

**REIGHTON & SPEETON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
28th JULY, 7.15 PM, VILLAGE HALL, REIGHTON**

Present: Councillors D Bradshaw, P Gladstone-Spaven, S Hinchcliffe, T Marshall, Mrs L Paddock, P Riley, Mrs L Wilson, County Councillor J Blackburn and Ward Councillor M Donohue-Moncrieff
Four members of the public
Clerk, Lynne Dennis, recorded the minutes

47/15 To accept apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Ward Councillor G Allanson.

48/15 Code of Conduct:

- (a) To record Declarations of Pecuniary/non-Pecuniary Interests by any member of the Council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared:**

Any declarations of interest made by Councillors are recorded at the appropriate Minute.

- (b) To note dispensations given to any member of the Council in respect of agenda items below:**

None

49/15 To carry out the co-option of one Parish Councillor vacancy:

Mr Ken Bradley applied to the councillor vacancy and was invited to briefly outline his suitability to serve on the council.

RESOLVED: (6 in favour, 1 against) that Mr Bradley be appointed to the vacant councillor position. Mr Bradley joined the meeting.

50/15 To receive Police report:

None received.

51/15 Public Participation Session (15 minutes):

It was stated that Mr Ian Randall was invited to attend the meeting to discuss various issues previously raised during parish council meetings. Representation was made and assurances given that horse manure would be removed by Mr Randall as the landowner. Councillor Hinchcliffe asked Mr Randall if the hedge on Church Lane would be cut, Mr Randall did not wish to answer the question. Councillor Gladstone-Spaven requested that it be noted in the minutes that he believed Councillor Hinchcliffe should have declared an interest in this issue having previously made representations to the landowner in a private capacity. Councillor Wilson stated that Councillor Hinchcliffe was acting on behalf of residents of Reighton who had approached Councillor Hinchcliffe on this matter as a representative of the parish council.

52/15 To approve Minutes of Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting of 19th May 2015:

RESOLVED: (All in favour) that the Minutes of this meeting be approved and signed as a true and correct record.

53/15 To receive the Ward Councillors report:

Councillor Blackburn

- Bus stop – noted that the Chairman had had a meeting to discuss the ongoing issues.
- Dotteril caravan – has now been removed. Concern expressed over the rubbish left near the corner and requested anyone with information as to who may be responsible for this to contact him.
- Road works – stated that temporary filling of pot holes on the road to Reighton Hall would take place prior to resurfacing scheduled for 2016. Repairs to the highway outside Reighton House would be honoured as previously discussed.

Councillor Donohue-Moncreiff

- Issues raised regarding the caravan at the Dotteril are moving forward.
- Environmental Health has been asked to contact councillors regarding the ongoing smell within Reighton – Councillor Marshall to report on discussions.
- Budget – a shortfall of approximately £2.2 million representing a 40% cut from central government is forecast for 2016-17.
- Seamer horse fair – a lot of work was undertaken with North Yorkshire Police to combat land being occupied. Local communities urged to review any open space and take preventative action to ensure that it cannot be easily accessed.
- Reighton Court green – advised that if the area was officially designated as an open space there would be restrictions on use, i.e. camping. However the issue would be to enforce these regulations.

54/15 To receive the Clerk's report/Action Log:

- **Cluster Group** – A NIL precept has been set for 2016/17. At a future date a precept may be set but at the moment there are adequate funds available.
- **Clerk's Hours** – 22.5 hours worked in June and July, no lieu hours.

55/15 Questions/Reports from Councillors and Committee Representatives:

Councillor Wilson

- Cluster Group – Money will be available for schemes in 2015-16, Reighton & Speeton still have some outstanding for 2014-15.
Community speed watch project, first set of villages selected to take part in the scheme. Reighton & Speeton are not in this first group, situation to be monitored and possibly look at being selected in the future groups.

Councillor Paddock

- North Yorkshire Police exhibition – Councillor Paddock attended and noted that the Police and Crime Commissioner Annual Report summarised the event.

Councillor Gladstone-Spaven

- Stated that the speed signs on the road into Speeton had still not been reinstated following road resurfacing works. Councillor Donohue-Moncrieff was of the understanding that this was now the case on all newly resurfaced highways.

Councillor Marshall

- Councillor Marshall attended a meeting with Yorkshire Water along with Councillor Bradley (prior to his election to the parish council) to discuss the ongoing issue of an intermittent unpleasant smell in Reighton. From this meeting the following information was received:
Sewage is pumped from Speeton along a series of sewage pipes from two pumping stations as far as Church Hill after which the system becomes gravity fed through to the filtration plant at the bottom of Watsons Lane. This sewage goes through a process of spraying with a neutralising agent to remove the smell of sewage at both pumping stations. This operates year round with the dose increased in March and is continuous at full capacity throughout the summer period and the facility is inspected monthly to check it is working properly and that chemical levels are correct. Following an inspection of plant it was discovered that the sewage is extruded through a pipe that is above the level of the tank and therefore raw sewage is being aerated and the smell blown by the wind to affect certain properties. Solutions were explored to resolve this issue and the low cost approach is to add sacking or a flexible pipe to the gravity outlet to allow the waste to be transferred under the filtration bed surface therefore not allowing the smell to escape. This would need approval and should be confirmed by mid July 2015. Where houses are experiencing a smell they are prepared to look at these on an individual basis.

