Hunton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th September 2024 at 7.30pm.

Date: 18/9/24

Present: Councilors:

R Smith (Chair) W Knight

R Worsdale R Wyatt J Wylie

K Allison (treasurer) 5 members of the public

Item Recording of meeting

Action

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1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Tom Jones Dee Lynn

2. Councillors' Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of last meeting held 24th July '24

Agreed as a true and accurate record, proposed: Cllr Wyatt seconded: Cllr Worsdale.

4. Actions from previous meeting

(i) Quoits team planting request

Cllr Wyatt met with Dave Lawrenson and Chris Heap following the request to plant a Rowan Tree by the Quoits Pitch. The PC discussed concerns set out in a letter outlining the potential risk planting could have on the condition of the gulleys and impact this could have on drainage of the nearby beck. Highways have reported previously that pipes are old and need replacing.

Cllr Wyatt to contact Highways department to determine when drains are likely to be replaced.

Cllr Wyatt to get quote for a digger to remove silt

Removal of vegetation at beck side to be added to items for village workday.

PC decided to defer decision on planting until drainage issue has been sorted

(ii) Costings for remedial works to edge of grass triangles

Cllr Wyatt is still waiting for various costings and logistics, in discussion with Highways. Highways need Planning dept approval as it is Common land.

Item c/f to next meeting.

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(iii) Quality of road resurfacing works near quoits pitch

Cllr Wyatt sent an email to Neil Strickland but has had no response. Cllr Smith advised there was an open meeting invite to join Highways In October.Hunton PC's will be attending.

Decision to raise with highways at October meeting

(iv) Costings for tree pruning

Cllr Smith explained the Willow tree work has been completed. Additional costs were due to diseased Crab Apple and dead wood removal adjacent to village hall. **PC agreed cost**

(v) Persistent flooding update - Arrathorne Junction

Cllr Knight sent an email to Highways. Response was that it is not currently on their worklist but they will consult a highways engineer Decision: Item to be raised at Highways meeting in October.

(vi) QR code link to website at memorial

Cllr Wylie reported that information regarding the memorial has been uploaded to the website. Link is advertised at the memorial by PDF rather than QR code

(vii) 20s plenty update

Cllr Wylie presented an updated map of 20mph zones with Wild Hill Lane added to the NYC proposal. Cllr Wylie explained this would be a very lengthy process.

Nick Robinson asked whether the 30mph sign on Bedale Rd could be put back to Water Treatment corner.

Cllr Wyatt explained PC had requested this in Sept 2023 in relation to the proposed housing development on the Bedale road. Original highways email response to be forwarded to NR.

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JW

Cllr Wylie to email highways to see if this can be added to map and raise the issue at Highways Open meeting

5. Police report

Report had been requested but at time of meeting had not been received

6. Local Planning Applications

There were no new planning applications.

7. Matters arising from NYC - none

Cllr Tom Jones had sent his apologies

8. PC business/Maintenence

(i) Hunton in Bloom

Janet Boakes reported that the HiB AGM will take place on 30th Sept @ 7.30pm At this point work of the Steering Group will close but maintenance of Village projects will continue. JB asked if the PC could fund a bag of bulbs for planting. The PC voted not to fund the bulbs this year.

(ii) St Patrick's Churchyard

Cllr Smith had researched legislation concerning maintenance of Church graveyards. Councilors in principle agreed to a split donation between the PB Church and the Methodist chapel going forward. Cllr Smith asked whether the donation should be increased having been the same for many years.

At the next meeting the PC will agree the donation given to the local churches as part of the Precept

(iii) Parish Council Website

Cllr Smith had asked whether the PC website could be simplified in terms of communication. Cllr Knight explained how it was set up to receive communication in different ways to ensure all comments were received. At a recent Clerks meeting it had been proposed that all PC domain addresses should be standardized to gov.org. Cllr Smith to speak with the Clerk to understand more and if it would be centrally funded.

RS/Clerk Kathleen Allison raised fact that payment had been made for two domain names this year. KA to speak with Mike Smith regarding this and report back to the PC next meeting.

(iv) Boundary Commission Meeting Feedback

Cllr Smith had attended the online meeting. The consultation was to look At current boundaries /divisions/number of councilors, with the aim to have areas of 3,700 population per councilor. Results expect Sept 2025

(v)Road closure advice for Remembrance Day

Road closure signs can be provided if required PC decision was that there was no need to respond to the offer.

(vi)Dates for the diary

The clerk had provided dates for the upcoming year. It was agreed that from January 25 the meetings **will start at 7pm**Date for the Village work day was set for Saturday October 12th 10.00am with a back up date of October 19th. Event will be advertised on Facebook and the noticeboard. Cllr Worsdale to supply a trailer.

RayW

(vii) Precept

Consideration of the Precept to be added to next meeting agenda

Clerk

(viii) Succession Planning

Cllr Smith raised need to advertise PC councilor vacancies on Facebook and website to encourage applicants.Cllr Knight to design suitable poster

RS/WK

Cllr Wyatt (retired chair) to draw up guidelines for key annual events To help future Chairperson's to manage the role.

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(ix) NY Liaison

Dates of drop in sessions for PC's have been advertised by NYCC next regional one Nov 6th at Richmond Town Hall Cllr Wylie and Knight are to attend Highways meeting in October October 30th is the next open day for the Catterick Integrated Care Campus. 1.30pm -2.30pm

JW &WK

9. Finance

The following points of discussion arose from scrutinising the Financial Report at September 2024

Bill for removal of willow has been paid – Discussion of need to add figure for tree maintenance as part of precept. Proposal was made to book the tree consultants to undertake a tree inspection/survey at a cost of £500 to better

inform costings for subsequent years. Cllr Knight proposed and seconded by Cllr Wyatt	RS
Cllr Wyatt suggested that the Playpark equipment inspection should be moved to April 2025. Cllr Smith to get a quote from a Harrogate Company recommended by the Clerk ,regarding comparative inspection costs.	RS
The treasurer is still chasing £356.96 from NYC as a contribution to the PC's grass cutting contract costs for verges.	KA
It was agreed that new dog fouling signs should be produced	JW
At the next meeting the PC will consider the precept to consider specific annual budget items such as tree maintenance, defibrillator costs	KA

The. Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Dates for future meetings:

20th November 2024