

HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 20th September 2023 at 7.30pm

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Present:	<p>Councillor R Wyatt Councillor R Worsdale Councillor R Smith Councillor J Wylie</p> <p>Dee Lynn Kathleen Allison</p> <p>A representative from Hunton in Bloom (HIB) and a two members of the public in attendance.</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>Clerk Treasurer</p>
Items	Recording of Meeting	Actions
Item 1	Apologies for absence Councillor Knight	
Item 2	Councillors declarations of interest none	
Item 3	Minutes of last meeting held 26th July Agreed as a true and accurate record, proposed Cllr Smith seconded Cllr Worsdale.	
Item 4	<p>Actions from previous meeting</p> <p>(i) Registration of parish council owned land with Land Registry – Cllr Wyatt Cllr Wyatt explained no further information has been received, the Land Registry website says they are very busy, the cheque has been cashed. Cllr Wyatt will advise when he hears further.</p> <p>(ii) Playpark replacement bridge – Cllr Wyatt The bridge has been installed, Parish Council recorded it's thanks to Nick Robinson and Ian Tunstill for their work and also to Paul Durrant for support through AECOM company volunteers. Cllr Wyatt advised he has written to all who assisted with the bridge installation.</p> <p>(iii) NYC and planning applications – Cllr Wyatt</p>	

	<p>Cllr Wyatt advised confirmation that Cllr Jones had requested the Wild Hill planning application be considered by committee rather than officers has not been received. Cllr Wyatt agreed to pursue confirmation that Cllr Jones has requested Planning Committee consideration of the Wild Hill application.</p> <p>(iv) NYC bus service consultation – Cllr Smith Cllr Smith confirmed he had submitted a written response to the consultation opportunity and received an acknowledgement. Cllr Smith also completed an on line survey on transport. News today was reporting on NYC bus services being “saved”.</p> <p>(v) Playpark inspection – Cllr Wyatt This has now been arranged for October.</p> <p>(vi) Publication of NYC Parish charter on website – Cllr Knight Item deferred until next meeting.</p>	Cllr Knight
Item 5	<p>Police Report A report has been received and circulated and was also available at the meeting, the contents were noted. A member of the public sought clarification of the area the report covered, it was understood to be Hunton village but this will be confirmed.</p>	Clerk
Item 6	<p>Local planning applications – no new applications received</p>	
Item 7	<p>Matters arising from NYC</p>	
Item 8	<p>PC business / maintenance</p> <p>(i) Hunton in Bloom (HIB)</p> <p>The HIB representative had circulated a bulb planting proposal in advance and it was available at the meeting. A donation box for bulbs is in the bus shelter and donations have been generous. A bulb planting day will be arranged. The planting plan was agreed and a donation of £50 for bulbs from the Parish Council was proposed by Cllr Wyatt and seconded Cllr Wylie.</p> <p>Following discussion at the last meeting the planting of the commemorative crab apple is agreed for the site of the dead fir / pine tree in the playpark. The parish council will arrange the removal of the dead tree and also agreed funding of £60 for a second tree to be planted in the same area, proposed Cllr Wyatt seconded Cllr Worsdale.</p> <p>The feedback from the judging of Hunton in Bloom is expected at the end of September.</p> <p>HIB requested that at a future village workday the area outside Confifer Lodge be tidied following the removal of the trees, HIB will then arrange planting..</p> <p>A future project is to seek funding for an accessible bench to be located just outside the playpark area, Cllr Jones NYC to be approached regarding funding.</p>	Treasurer

