

HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 17th May 2023 at 7.30pm

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Reference:

Date
18th May
2023

Present:	<p>Councillor R Wyatt Councillor J Wylie Councillor R Worsdale Councillor R Smith Councillor W Knight</p> <p>Dee Lynn Kathleen Allison</p> <p>Three members of the public, Parish Clerk and Councillor from neighbouring parish and a representative from Hunton in Bloom (HIB) in attendance.</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>Clerk Treasurer</p>
Items	Recording of Meeting	Actions
Item 1	Apologies for absence None received	
Item 2	Councillors declarations of interest none	
Item 3	Minutes of last meeting held 15th March Agreed as a true and accurate record, proposed Cllr Smith seconded Cllr Worsdale.	
Item6 (ii)	<p>As a member of the public as well as the Councillor and Parish Clerk were in attendance in connection with a specific agenda item with the agreement of the meeting the Chair took item 6(ii) first</p> <p>Planning Information on proposed Yorkshire Water underground reservoir at Hunton crossroads. Cllr Wyatt explained Hunton Parish Council have not yet received a consultation notice from North Yorkshire Council (NYC) but understand a planning application has been submitted reference ZD23/00284/FULL. The proposal is understood to be for an underground reservoir to serve Catterick Garrison to be built by Yorkshire Water on land owned by the MOD at Hunton crossroads. A member of the public present explained that they lived in a property which they believe will be adversely affected by the increased flood risk. Their property has been flooded twice in the 20 years they have lived there, most seriously in 2012. Yorkshire Water sought access to the property in 2019 for a pipelaying survey. Survey works at the Hunton crossroads are connected to the proposal. If the reservoir is built it will be necessary</p>	

