HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 16th March 2022 at 7.30pm

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Present:	0 111 - 114 11	
	Councillor R Wyatt	Chairman
	Councillor R Smith	
	Councillor J Wylie	
	Councillor R Worsdale	
	Councillor W Knight	
	Councillor Helen Grant RDC	
	Dee Lynn	Clerk
	A member of the public attended.	
Items	Recording of Meeting	Actions
Item 1	Apologies for absence	
	Councillor Pat Middlemiss RDC	
	Councillor Carl Les NYCC	
	Kathleen Allison Treasurer	
Item 2	Councillors declarations of interest	
	None.	
Item 3	Minutes of last meeting held 17 th November 2021 – agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Smith Seconded Cllr Knight.	
Item 4	Actions from previous meeting; (i) Website design Cllr Knight had a meeting with Mike Smith who has given a lot of helpful advice on providers, systems and design. The suggested changes will enable others eg the clerk to post items such as minutes. Cllr Knight advised the meeting the new design overall looks more modern, is easy to use and easier to find information. The costs involved are cheaper than current provider and out contract with them is up for renewal in August '22 so proposed to let that lapse. The new design will have set up costs of c£100 and ongoing maintenance is low. Cllrs at the meeting had an opportunity to view the new design and agreed it was much improved on the previous "look". Cllr Wyatt asked for views and whether to support the proposed changes with the costs as indicated. This was agreed proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Wylie. Cllrs Wyatt and Knight to have a meeting to finalise a checklist of items to be included in the new design.	Cllr Wyatt Cllr Knight

	(ii) Grasscutting, request for the contractors to avoid the area of cowslip planting. Cllr Smith confirmed this had been done. (iii) Request streetscape undertake check of zipwire in playpark, Cllr Wyatt proposed this be deferred until after the annual insurance inspection of the playpark which is due in April. Cllr Wylie advised she was aware of some damage to the hand grip part of the zipwire equipment. Cllr Wyatt agreed to inspect and take action as required. (iv) Visible "no dogs" signage in playpark, Cllr Smith explained two signs were available and the meeting discussed where best these might be located. It was agreed one to be placed on the existing post near the recycling bin and a new post to be erected by the gap entrance to the playpark by the orchard. A suitable metal post will be required and this has been costed at c£45. This was agreed proposed Cllr Smith and seconded Cllr Wyatt.	Clir Wyatt
Item 5	Police report – a report has been received for the period since the last meeting, this was circulated and contents noted. A recent theft of copper pipe from a property in the village had taken place since the report prepared. Cllr Grant (RDC) advised she understood a number of similar thefts had taken place in the locality.	
Item 6	Local planning applications – none received.	
Item 7	Councillor Grant confirmed the local government review and consequent elections are now underway. There are funds available for Jubilee celebration events if there are any planned, Cllrs explained none proposed in the village. Cllr Grant advised on an iniative funded by NYCC but delivered through RDC "Choose to lose weight" programme, details may be found on RDC website. It was agreed this might be included in the forthcoming newletter. Cllr Grant explained she continues to deal with issues relating to Hunton as they arise and are brought to her attention and is happy to continue to do so.	
Item 8	(i) Climate breakdown / insect diversity Cllr Knight explained a resident had requested that some dandelions be allowed to flower as the provide an important early food source for bees. Cllr Smith noted that visitors to the village often comment on how tidy and well kept it is and that dandelions could detract from that. Cllr Wyatt noted the wildflower planting was still in it's early stages and it was agreed to review that project and agree future plans. The importance of pollinators was noted. After discussion it was proposed that the verge from Captain's Bridge to the Pinfold not be mown for the first and possibly second cut and a sign explaining the reason be placed there. Proposed Cllr Knight and seconded Cllr Wylie. (ii) Parish Council elections the clerk advised that due to local government reorganisation all parish councillors will	Cllr Knight Cllr Wylie

need to be nominated and stand for election in April / May. We have not yet received any publicity on the notice of elections. It was suggested to include information in the newletter, on the website and pass to the village facebook page. For existing councillors who wish to stand nomination papers were available and if returned to the clerk an appointment may be made to deliver these to RDC and have them checked for validity. It is important to encourage residents, especially who may have recently moved in to register to vote.

(iii) 20 mph in school vicinity the issue of seeking a 20 mph zone around the school, village hall and playpark was discussed. Cllrs Wylie and Knight have made some preliminary enquiries of the "20s plenty" campaign, it is understood costs could be c£2000 to register though costs may be reduced if registration is shared with a nearby parish. Cllr Knight highlighted recent injuries to a child and pets as well as damage to vehicles. Cllr Grant noted her understanding that a 20 mph limit under such a scheme was not enforceable by the police. Cllr Wyatt raised the option of requesting NYCC consider the matter and that school pick-up times are not a concern for speeding as the volume of cars in the area means traffic is slow. The need for an evidential base for a speed limit reduction was considered, the existence of the school might increase chances of success. It was agreed to explore "polling" of opinion through the newsletter and website Cllr Knight agreed to draft wording for all councillors to approve.

Cllrs Wylie and Knight agreed to investigate further the "20s plenty" campaign and Cllr Wyatt requested it be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Cilr Grant advised there will be locality grants available with the new authority.

(iv) Litter pick, Cllr Wylie is to request "pick up" sticks from RDC, rings to hold bin bags open have been purchased. The event will be promoted through newsletter, website and facebook. Refreshments will be provided in the village hall for volunteers. The event to be arranged before the end of April. It was agreed the parish council will fund refreshments, proposed Cllr Wylie seconded Cllr Smith.

Item 9

Finance report

A finance report had been prepared and circulated, a copy is attached to these minutes. In the absence of the Treasurer Cllr Wyatt summarised the position of the accounts as "healthy" noting the vat return due. Bank charges are £8 and a discussion took place as to whether a change of bank might be beneficial, it was understood that all business accounts incur similar charges.

Item 10

Any other business

CIIr Knight

Cllr Wylie

Clerk

(i)	The clerk advised that the Chair of Governors at the school has requested the parish council consider supporting the nomination of a new Local Authority Governor as the previous LA Governor has stepped down. An existing community governor Louise Wyatt has expressed an interest in the role. Cllr Smith proposed supporting Louise Wyatt's nomination and this was seconded by Cllr Worsdale. CoG to be advised. The consequent governor vacancy is currently being advertised in the village.	Clerk
Dates o	of future meetings: 18 th May 2022 *the AGM will be held on the same date. 27 th July 2022 21 st September 2022 16 th November 2022	

Dee Lynn Parish Clerk

Original signed

Signed Chairman Cllr Wyatt___ Date 18th May 2022_____

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