	<p>(ii) Replacement of playpark football nets Following consultation these have been purchased and put in place at a cost of £52, proposed Cllr Wyatt seconded Cllr Worsdale.</p> <p>(iii) Extension of 30mph limit on Bedale Road – Cllr Wyatt The current 30mph zone starts at Coppers Lodge which had been the “end of the village”, now Low Hall farm is occupied by a family, and the caravan park is operational there is greater pedestrian and slow moving traffic in that area. The narrow entrance to Mill Becks Farm also causes traffic to slow down. Cllr Worsdale enquired how far along the road it is suggested the zone be extended to, Cllr Wyatt thought Highways advice on this matter should be sought and agreed to write to make enquiries. Cllr Smith raised the issue of the road edge “drop off” along Bedale Road which had been raised as a concern when the road was resurfaced and has become deeper. Not only is damage to vehicles likely it impacts upon drainage. Cllr Wyatt agreed to include in his letter to Highways.</p> <p>(iv) Review of 20 mph limit in village – Cllr Wylie Cllr Wylie explained she wanted to discuss again Parish Council support for a speed limit reduction to 20 mph in the village. This has been raised by residents and the survey Cllr Wylie conducted previously indicated strong support for a 20 mph limit. A member of the public present said this was the reason they were in attendance, wanting to highlight the number of children in the village of an age when they could play out and independently move around. Also concern for the wellbeing of the whole village population including the number of pony and horse riders. Hunton has five access routes into the village and the request would be for a whole village 20 mph area rather than zones eg around the school.</p> <p>The communication from NYC, Cllr Keane Duncan in August 2023 was referred to: <i>extract</i> <i>I am proposing that we undertake a series of planned speed limit reviews across the entire county, on both urban and rural roads. This will seek to address inconsistencies that may have arisen over time and to identify potential improvements, not just proposed 20mph limits but the whole range of speed limits. In turn, this will generate a pipeline of speed limit schemes for delivery. Local town/parish councils will be critical in helping to shape these. Proposals will require support from the local North Yorkshire councillor and from within the community. We plan to review all locations over the coming years, based on a speed management strategy that will take several months to prepare and approve. While we will not have funds to deliver every scheme in the pipeline immediately, over time we hope to identify funds from a range of sources, including from town and parishes if you wish to expedite delivery. Our proposals are set out as a series of recommendations in the report the Council’s Executive approved on July 4. If you want to know more, here is a link: (Public Pack)Agenda Document for Executive, 04/07/2023 11:00 (northyorks.gov.uk)</i></p> <p>The cost of progressing a 20 mph zone outside of the NYC review was raised and understood as advised previously by Cllr Jones it could be c£10,000 to £16,000. Cllr Jones had circulated a form which</p>	<p>Treasurer</p> <p>Cllr Wyatt</p>
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<p>Item 9</p>	<p>could be used to report speeding concerns and it was agreed to attach a copy to a forthcoming newsletter. Parish Council agreed to support in principle progressing a 20 mph zone for the village and Cllr Wylie agreed to pursue the matter with Cllr Keane Duncan setting out the reasons why Hunton should be a 20 mph zone and asking about the cost implications for the Parish Council. A member of the public enquired about the possibility of grant applications to assist with costs including “match funding”. Cllr Wyatt to advise Cllr Les, NYC.</p>	<p>Cllr Wylie Cllr Wyatt</p>
	<p>(v) Succession planning (parish council)– Cllr Wyatt Cllr Wyatt reminded the meeting that he has said he will step down as chair at the end of this period. It was important to start to campaign for people to consider becoming actively involved in the work of the parish council. To assist this communication about the work done and achievements of the council eg playpark should be publicised. A piece to be written for newsletter.</p>	<p>Cllr Wyatt</p>
	<p>(vi) Additional dog waste bin, Bedale Road – Cllr Wyatt It seems more people are walking their dogs along Bedale Road and an additional bin is required. The cost is £175 for purchase and installation, proposed Cllr Wyatt seconded Cllr Worsdale. A member of the public present raised the issue of the current (general) waste bin next to the bus shelter which is often used for dog waste and becomes unpleasant for those using the bus shelter or seeking to deposit general waste. It was queried whether the current bin could be replaced or relocated.</p>	<p>Treasurer</p>
	<p>(vii) Village workday – Cllr Wyatt A workday was proposed for Saturday 21st October and agreed, to be publicised in a newsletter.</p>	<p>Cllr Wyatt</p>
	<p>Finance A report had been circulated by the Treasurer and was available at the meeting, a copy is attached to these minutes. The grants paid to Patrick Brompton church and the Methodist church were discussed. It was queried why Patrick Brompton received support and not Hauxwell church. Also noted the grant to Patrick Brompton had historically been to contribute to the maintenance (grasscutting) in the churchyard the level of which has been reduced. Views were taken and Cllr Wylie declared an interest, other Councillors supported the whole grant amount £300 to be given to village Methodist church. There is a sum set aside for general village works and the completion of repointing to the cinder house was proposed. Cllr Smith reminded the meeting that the current 3 year grasscutting contract has now ended and as understood when setting the precept costs will increase possibly c £60 per cut which could mean approximately £1000 extra cost per year. Cllr Wylie requested three quotations / tenders are sought for a new grasscutting contract. Cllr Wyatt will advise on when defrillator batteries need to be replaced. New grasscutting contract to be on the agenda for the next meeting when an indicative precept will be discussed. The Treasurer was thanked for her report.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

Dates for future meetings;

15th November 2023

17th January 2024

20th March 2024

15th May * also annual general meeting 2024

24th July 2024

18th September 2024

20th November 2024

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Clerk : Dee Lynn 22/09/23

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Signed: R. Wyatt 15/11/23