

Item 5	<p>Police report – a report has been received for the period since the last meeting, this was circulated and contents noted. No actions for council.</p>	
Item 6	<p>Local planning applications – none received. It was noted demolition work has started at Adelphi House site.</p>	
Item 7	<p>Matters Arising from RDC and NYCC Cllr Grant reported from RDC that more information will be available in February on local government review and devolution. £250,000 available for projects in the district with £100,000 funding available for villages as “lockdown” grants to be applied for. In reply to a query from Cllr Wyatt Cllr Grant agreed to arrange for information on application process to be forwarded. There are “lockdown” grants for local businesses, in reply to a query from Cllr Worsdale Cllr Grant advised she could not comment on any specific applications. Cllr Middlemiss reported on RDC flood prevention preparations, a local team is on standby and sandbags are available if needed. It was noted improved drainage works by Highways in Hunton in recent years has reduced local risk. Cllr Middlemiss has undertaken a “walkabout” in Hunton in October and no problems were observed. Cllr Knight enquired regarding recycling waste collection and Cllr Middlemiss explained collection of grey bins was the priority and there would not be any recycling collection now until next due date. There was concern regarding large amount of waste being left near village hall and bins being full, Cllr Grant agreed to make enquiries whether village hall HWR site could have a collection. Cllr Smith asked about street lighting repairs and replacement lighting in relation to street light near village hall, Cllr Wylie advised she had been told of a 5 week wait for someone to attend and if parts needed possibility of a further 5 weeks. Cllr Les, NYCC reported the single biggest issue for NYCC is managing Covid19, advised that the Covid 19 figures were to be updated on 21/01/21, rates are high in Colburn and Scotton. There is reason to be optimistic as vaccine is rolled out but much caution is urged especially with the new strain/s. Winter weather – following the snow there is the potential for “flash flooding”. The budget priorities will be set next month, the context is very challenging with demand for services increasing and the economy in decline. A £1 million carbon reduction fund has been established. Cllr Wyatt raised the recent damage to Captain’s Bridge caused by heavy vehicles travelling through the village using Wild Hill route and whether a weight restriction on that route was possible. Cllr Les agreed it was appropriate to seek advice on such an application but he understood delivery vehicles needing access to local farms would be exempt. It was suggested local farmers might be contacted to request advice given on preferred routes avoiding vulnerable bridges. A query was raised as to whether it is possible to influence route advice given by satnavs / google maps – Cllr Les suggested Steve Barker at Highways be contacted for further advice.</p>	

<p>Item 8</p>	<p>PC business / maintenance items</p> <p>(i) Playpark, replacement swings Cllr Wyatt summarised the different options investigated – combined toddler and older child units v separate, wooden frames with galvanised fixings, reuse of swing chairs. Two firms have been contacted for quotations Streetscape quote £5700, their factory is open frames could be available in March. Kompan are offering similar quotation and specification. Funding has been received from lottery, Lwr Wensleydale Partnership, Broadacres, and locality budget so full cost almost met.</p> <p>Cllr Wyatt recommended to proceed with Streetscape quote for 2 swing units, to reuse existing seats.</p> <p>Cllr Knight asked about siting of replacement swings. Cllr Wyatt advised to avoid cost of removing concrete footings the replacements would be sited a little in front of existing swings. This would keep costs down and protect recent drainage work.</p> <p>Cllr Knight enquired as to the height of the proposed replacement units and Cllr Wyatt advised that at 1.8m and 2.4m they are similar to the existing swings.</p> <p>Agreed to proceed with purchase of replacement swings from Streetscape as outlined above, proposed Cllr Smith seconded Cllr Knight.</p> <p>(ii) Skatepark proposal the council has received a request from two local children to consider establishing a skatepark in the playpark or vicinity. The children had included information on possible designs and location as well as suggestions for use. The request was received just before Christmas and circulated to all parish councillors to allow time for investigation and consideration. Matters that were taken into consideration in the discussion included: purchase and installation cost, amount of existing play equipment on site, insurance, health and safety, ensuring wide use of community open space, impact on other playpark users.</p> <p>Councillors wished to commend the children for the quality of their proposal, the detail they had provided and offer to meet and discuss.</p> <p>It was agreed that the council could not commit to such a project but were pleased to learn of an offer from a local resident to donate 3 skateboard “ramps” to the children which they hope the children will enjoy. Cllr Knight agreed to draft a reply to the children to be sent by the clerk on behalf of the council.</p> <p>(iii) Captain’s Bridge damage dealt with as above, see item 7.</p> <p>(iv) Recycling bins – dealt with as above, see item 7.</p> <p>(v) Newsletter Cllr Knight proposed that although efforts being made to improve the usefulness and use of the website that as this will take some time to be established in the interim 4 issues of a newsletter should be agreed. A cost of £75 has been estimated to produce 4 newsletters. The Treasurer advised this seemed a very reasonable cost given previous expenditure.</p> <p>It was agreed to produce 4 newsletters at an estimated cost of £75, proposed Cllr Knight and seconded Cllr Wyatt.</p>	<p>Cllr Wyatt</p> <p>Cllr Knight</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Knight Cllr Wyatt</p>
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<p>Item 9</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>(i) Precept 2021/2022 A financial report had been prepared by the Treasurer prepared and circulated. Cllr Wyatt proposed the precept should be increased by £500 to £5,500. Cllr Wylie spoke against an increase. Cllr Knight noted the financial report indicated a surplus is predicted. Cllr Worsdale felt the council should not request more than was required. Cllr Smith advised whilst he was in favour of an increase and there may be unexpected expenditure during the year if the council decided not to request an increase then any options for making savings should be explored eg computer software.</p> <p>Cllr Wyatt left the meeting. Agreed a precept of £5,000 to be requested. Annex A to be completed and sent to RDC.</p> <p>The Treasurer offered to answer any queries on her report.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 9pm</p>	
	<p>Date and time of next meeting: to be held Wednesday 17th March 2021 at 7.30pm. The possibility of a hybrid meeting was discussed with a meeting in village hall but with the facility to join by Zoom if preferred. Public access to be explored within village hall Covid secure guidelines nearer the date.</p>	

Dee Lynn
Parish Clerk

Original signed

Signed Vice Chairman Cllr Smith_ Date _17/03/21_____

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