<p>Item 4</p>	<p>to release water from time to time into the water course increasing the flood risk to adjacent properties. An environmental impact Assessment has been completed for the proposal. The member of the public seeks an acknowledgement from Yorkshire Water that the reservoir will increase the flood risk to his property.</p> <p>Cllr Wyatt thanked the member of the public supported by the Councillor and the Parish Clerk for attending and giving their information. Hunton Parish Council will await the consultation on the application and noted the member of the public’s concerns. The member of the public, Councillor and Parish Clerk left the meeting.</p> <p>Actions from previous meeting</p> <p>(i) Clarification of land ownership - Cllr Wyatt Quoits Pitch/Memorial and areas in front of the village hall. – Subject to just confirming the areas, Cllr Wyatt has found a letter from the Chief Commons Commissioner from June 1978 confirming he was instructing North Yorkshire County Council to register Hunton Parish council as the owners of these areas. Cllr Wyatt has also found evidence of the ownership of the Cinder house being transferred to the PC . Currently there is nothing on the land registry to show ownership so the basis of the documents we hold we should be able to get this registered.</p> <p>Pinfold. Appears we made some enquiries about this back in 2007 through the solicitors it is assumed in advance of the restoration being carried out in 2008. The advice was inconclusive and there was a thought that this may have been part of Billy Kings estate which is now occupied by Huttons Garth, West End House and the Granary and as far as we are aware the pinfold was never included in any land sale transactions. The area is not registered with Land Registry and believe that as we have restored and maintained since 2008 we can look to claim ownership and get this registered.</p> <p>Play area. Cllr Wyatt has documents confirming the transfer of the land including the sale of the village hall and therefore there should not be any trouble registering this. Cllr Wyatt has a folder with copies of all maps and supporting documents available to view.</p> <p>Cllr Knight queried whether Hunton PC should register ownership of these areas. A member of the public present asked if registration of ownership was important. Cllr Wyatt explained he understood registration to be a straightforward process and will download the necessary forms. There will be a small charge. It will protect the areas from “adoption” and claims by other people and identify the PC assets. Cllr Knight proposed Land Registration should be pursued and this was seconded by Cllr Wyatt. The Hunton in Bloom (HIB) representative asked that copy maps and information be provided to HIB to assist in planning future planting and developments.</p> <p>Cllr Wyatt advised the Land Registry does not cover boundary ownership and so with regard to the wall near where the conifers were removed the deeds to the nearby property will need to be consulted.</p>	<p>Cllr Wyatt</p> <p>Cllr Wyatt</p>
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	<p>(ii) Replacement playpark bridge- Cllr Wyatt</p> <p>Cllr Wyatt told the meeting that the kit form replacement bridge should be delivered to the site by 29th May. The work for the foundations has been agreed and a date for the groundwork will be set once the bridge is on site. As soon as the bridge is on site and the foundations completed then a work day will be organised for the installation. It is hoped to be completed by end June.</p> <p>Item 5 Police Report A police report has been received and circulated, it was available at the meeting and the contents noted. At the previous meeting the Parish Council noted the Community Messaging Scheme and Cllr Smith asked whether that information was now on the PC website as agreed.</p> <p>Item 6 Planning applications – none received</p> <p>(iii) General advice and information on planning applications</p> <p>Cllr Wyatt reported on general information and advice he had received when contacting the NYC Planning Department in connection with recent applications and decisions. In summary</p> <p>(iv) The current Local Housing plan is way out of date and does not reflect current good practice.</p> <p>(v) The defined building line would appear to have little relevance. It would appear the planners are fearful of rejecting plans if beyond the building line based on their experience on a large development at Barton. This was for some 60 houses beyond the building line and initially was rejected by RDC. This was overturned on appeal by the planning inspector. And costs were obviously incurred in the appeal. As a result my interpretation is that the planners are reluctant to refuse permission as this could be overturned under appeal.</p> <p>(vi) If a development was some way from the village then there is a possibility of the plans being rejected, but essentially if the development is adjacent to existing housing then this would be considered.</p> <p>(vii) We are still classed as a secondary service village. It is felt that because we had a pub, school and a village hall we had good services</p> <p>(viii) The volume of housing approvals compared to the size of the village seems to have little weight and is basically overridden by the first two points above.</p> <p>(ix) The decision will not go to a planning committee as its size does not warrant it! This will be decided by the planners.</p> <p>Cllr Wyatt will continue to liase with Cllr Tom Jones NYC on planning matters and cc Cllr Carl Les into correspondence.</p>	<p>Cllr Wyatt</p> <p>? to check</p> <p>Cllr Wyatt</p> <p>Treasurer</p>
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<p>Item 7</p> <p>Item 8</p>	<p>Matters arising from NYC - none</p> <p>Parish council business / maintenance</p> <p>(x) Hunton in Bloom A representative from HIB was present and updated the parish council on a number of developments.</p> <p>A crab apple tree will be planted adjacent to the cinder house in the autumn it has been sponsored by GSC Grays to celebrate the coronation.</p> <p>The village entrance planting work has started, the plans for tyre planting on the Leyburn Road will not proceed. The Bedale Road entrance area has been strimmed but needs further attention. The impact of the recent planning approval for house building will be taken into account and perhaps the developers will include that area.</p> <p>Members of the public recently repainted the bus shelter and noted that some panels are started to rot and it may be that the Parish Council will want to complete some maintenance to extend the life of the structure. The raised bed planting near the bus shelter may need to be moved after flowering to enable access to the wooden structure.</p> <p>A member of the public had asked HIB if the painted kerb edges to the path to the village hall could be repainted to improve visibility. It was agreed this would be arranged using reflective white paint.</p> <p>As a temporary project the winner of the HIB logo design competition has asked permission to plant sunflowers near the Bedale Road bridge and this was agreed.</p> <p>The HIB representative had brought to the meeting an example of a metal poppy. HIB have been given two additional planters similar to the ones outside the war memorial railing and the proposal is to place these inside the railings with the metal poppies displayed in the planters. This was agreed.</p> <p>It is expected that judging of Hunton in Bloom will be in July and HIB will inform the Parish Council once a date is known so councillors may attend if they wish.</p> <p>The area near where the conifers were removed would benefit from tidying and HIB ask whether this might be included in a future village work day. Cllr Wyatt said a work day would probably be in the autumn. If surplus volunteers are available at the playpark bridge installation day/s it is possible they could be asked to work on that area.</p> <p>HIB asked if a village newsletter was planned soon and if they could contribute information on forthcoming events. Cllr Wyatt agreed there were sufficient items to warrant a newsletter.</p>	<p>Cllr Smith</p> <p>Cllr Knight</p>
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<p>Item 9</p>	<p>(ii) North Yorkshire Council Community Awards 2023 – Cllr Smith</p> <p>Cllr Smith advised nominations may be made for these awards in the following categories;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Best Community Group 2. Caring for the environment 3. Volunteer of the year <p>Cllr Smith proposed that Hunton Parish Council nominate HIB for the award “Caring for the environment” This was seconded by Cllr Wylie and agreed.</p> <p>It was queried whether the Countrymans committee would be eligible to be nominated in the category Best Community Group and Cllr Smith advised further consideration of the guidance would be required to explore this. Cllrs Wylie and Knight agreed to look at this.</p> <p>Finance report a report had been prepared and circulated and was available at the meeting. The Treasurer advised the precept will be paid in two installments, the second in October. Grant income was noted.</p> <p>The Treasurer was thanked for her report. The insurance is due for renewal and the Treasurer advised she thought further quotes should be sought rather than accept Zurich renewal. Cover is available for playpark equipment and given the amount of new play equipment it would be wise to seek quotations for this cover. The clerk for a neighbouring Parish Council advised on an alternative insurer to explore. The Treasurer will make enquiries, the renewal date is 1/06/23.</p> <p>Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 26th July at 7.30pm.</p>	<p>Cllr Smith</p> <p>Cllr Wylie Cllr Knight</p> <p>Treasurer</p>
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