

HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 18th January 2023 at 7.30pm

See Distribution	Reference DL 20230118
	Date: 19 th January 2023

Present:	<p>Councillor R Smith Councillor R Worsdale Councillor J Wylie Councillor W Knight</p> <p>Dee Lynn</p> <p>Three representatives of Hunton in Bloom (HIB) were present and three members of the public.</p>	Chair
		Clerk
Items	Recording of Meeting	Actions
Item 1	<p>Apologies for absence Cllr R. Wyatt</p> <p>Councillor Helen Grant RDC Councillor Pat Middlemiss RDC Councillor Tom Jones NYCC Kath Allison Treasurer</p> <p>As the Chair had given his apologies to the meeting the Clerk asked for nomination for chair and Councillor Smith was nominated by Cllr Wylie and seconded by Cllr Worsdale. Cllr Smith accepted the nomination and took the chair.</p>	
Item 2	<p>Councillors declarations of interest – Cllr Worsdale wished it to be known that the land concerned in Item 6ii belongs to a member of his extended family.</p>	
Item 3	<p>Minutes of last meeting held 16th November 2022 – one correction noted at item 5, agreed as a true and accurate record, proposed Cllr Wylie seconded Cllr Worsdale.</p>	
Item 4	<p>Actions from previous meeting;</p> <p>(i) Clarification of land ownership it is understood that Cllr Wyatt continues to seek to clarify this and matter carried forward to next meeting.</p>	

<p>Item 7</p>	<p>The parish council agreed to advise RDC of objections to the planning applications and these primarily are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The site is outside the village development / building area. - Permissions exist for up to 16 dwellings in the village. - Since Hunton was listed as a secondary development area local facilities have reduced eg shop and post office closure. <p>Further concerns include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implications for the beck and potential to increase flood risk - Capacity of sewerage system - Safety of proposed vehicle access arrangements - Elevation of site and visibility of development - Wildlife and ecological implications of development - School is at capacity - No local employment opportunities and minimal public transport. <p>Matters arising from NYCC and RDC: Cllr Middlemiss RDC reported as follows (in writing) <i>I have an Overview & Scrutiny External Committee tomorrow evening where we meet the new Police Inspector Martin Metcalfe and discuss Crime and Disorder update we look at the crime breakdown for 2020 - 2022 you come under Lower Wensleydale no bicycle theft 1 on Drugs 14 other thefts 10 public order & violence & sexual offences 10-18-12 this is for all of Lower Wensleydale if you have anything you would like me to ask please let me know by 5 PM tomorrow evening if not I will bring this document to the next meeting after-discussed with the Police tomorrow evening.</i> <i>Overview & Scrutiny Internal & Overview and Scrutiny External are looking at Richmond Swimming Pool, The Gemini Centre and Colburn Leisure Centre in February to discuss the cost provided but RDC in Grants which will be public knowledge once in estates by both Scrutiny Committees together before the handover to the new Council again on 1st April 2023.</i> <i>The Community Integrated Care System at Catterick Garrison remains on track and the Dental is not supported for Civillians & Dependents unless Cllr Jones (NYCC) knows any more. Helen Grant & myself have been nominated for Honorary Alderman having both served 20 years at Richmondshire District Council as well as another five Councillors in Richmondshire.</i> <i>Happy to help with any Council problems if you let me know .</i></p>	<p>Cllr Smith</p>
<p>Item 8</p>	<p>PC business</p> <p>(i) Playpark bridge replacement, Cllr Wyatt had provided an update on the financing of the replacement bridge. The foundations works have been agreed following obtaining quotations. There will need to be communication when the kit form new bridge is on site to organise work parties to dismantle and remove the existing bridge and install the new one. It is hoped this will be in the spring.</p> <p>(ii) Hunton in Bloom, proposals had been circulated in advance of the meeting detailing two further HIB projects, planting at the four village entrances and a planting scheme at the war memorial. These were shared at the meeting and discussed.</p> <p>Bedale entrance – planting plan agreed other than no strimming desire to maintain wildlife habitat, tidying of site agreed. Wall is understood to be landowners responsibility.</p> <p>Leyburn entrance – visible car tyres not agreed, proposal to sink these into ground as planters for lavender is preferred.</p> <p>Wild Hill and Church Bank entrances planting plans agreed agreed including recent addition of semi circular</p>	<p>Cllr Wyatt</p>