56/15 Chairman's Report:

- **Reighton Bus Stop** – Councillor Riley attended a meeting with Mary Welch (NYCC Public Transport Officer), Andy Naylor (NYCC Project Engineer), Kay Aitcheson (NYCC Area Highways Officer) and Chris Agar (EYMS) on 22nd July 2015 to discuss options for establishing a more central bus stop. The officers could not support the creation of a stop on the corner where residents say the bus used to stop, citing sightline issues, the cost of re-configuring the entrance to what is effectively a residential side road and the risk of interference with fibre optic cables.
Notwithstanding that the road through Reighton has now been downgraded to C-road status following the opening of the by-pass, the officers feel health and safety issues still make form of 'flagging down' arrangement unfeasible. The former practice where the bus used to stop on the corner was probably an informal arrangement between regular passengers and regular drivers. The only official stop had been the one at the bottom of Church Hill.
There is a workable alternative around 50 metres on towards the Dotterel, well within the 30MPH signs and a few metres before the entrance to the mobile home depot. The site for the bus stop is effectively marked by the SLOW sign in the road a few metres from the circular 30MPH sign mounted on a steel pole. The grass verge belongs to NYCC, there are no sightline issues or utilities and the pavement is wide enough at the other side to allow wheelchair access and to create a stop immediately opposite.
EYMS should have no problem in having their drivers stop at this point. As a C-road, there is no need for there to be room for two vehicles to pass in opposite directions when a bus pulls up to pick up passengers, so there is no requirement for it to be able to pull into a reservation.

Unfortunately the cost is likely to be substantially more than the £2000 mentioned in earlier email correspondence, which would probably just cover the cost of additional footway, hard standing and

singage etc. To create a new stop on what is now a grass verge will require excavation work and could cost £5000+ before adding on the cost of works to the pavement on the other side of the road.

Mr Naylor is going to return to us with an accurate cost estimate for the Parish Council to consider. Mrs Welch noted that there is a planning history in relation to the depot site. If the costs meant that the Parish Council could not fund this work from our reserves, then the matter could be left in abeyance with the possibility of seeking to have SBC make the creation on a bus stop a condition of any future planning permission and at the prospective developer's expense.

57/15 To note/deal with correspondence as listed below:

Jun 15 -NYCC: awards for Community Projects/Groups and Individuals

Jul 15 – North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority: consultation about proposals to changes

Jul 15 – North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner Annual Report 2014-15

Jul 15 – The Good Councillor Guide

58/15 Accounts:

(a) To approve payment of accounts to 23rd July:

(b) To give the Clerk delegated authority to pay accounts at the end of August 2015:

(c) To note the budget monitor report (enclosed):

Accounts for Payment

Received: £ NIL

Total: £ NIL

Schedule of Accounts for Payment 23rd July 2015

| Chq No | Creditor | Net Due | VAT | Total |
|--------|--|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ |
| 631 | Advanced Trees: Grasscut May | 283.25 | 56.65 | 339.90 |
| 632 | Miss L Dennis: Clerk Jun/Jul plus additional hours Apr/May | 358.38 | - | 358.38 |
| 633 | HMRC: Tax/NI Jun/Jul | 89.60 | - | 89.60 |
| 634 | Miss L Dennis: Clerk's Expenses Jun/Jul | 51.18 | - | 51.18 |
| | Working from home allowance: 9x £3 per week (£27.00) | | | |
| | Postage: £4.19, Stationery: £19.99 | | | |
| 635 | Andrew Husband: Internal Audit | 35.00 | - | 35.00 |
| 636 | Advanced Trees: Grasscut June | 283.25 | 56.65 | 339.90 |
| | | | | |
| | Totals | 1100.66 | 113.30 | 1213.96 |

RESOLVED: (All in favour) that items (a) and (b) be accepted as presented.

59/15 To consider representations by or on behalf of Mr Randall regarding a site for touring caravans at Church Hill and to consider issues relating to the public footpath adjoining said site (item 5 Public Participation):

Following discussion during agenda item 5 (public participation) it was agreed that:

- Mr Randall would speak to the appropriate tenants to resolve the hazard to traffic caused by animals roaming onto the road.
- The issue of manure being dumped onto the footpath crossing and against the gate was resolved with assurances that this would be cleaned by the landowner (Mr Randall).
- No firm answer was received with regards a request that the hedge on Church Hill be cut.
- Discussions regarding a site for touring caravans was an issue for consideration between the landowner and Scarborough Borough Council so no comment was made by the parish council at this stage. Pitches have now been removed from the site.

Councillor Hinchliffe asked for it to be noted that he was extremely unhappy with comments made by Councillor Galdstone-Spaven during agenda item 5 (public participation) and requested that a motion of no-confidence be passed in Councillor Gladstone-Spaven. Councillor Galdstone-Spaven reiterated his assertion that Councillor Hinchliffe had not declared his interest in this issue and that action should be taken against Councillor Hinchliffe for breaching the Code of Conduct. The Clerk stated that she was unsure if such requests was lawful and requested that this be taken under consideration until clarification on the issue could be sought for the next parish council meeting.

60/15 To approve the use of the 'Parishes Online' website for the electronic publication of documents as required by the Transparency code for smaller authorities (enclosed):
Site can be viewed at <http://www.parishes-online.org.uk/>

RESOLVED: (All in favour) that the parish council utilise the website to ensure compliance with the Transparency code for smaller authorities.

61/15 To approve additional grasscutting and tree works (enclosed):
(a) Tree pruning work on Wide Lane, Speeton to remove low branches:
(b) One off grass cut of the churchyard, Reighton in September:

RESOLVED: (All in favour) that item (b) be approved. Item (a) to be provisionally approved pending further discuss with NYCC Highways to establish responsibility for maintaining the trees.

62/15 To discuss the purchase and installation of a defibrillator (enclosed):

Following discussion it was decided that this item would not be pursued at the present time.

63/15 To discuss banking arrangement request from Speeton Village Association:

Councillor Riley to go back to Speeton Village Association to discuss the formation of a committee to manage funds and accounts.

Signed as a true and correct record Date 29th September 2015
Chairman, Councillor P. Riley