

# HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm

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<b>Present:</b>	<p>Councillor R Wyatt Councillor R Worsdale Councillor R Smith Councillor W Knight</p> <p>Dee Lynn Kathleen Allison</p> <p>Two representatives from Hunton in Bloom (HIB) and two members of the public in attendance.</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>Clerk Treasurer</p>
<b>Items</b>	<b>Recording of Meeting</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<b>Item 1</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Councillor Wylie	
<b>Item 2</b>	<b>Councillors declarations of interest</b> none	
<b>Item 3</b>	<b>Minutes of last meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> September</b> Agreed as a true and accurate record, proposed Cllr Worsdale seconded Cllr Smith.	
<b>Item 4</b>	<p><b>Actions from previous meeting</b></p> <p>(i) Publication of NYC charter on website – Cllr Knight. Cllr Knight requested that a copy of the charter be resent for inclusion on the website.</p> <p>(ii) Extension of 30mph limit along Bedale Road and verge “drop off” – Cllr Wyatt. Cllr Wyatt contacted Highways and received the following response : “30 Mph Speed Limit - Bedale Road</p> <p>When giving consideration to a request for a new or amended Speed Limit at a given location, careful reference is made to various criteria established by the Department for Transport which need to be met in order to justify a particular Speed Limit. In the case of a 30 Mph Speed Limit, there has to be a certain level of development with</p>	<b>Clerk</b>

	<p>regard to the number of houses, premises and accesses adjacent to the road in order that motorists can appreciate why the limit has been introduced.</p> <p>In this particular instance I agree that if and when the development of the three properties takes place so as to effectively extend the developed part of the village to the south east then it would make sense to extend the 30 Mph Speed Limit perhaps to a point to the south of 'Low Hall Farm'. In the absence of this continuous development I don't however feel that we are at a point where we could look to extend the speed limit at this time. I will however keep this in the 'pending' file and also discuss the request with our liaison officer in the Traffic Department of 'North Yorkshire Police' whose support would be needed for any future amendment.</p> <p>And with regard to verge drop off:          "I have asked for your report of this damage to be logged and for the local Highways Officer to investigate. If any damage is found which meets our standards for intervention then the Highways Officer will make arrangements for the appropriate remedial work."</p> <p>Cllr Wyatt agreed to follow up whether any works have taken place or are planned on the bedale Road.</p> <p>(iii) Village wide speed reduction to 20 mph – Cllr Wylie, in Cllr Wylie's absence Cllr Knight updated the meeting on her behalf. Cllr Wylie has sent emails to Cllr Keanne Duncan and Tom Jones. Basically asking for consideration. With reasoning behind our request and information on possible cost that may be incurred. Cllr Wylie is waiting for response.</p> <p><b>Item 5 Police report</b>          A report has been received and circulated and was available at the meeting, it was noted.</p> <p><b>Item 6 Local planning applications</b></p> <p>(i) 23/00085/OUT Outline Planning Application (with All Matters Reserved Except Access) for the Erection of 15 No. Residential Dwellings DEFERRED</p> <p>Cllr Wyatt explained this application recently considered by Planning Committee and has been deferred. The support from Cllr Jones was noted. The main reasons for this application being deferred were concerns regarding drainage and potential flooding impact. Cllr Wyatt had written to Nic Harne, Corporate Director Community Development following planning committee meeting raising a number of concerns including whether proper and timely consultations and notifications had been sent, and the attitude of the Planning Officer on the site visit. In response a meeting had been offered with Fiona Hunter Development Management Team Leader for the Richmond office and Cllrs Wyatt and Smith had had this meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November. This had been a useful meeting providing greater understanding of the processes. Recent evidence of flooding in the village has been provided to NY Highways Flood Prevention team who have reviewed their position and rejected the developers plans for drainage down Wild Hill. The % of affordable housing in the application is subject to a S106 agreement which is enforceable. There will be further consideration by Planning Committee in due course.</p>	<p>Cllr Wyatt</p> <p>Cllr Wylie</p>
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	<p>(ii) 22/00869/FULL Full Planning Permission for 7 No New Dwellings Comprising of a Mixture of Two, Three and Four Bedroomed Houses, Respected Curtilage, Parking Areas and Associated Access Bridge and Road to Serve the Dwellings GRANTED 22/03/23</p> <p>It was noted that the two affordable houses in the original application are no longer planned, this requirement has been waived by planning. The issue of recent flooding to the beck and the size of the culvert has been raised by Parish Council with the Flood Prevention team.</p> <p>(iii) 23/00019/LBC Listed Building Consent to Create a 4 Bedroom Dwelling on Land at at Low Hall Farm, Bedale Road, Hunton, Bedale, North Yorkshire, DL8 1QF REFUSED 18/10/23</p> <p>This application has been refused as the site is in a Zone 3 flood zone.</p> <p>(iv) ZD23/00577/FULL Full Planning Permission for Replacement Garage, Orchard House South View Hunton Bedale responses by 27/11/23</p> <p>There are no PC objections to this application but there is concern that not all neighbouring properties affected by the application had been formally notified and consulted. The applicants have sought views of neighbours.</p>	
<p><b>Item 7</b></p>	<p><b>Matters arising from NYC</b> In the absence of Cllr Jones none available.</p>	
<p><b>Item 8</b></p>	<p><b>Parish Council business / maintenance</b></p> <p>(i) <b>Hunton in Bloom</b> A representative of HIB present provided an update, following the judgement of outstanding HIB have looked at the criteria to progress to the next step of “Village in Bloom” it is felt this is achievable and an application will be made with judging in July '24. Largely it will entail maintenance of the existing work.</p> <p>It is proposed to develop a “village trail” a guided nature trail and HIB sought approval from the PC to place a leaflet box in the bus shelter in due course, this was agreed.</p> <p>HIB wish to progress planting of the 2 trees as agreed at the last meeting and Cllr Smith agreed to make the purchase.</p> <p>The tidying of the corner by Conifer Lodge is outstanding but it was noted it’s appearance is improved.</p> <p>An open gardens event is planned for end of June.</p>	<p><b>Cllr Smith</b></p>

