

STILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

ON WEDNESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2021 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillors: Christine Cookman (Chairman), Robert Churton, Robin Conway & Graham Taylor

ALSO PRESENT: Nigel Knapton (Clerk)
District Councillor Di Watkins

Five members of the public

21/145 APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Cllrs Drew & Rowe and the reasons were accepted. Apologies were also received from County Councillor Patmore.

21/146 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2021

Minutes previously circulated and these were amended, accepted and signed as a correct record.

21/147 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests.

21/148 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Flooding in the fields opposite the cricket field & on southern boundary of the village was discussed and it was agreed to arrange a meeting between Yorkshire Water, local developers, NYCC Highways, landowners and the Parish Council. Yorkshire Water would be asked for a plan of the local drainage.

21/149 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- a. County Councillor Caroline Patmore was not present.
- b. District Cllr Watkins reported on the Local Government Reorganisation, the proposed new ward boundaries and the opening of the new Crematorium in January.

21/150 MATTERS ARISING

- a. The Chairman together with Cllr Drew and the Clerk had met with the grass cutting contractor at his last cut. He was reminded of the damage to oil tank in the churchyard and to the young trees in front of the village hall. He was willing to do additional cuts if necessary. The Clerk would contact Hovingham Parish Council and Easingwold Town Council to discuss their grass cutting arrangements. It was agreed the Clerk would write to the grass cutting contractor to meet with them midday on 3 November to discuss the outstanding issues. Thanks were given to the volunteers who had raked up the cut grass recently and to Graham Sparrow for disposing of the grass.
- b. Permission had been granted by Hambleton DC for the work on the churchyard trees. A quote was awaited from English Trees for the work. The Clerk would write to Northern Powergrid regarding the cables.

Approved Chairman

- c. The grass cutting contractor had been reminded to pay the repair bill of the Parochial Church Council regarding the damage to the oil tank pipe.
- d. The quote from Duncombe Sawmill Ltd for £2,418.72 was accepted for the fencing of the pond. The timber would be tanalised and would need six month to dry out before painting would be possible.
- e. Hambleton DC had refused permission for the pond willow tree to be pollarded. The tree surgeon was contacting Hambleton DC to see about a reasonable prune.
- f. Thanks were expressed to Richard Pearse who had been working on the bus stop notice board, window frames and timetable board. He also keeps the shelter clean and tidy. The roofer was still to carry out his work.
- g. The payment for the new village sign was agreed at £124 plus VAT.
- h. It was agreed to replace the existing village hall trees and the removed dead one and these would be suitably staked and protected.
- i. No answer yet had been received from NYCC Highways regarding the tree on the verge in South Back Lane.
- j. Volunteers from the Gardening Club had agreed to plant the stone troughs. The Parish Council would pay for the plants and compost. Thanks were expressed to Dave Green who has planted and maintained the troughs for many years. A suggestion was made to add troughs to the village signs on both the Easingwold and Farlington Roads. Cllr Conway would get a quote for the work. This could be done before the Jubilee. It was also suggested that the sign on Farlington Road be moved further out. The Clerk would check this with NYCC Highways.
- k. Nothing had been heard regarding the photos sent to Hambleton DC of the three derelict properties in the village.
- l. It was agreed that Nigel Knapton be formally engaged as the Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer and that a contract would be agreed with the Chairman.

21/151 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS

- a. 21/01916/FUL – Demolition of agricultural buildings and building of three dwellings at Greendale Lane, Stillington. Approved by HDC.
- b. 21/01127/CAT – Works to fell 2 cedar trees in the conservation area at Wellington House, Main Street. Approved by HDC.
- c. 21/01814/CAT – Works to trees in a conservation area at The Chandlers, Main Street. Approved by HDC.
- d. 21/00674/TPO – Works to trees at Townend Pond – Refused by HDC.
- e. 21/01981/CAT – Works to trees at St Nicholas Church. Approved by HDC.

21/152 SPEED WATCH

Cllr Rowe was not in attendance, so no further information was received.

21/153 VILLAGE/PARISH MAINTENANCE

The Chairman would speak to Mr Sparrow regarding the unfinished footway on Farlington Road.

21/154 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk had nothing further to report.

Approved Chairman

21/155 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The following payments were agreed: -

M Midgley	Salary	£438.00
HMRC	PAYE	£104.40
M Midgley	HP Ink	£34.90

21/156 **FUTURE BANKING ARRANGEMENTS**

It was agreed to move the Council's banking arrangements, currently with HSBC to the Unity Trust Bank.

21/157 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence had been received regarding the flooding discussed in the Public Open Forum.

21/158 **MATTERS FOR REPORTING**

- a. There was still a vacancy on the Parish Council. The Clerk would mention this in the newsletter.
- b. A working party would be formed to tidy up under the trees on the green.
- c. Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Initial meeting was held to discuss possible village events and fund raising for the extended Bank Holiday weekend in June 2022. Contributions welcome and next meeting will be Wed 3 Nov. at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

21/159 **MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA**

None

21/160 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next full council meeting will be held on Wednesday 3 November 2021 at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.24pm.