

HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 17th March 2021 at 7.30pm by Zoom

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Date: 19 March '21

Present:	<p>Councillor R Smith Councillor J Wylie Councillor R Worsdale Councillor W Knight</p> <p>Councillor Helen Grant RDC Councillor Pat Middlemiss RDC</p> <p>Kathleen Allison Dee Lynn One member of the public In the absence of Cllr Wyatt Cllr Smith took the chair for the meetin</p>	<p>Vice chair</p> <p>Treasurer Clerk</p>
Items	Recording of Meeting	Actions
Item 1	Apologies for absence Councillor Robert Wyatt Councillor Carl Les NYCC	
Item 2	Councillors declarations of interest - none	
Item 3	Minutes of last meeting held 20th January 2021 – agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Wylie seconded Cllr Knight.	
Item 4	<p>Actions from previous meeting;</p> <p>Item 5 – lighting to side of village hall adjusted. Street lighting – 2 lights out reported, not yet repaired. There is advice on expected waiting time for repairs. Cllr Wylie agreed to check accuracy of report ie street light number and date of report. Cllr Grant (RDC) advised there is information on RDC website on reporting street light issues. Dog waste bin installed and Treasurer confirmed it has been paid for.</p> <p>Item 9 memorial restoration, no response to enquiries to date. To keep on the agenda.</p> <p>Item 8 Playpark, replacement of swings – now installed and in regular use. The actions relating to the skatepark proposal are completed.</p> <p>Item 9 precept agreed.</p>	Cllr Wylie

Item 5	Police report – a report has been received for the period since the last meeting, this was circulated and contents noted. The advice for dog owners in the current lambing season was noted and agreed to reproduce wording in forthcoming newsletter.No actions for council.	Newsletter
Item 6	Local planning applications – none received. It was noted demolition work appears to have been completed at Adelphi House site.	
Item 7	<p>Matters Arising from RDC and NYCC</p> <p>Cllr Grant reported from RDC on council tax rise. Sunday 21st March is census day and RDC are encouraging all residents to complete the census.</p> <p>Cllr Grant happy to be contacted and alerted to any issues affecting Hunton.</p> <p>Cllr Middlemiss reported that the Catterick Campus (health) is on track for completion 2023. RDC underway with modern government training for new IT system. Joint external Scrutiny meeting w/c 22/03/21 will focus on Covid recovery planning.</p> <p>Cllr Middlemiss advised she had recently attended the vaccination centre at Tennants, Leyburn, it was an excellent service and she would encourage all to take up the offer of a vaccination.</p> <p>In the absence of Cllr Les no NYCC matters arising were discussed.</p>	

<p>Item 8</p>	<p>PC business / maintenance items</p> <p>(i) Children playing signage Cllr Knight explained the matter was wider than being alert to children playing and a serious issue was speeding through the village, most concerning Leyburn Road, South View and Wild Hill all of which adjoin the playpark. The road along by the school is another area where children are especially vulnerable. A local resident has raised their concerns with Cllr Knight and it is noted that parked cars make the situation more problematic. Cllr Knight has investigated 3 primary speed reduction systems and summarised these for the meeting (a) speed bumps these can be noisy, they may cause damage to vehicles which can lead to claims and bad drivers may speed in between. (b) chicane system may be unsuitable given volume of large farm traffic through village (c) Vehicle Activated Signs / flashing speed alert lights are understood to be effective.</p> <p>The possibility of designating the area around the playpark as a 20mph zone was raised as a possibility by Cllr Knight and Cllr Wylie suggested to include the area near the school.</p> <p>RDC Councillors advised there is information on the NYCC website on how to request new road signage. It was noted that speed reduction decisions were often made following a number of incidents being reported and having occurred rather than a preventative measure. Cllr Knight agreed to make further enquiries on all these matters.</p> <p>The cost of a flashing speed alert sign was probably prohibitive, Crakehall have a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) flashing speed sign and it was proposed Crakehall PC be contacted for advice on potential funding sources.</p> <p>(ii) Litter pick Cllr Smith advised this had been suggested by a resident who had reported an increase in littering. Cllr Knight had made some enquiries of RDC who will loan "high-viz" jackets, pick sticks and supply bags and stickers (volunteer litter pick) for collection. Hoops which hold bin bags open to ease collection may be purchased at £5 per hoop.</p> <p>It was agreed to purchase 6 hoops at a cost of £30 proposed Cllr Knight seconded Cllr Wylie.</p> <p>It was further agreed to publicise the litter pick through the next newsletter, proposing a 2 week period from 12th April and giving contact numbers if people wished to volunteer and borrow the equipment. This period includes 2 weekends which will allow children to be involved.</p> <p>(iii) Rats a resident had raised with Cllr Wyatt an increase in the number of rats seen in and around the village. Cllr Smith felt the hard winter may have contributed and Cllr Worsdale reported that farm management of rats in some areas was not perhaps as robust as required.</p> <p>Cllr Wylie observed she had seen bread thrown out and Cllr Knight suggested an item in the newsletter advising people to maintain good hygiene when feeding wild birds as well as care when feeding poultry.</p> <p>(iv) Best kept village Cllr Smith had received information that Richmond Rotary were inviting expressions of interest. The clerk had found information on criteria from a</p>	<p>Cllr Knight</p> <p>Cllr Wylie</p> <p>Newsletter</p> <p>Newsletter</p>
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<p>Item 9</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>A financial report had been prepared by the Treasurer and circulated. The Treasurer summarised the position and invited questions.</p> <p>Cllr Smith requested details of miscellaneous expenditure such as dog waste bin, tree removal, dealing with mole removal be given where possible in the interests of transparency.</p> <p>The printer costs will be met from 21/22 budget. There is an outstanding loan to repay for the vat on playpark expenditure and agreed this should be repaid in May as vat will have been claimed back and received.</p> <p>Cllr Wyatt had forwarded a request from Patrick Brompton church for a contribution toward churchyard grass cutting costs.</p> <p>It was proposed and agreed that funding be shared between Patrick Brompton and Hunton Methodist Church with the sum of £150 each, proposed Cllr Knight seconded Cllr Wylie.</p>	<p>Treasurer</p>
<p>Item 10</p>	<p>Any other business</p> <p>The member of the public present enquired whether the next meeting would be held in the village hall. Cllr Smith advised it would be hoped this would be possible within covid guidelines and a firm decision will be made nearer the date of the next meeting which is May 19th.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
	<p>Date and time of next meeting: to be held Wednesday 19th May 2021 at 7.30pm.</p>	

Dee Lynn
Parish Clerk

Original signed

Signed _____ Date _____

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