08 BUDGETS

All Cllrs were happy with the budgets set by the clerk.

2023.09 FOREST SCHOOL/ OUTDOOR NURSERY PROPOSAL

The clerk had received an enquiry about setting up an outdoor nursery for 0–5-year-olds. A discussion was held, and it was agreed that the PC would need more information. ACTION: Clerk to respond to the enquiry accordingly and report back at the next meeting.

2023.10 MAY ELECTIONS

The clerk noted that this year, all seats will be elected. For parishioners who are interested in joining the PC, they will be able to use the ERYC website to find out details of how to apply for their election pack.

2023.11 POND STONES

The clerk has received correspondence from a resident who has complained about children throwing the recently purchased stones into the pond. A discussion was held, and it was agreed that the situation would be monitored.

2023.12 NEWSLETTER

It was agreed that the next communication would be regarding the Precept. The clerk noted that this would need to be sent out in the next few weeks before the council tax bill.

2023.13 PLANNING APPLICATION

22/03999/PLF Erection of single storey extension. Location: The Old Rectory, Church Lane, Fridaythorpe, YO25 9RU

A discussion was held, and Cllr Hemesley proposed to support the application, Cllr Wormald seconded this, and all Cllrs agreed. Cllr Healy abstained from the vote.

2023.14 COMMMUNITY ISSUES AND CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr Hemesley reported that there had been some amendments to the planning application on Huggate Lane. ERYC Highways have objected to these amendments. The clerk noted that there had been no amended application sent for the PC to comment on.

Cllr Hynes advised that there are no substantial grants for the Kings Coronation, so the plans to hold this in the pub car park will have to be scaled back. It was agreed that the event should take place on the green after the actual coronation.

2023.15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

15TH February 7.30pm at ABN.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:06 hrs.

Signed as a true and correct record \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_