HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Meeting held on 15th January 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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Date: 16 Jan '20

Present:	Councillor R Wyatt Councillor R Smith Councillor S Grant Councillor J Wylie Councillor R Worsdale	Chairman
	Dee Lynn	Clerk
	Councillor C Les Councillor H Grant	NYCC RDC
	4 members of the public	
Items	Recording of Meeting	Actions
ltem 1	Apologies Councillor P Middlemiss.	
ltem 2	Declarations of Interest None	
Item 3	Minutes from Previous Meeting Cllr Smith confirmed minutes as a true reflection of previous meeting seconded by Cllr Wylie.	
ltem 4	Actions from the Previous Meeting (i) Defib training: Cllr Smith confirmed he had been in contact with Mr Steve Rowe who will offer refresher / introductory training. Cost will be petrol expenses. Suggested the dates, when agreed to be publicised through a flyer and interested parties be asked to "book onto" a session. Names of interested people were collected at the wildflower fundraising coffee morning. Information regarding "first responders" volunteering could be available at the defib training.	

Item 5	Police report Due to a late request no report was available for the meeting.	
Item 6	 Local planning applications: (i) 19/00834/LBC Thornfield House understood to be retrospective – noted. (ii) 19/00862/Full Uplands, four members of the public attended to make representations regarding aspects of this application. The primary issues were identified as being the proposed flat roof to the extension and the render to front of property. Additional concern was raised re: drainage. The members of the public confirmed all have registered objections with RDC Planning. Council confirmed they agreed a rendered property would not be in keeping with local properties and would lodge that view with RDC. The deadline was noted as 17/01/20 and agreed a request for a brief extension would be made to allow response to be drafted and submitted. (iii) 19/00849/Full 11 Greenacres – noted. 	Clir Wyatt
Item 7	 Matters arising from RDC and NYCC 1. <u>RDC</u> – Cllr P Middlemiss had sent a report with her apologies and this was available at the meeting. Cllr H Grant advised the Corporate Board met on 14th January and full information is available on RDC website on eg apprenticeships. Consultation events are taking place to inform RDC local plan. There was a discussion on the scope of consultation and the timescale for views to be sought and made known. It is expected an invitation will be sent when Hunton is affected. Cllr Grant will send a link. 2. <u>NYCC</u> Cllr Les advised recent change in Treasury rules so local farmers assisting with winter road clearance may use red diesel. 3 consultations are currently underway and the issues are (a) local enterprise partnership (online) (b) libraries (Cllr Les noted the contribution of volunteers in maintaining library services) and (c) council tax. Cllr Les expects additional funding to be made available from central government for road repairs. Cllr Grant enquired of progress with Catterick Medical Centre and Cllr Les confirmed there is a delay. 	

Item 8	Parish Council Business	
	1. Village Hall car park	
	 (i) Signage Cllr Wylie circulated proposed wording and the cost estimate of £25. Agreed to proceed. (ii) School use, Cllr Grant reported the school did not wish to use the car park amenity area for ball games but seek permission to mark the area for a game. Cllr Grant queried the possible risk of children playing in an area where people may drive their cars. It was noted there were barriers which could be put in place to prevent cars driving on when school use was underway. Cllr Grant advised HPC insurers Community Links advice should be sought. It was expected any such activity would be covered by the school's own insurance and this would be explored with School Governors. A decision on approving the school's request was deferred pending clarification on insurance / liability. (iii) HWRC compound screen now installed, thank you to Steve Knight noted. 	Cllr Wylie
	(iv) Lighting – it was agreed that a motion sensor light would be desirable on the side of the village hall to improve safe access. Noted it should be installed to minimise impact on local properties, costings to be obtained.	Cllr Wyatt
	 2. <u>Perimeter wall repairs</u> (i) Playpark / Leyburn Road, a quote for repairs has been obtained of £400 for 2 days labour and materials. Proposed to proceed: Cllr Grant seconded Cllr Worsdale, advice given to confirm the terms of the estimate. (i) Pinfold walk cracking – proposed to repair and add to works agreed for playpark wall as above. 	Cllr Wylie
	 Drainage in playpark Cllr Wyatt reported that drainage was included in the original works but now possibly blocked. Cllr Wyatt proposed Coxon Bros land drainage specialists be asked to survey area and propose necessary works. Sources of funding would need to be explored eg Lwr Wensleydale Partnership funding. 	Cllr Wyatt
	<u>4 War memorial lettering</u> Cllr Grant advised the War Memorial Trust had replied saying the lettering had not deteriorated to the point where they would assist.	
	5. <u>Patrick Brompton church</u> – a request has been received for a contribution to be made toward grass cutting, £300 has been given in previous year. A discussion was had regarding support for local churches including the Methodist church and	Cllr Wyatt
	the role of both in the community/village. It was proposed by ClIr Smith and seconded by ClIr Wylie that the grant of £300 should be maintained but that it should be divided between the two churches. ClIr Grant objected and wished his objection be recorded. Treasurer to make payments on receipt of next years precept. Both parties to be advised	Cllr Wyatt
	 <u>Grass cutting contract</u> – Cllr Smith advised that the current contractor had agreed a reduced price for a 3 year contract leading to a saving of £450 over 3 years. Subject to an agreement that the council may cease the contract in the event of any quality concerns not being satisfactorily addressed it was agreed a 3 year contract should be pursued. 	CIIr Smith

ltem 9	Finance	
	(i) Financial statement update – report circulated and available.	
	(ii) Precept 2020 / 2021 – current precept is £4750, noting the anticipated savings on the grass cutting contract the view was expressed that future committments could warrant an increase. An increase of £250 was proposed by Cllr Wyatt and following a vote this was approved. RDC to be advised of this increased precept.	Cllr Wyatt Clerk
	(iii) Treasurer – it has not been possible to recruit a Treasurer, Cllr Wyatt confirmed he is content to continue in this role if council agree. Cllr Wyatt also sought approval to change to on-line banking. Both proposals agreed having been proposed by Cllr Worsdale and seconded by Cllr Wylie.	Cllr Wyatt
Item 10	Date of next meeting: 18 th March 2020	

Dee Lynn Parish Clerk

Original signed

Signed Chairman _____

Date _____

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