	<p>low level planting in front of the stone signs. It was agreed that minor repairs to stone at Wild Hill may be made. It was agreed to make enquiries regarding replacement of the damaged HUNTON village sign at the Church Bank entrance.</p> <p>War memorial – planting plan approved, it was agreed to amend the grass cutting contract to not strim / cut areas between the fir tree and yew tree and the memorial to support planting becoming established. The planters to the front of the memorial agreed but health and safety objections made in response to the metal poppies. Clarification on the planting site for the tree was sought and it was requested it be further back from the roadside.</p> <p>It is understood that responses have now been received from all of the utility companies so that the application for the planting licence may be made. Currently the application is in respect of the village hall planting scheme and members of HIB asked whether the land around the war memorial is parish council owned so a licence not required for that area. Cllr Smith referred to agenda item 4(i) and Cllr Wyatt will be asked to advise.</p> <p>HIB representatives asked for agreement to them weeding kerbstone edging in the village hall area and this was agreed, Cllr Wylie advised she has some “high vis” vests which may be borrowed.</p> <p>Grass cutting and strimming is expected to start mid March, it was agreed that small signs to protect daffodil and other bulb planting may be placed in relevant areas.</p> <p>(iii) Defib pads, the defibrillator had recently been used which means that until a new set of pads purchased the unit was unuseable. Cllr wyatt has sought agreement to purchase a second set of pads to ensure unit is always available. This was agreed proposed Cllr Knight seconded Cllr Wylie. Cllr Wylie suggested it be made known to nearby villages that Hunton has a second set of pads in the event they might wish to access them whilst waiting for replacements.</p> <p>(iv) Purchase of metal stakes Cllr Smith explained that the Christmas tree last year was larger than budgeted for due to supply issues. Cllr Smith requested that an additional £25 donation to “Just the job” be agreed to reflect the actual cost of the larger tree, this was agreed proposed Cllr Knight, seconded Cllr Smith.</p> <p>Due to the wet ground and high winds the tree required additional staking to secure it, Cllr Wyatt has suggested metal stakes would prove more effective and purchase of these at a cost “not to exceed £40” was agreed proposed Cllr Worsdale seconded Cllr Smith.</p> <p>(v) Sandbags Cllr Wylie asked whether the village sandbags had been checked recently and were fit for purpose, mice damage to plastic covering of sandbags has been found. Cllr Smith reported the ones at the village hall had been checked and are good. There are further stores at the Crossways / Leyburn entrance to village and some kept in the Cinder House which will need inspection.</p>	<p>Cllr Smith</p> <p>Cllrs Smith and Wyatt</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Treasurer</p> <p>Cllr Wyatt</p>
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<p>Item 9</p>	<p>(vi) Email communication Cllr Wylie observed that often in email communication between councillors new items are added to email threads and the content of these new items is not reflected in the email header so information may not be seen and also not easily be identified and retrieved. Cllr Wylie requested that emails be acknowledged so the sender may be confident the email has been received. It was requested that in the event councillors add new items to an existing email thread they amend the heading to reflect this. Use of the “read receipt function” will assist councillors in knowing their email has been received.</p> <p>Finance the Treasurer had prepared and circulated a finance report and Cllr Wyatt had provided an update on financing for the replacement bridge.</p> <p>(i) The proposed precept for '23 – '24 as discussed at the November meeting of £6000 was agreed, proposed Cllr Worsdale seconded Cllr Wylie.</p>	<p>Cllr Smith</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>Treasurer</p>
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	Date and time of next meeting: to be held Wednesday 15th March 2023 at 7.30pm.	

Original signed

Signed: _Robert Wyatt (chair) Date _16.3.23_____

Please note these minutes are draft and marked as such until agreed at the next meeting.