	<p>Development proposal for “Green Acres island” a proposal had been circulated in advance and was available at the meeting. HIB seek approval in principle for this plan. It is intended to provide accessible seating to the side of the playpark area with appropriate seating. Wheelchair access will be provided and it’s location suitable for dog owners.</p> <p>A coffee morning will be held in January and Greenacres residents specifically invited to view the planned development and offer opinions. An application has been made for funding for a suitable bench to the Locality budget and Cllr Jones was thanked for his prompt response and grant of £500. Potential other sources of support were identified as The Steam Gathering, Broadacres Community Fund and resources through corporate volunteering schemes.</p> <p>The options for hard landscaping were discussed and the varying costs of these. Confirmation was sought that the planting would meet the Highways requirement of 3m from roadside.</p> <p>Subject to further detailed discussions at a later date the scheme was in principle agreed.</p> <p>(ii) <b>Playpark inspection report</b> Cllr Wyatt explained this has been received today and has been circulated, it is detailed but overall a good report with all items inspected as “low risk” or “very low risk” a few minor recommendations. It was confirmed that now the report has been received the invoice may be paid.</p> <p>(iii) <b>Grass cutting contract renewal</b> Cllr Smith advised three companies had been invited to tender but only two have done so. These include the current contractor and the previous one. There is c£850 difference between the two quotations. A final decision on the contract does not need to be made until the January meeting, quotes were sought by today’s meeting to inform the precept discussion. It was agreed to defer a decision until January and seek a third quotation. The clerk to follow up the contractor contacted who has not responded. There remains the option to award a contract for 12 months and review the service before extending.</p> <p>(iv) <b>Parish precept</b> to discuss under item 9</p> <p>(v) <b>Flood plan</b> Cllr Smith reported it had become apparent in the recent weeks heavy rain that new residents of the village were unaware that sandbags are available and where these are stored. Cllr Smith has inspected the bags and some have split. Should the PC review the stock, dispose of damaged bags and possibly replace?</p> <p>It was agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organise communication on provision available including sack trolleys and where located</li> </ul>	<p><b>Treasurer</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
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<p><b>Item 9</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cllr Smith to enquire of NYC whether they will provide replacement bags for the damaged ones.</li> <li>- Continue to record and photograph flooding episodes.</li> <li>- Develop community support to ensure vulnerable properties and residents are assisted and protected.</li> </ul> <p>A discussion followed including contributions from members of the public in attendance regarding clearance of the becks, the impact of doing so and increasing the speed of water flow. The responsibilities of landowners to maintain water courses on their land was considered and the understanding that Yorkshire Water have a role in this. It is understood Highways do not clear debris accumulating under bridges. The merit of having a specialist survey to inform a flood plan was raised by a member of the public. It was agreed the first step would be to seek a copy of the 2012 report from NYC.</p>	
	<p>Cllr Wyatt agreed to contact NY Flood Prevention Team to seek advice on what permissions are required to clear debris from the becks and to request a copy of the 2012 report.</p>	<p><b>Cllr Wyatt</b></p>
	<p>(vi) <b>Wildflowers and rotavating costs</b> Cllr Knight requested payment of the £25 + vat cost of rotavating the wild flower planting areas. Proposed Cllr Smith and seconded Cllr Wyatt.</p>	<p><b>Treasurer</b></p>
	<p>(vii) <b>Email security</b> Cllr Smith reported on recent issue when PC email account security was compromised. Action taken including changing passwords and advice from Police. It seems many local councils had been affected. Agreed to reimburse the clerk for costs of McAfee protection.</p>	<p><b>Treasurer</b></p>
	<p>(viii) <b>Christmas Tree</b> Agreed a Christmas tree to be purchased at a cost not to exceed £75, proposed Cllr Knight seconded Cllr Worsdale. Cllr Smith agreed to arrange purchase and delivery.</p>	<p><b>Treasurer</b> <b>Cllr Smith</b></p>
	<p>(ix) <b>British Legion wreath donation</b> Thanks were recorded to Cllr Smith and Heather Smith for the poppy display at the memorial and HIB for the planting in the area. A donation of £50 was proposed by Cllr Worsdale and seconded by Cllr Knight.</p>	<p><b>Treasurer</b></p>
	<p><b>Finance report</b> A report had been circulated in advance and was available at the meeting. The Treasurer outlined and summarised spending against projections. Use of the defibrillator has led to an overspend but the commitment to a £200 annual amount should allow this to balance in future years. It was noted recent use by a local holiday</p>	

	<p>park who may be unaware of the cost to the parish council and given size of their site might wish to consider purchasing and maintaining one.</p> <p><b>Parish Precept</b>  The Treasurer had prepared information which supported the request for the precept to be maintained at £6000 and this included the expected increase in grasscutting contract costs. A request for £6000 was proposed by Cllr Knight and seconded by Cllr Smith. This request will now be submitted.</p> <p>The Treasurer was thanked for her reports.</p> <p><b>Dates for future meetings;</b></p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> January 2024  20<sup>th</sup> March 2024  15<sup>th</sup> May * also annual general meeting 2024  24<sup>th</sup> July 2024  18<sup>th</sup> September 2024  20<sup>th</sup> November 2024</p>	<b>Treasurer</b>



Clerk : Dee Lynn 16/11/23

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Signed: Cllr Wyatt 17/01/24