

Reighton & Speeton Parish Council

Minutes of ordinary meeting held 29th September 2020 at 7pm Village Hall Reighton.

Present: Councillor Riley (Chairman) Councillors Foster, Jack, Lawry & Rogerson & Councillors Mrs Hamilton-Smith & Mrs Paddock; NYCC Mrs Swiers & clerk Helen Carter. Following co-option, Duane Harrison joined the meeting.

1. **Notice of meeting it was: - RESOLVED: That Public Notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with Schedule 12 para 10(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.** **43/20**

2. **Apologies** – had been received from Borough Councillor Michelle Donohue-Moncrieff. The apology was noted.

3. **Declarations of Interest** the Chairman reminded members of the need to consider whether they needed to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI) or personal interest, as detailed in Appendix A and Appendix B of the Council’s Code of Conduct & to note dispensations given to any member of the Council in respect of agenda items below. Councillors Foster & Mrs Hamilton-Smith declared an interest in agenda item 12. It was **RESOLVED the declarations be noted.** **44/20**

4. **Councillor Vacancy** – Mr Harrison was present having expressed an interest in one of the vacancies. He spoke to the members following which it was **RESOLVED to co-opt Mr Harrison to fill one of the vacancies.** **45/20**
Mr Harrison signed a declaration of acceptance of office & he joined the meeting.

5. **Police matters** – the crime report for September had been circulated prior to the meeting. No one was in attendance from the police. An email detailing the possibility of holding monthly drop-in sessions on “Microsoft Teams” in an attempt to keep in touch was discussed. It was agreed the clerk will try & join the first meeting & report back to the next Parish Council meeting.

6. **Public Participation** – no one present.

7. **County & Ward Councillor reports** - NYCC Councillor Mrs Swiers reported she had attended a Scrutiny meeting which had been all about Scarborough Hospital & how the £40m was going to be spent on the new A&E & general entrance. Work to start in the New Year. She had attended Speeton when a small ceremony had been held to “open” the defibrillator. Discussions continue about 20mph zones in villages but it will be sometime before it comes to fruition. Councillor Foster reported there had been an incident on St Helens Lane with two caravans meeting each other & not wanting to move. Borough Councillor Riley reported he had attended a briefing from Lincoln Sargeant (N Yorks Director of Public Health) to the effect that whilst Covid19 infections in the borough and county were below the national average, they were creeping up and there were clusters in Selby and Whitby; however, it was hoped we might avoid a local lockdown. He reported on a briefing from SBC chief financial officer on the effects of Covid19 in opening up a £5.6m deficit - from loss of income, rents and business rates & C/tax revenue of £10.1m in aggregate, which was only partly offset by central government grants of £4.5m. The council would be redirecting £4.1m of the revenue earmarked for the capital budget to meet the shortfall (then borrowing over 40 years to fund its capital programmes). Before Covid struck, there was already a funding gap of £5.4m over the 3 years to 2023/24, including a deficit of £1m for the 2021/22 financial year, which would now be funded by a one-off draw from reserves. He summarised various projects which could go ahead if the council's bid for £25m of Town Deal funding from MHCLG is successful.

8. **Minutes** to receive, approve & sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held 28th July 2020. It was **RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting be approved & were signed.** **46/20**
9. **Planning details of the following applications had been received: -**
- **20/01500/HS** - Thorncliffe Cottage St Helens Lane Reighton - Two storey and single storey rear extension. No objection made. **Application has been permitted.**
 - **20/01586/HS** – Romany, Chapel Lane, Speeton - Erection of an enclosed walkway between the principal dwelling and the detached garage. No objection made.
It was **RESLOVED to confirm the responses made.** **47/20**
10. **Website Accessibility** – a statement for adoption in relation to the new legislation had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was **RESOLVED to approve & adopt the statement as circulated.** **48/20**
11. **Village Issues** the following were discussed & decided on: -
- **Dog bins & Haven** Councillors Foster reported Haven have agreed to provide some new bins & they will empty them.
 - **Church Hill substance issues running down the hill** – Yorkshire Water & NYCC were alerted to problems earlier this month. Yorkshire Water have found that there is an illegal sewer connection into the drainage system. The matter is being dealt with by Yorkshire Water & Scarborough Borough Council Environmental Health. NYCC have advised the clerk, the high pressure jetter wagon has been in the village de-silting & root cutting all the gullies on Church Hill & St Helens Lane. All the man holes & catch pits in the village were also cleaned out.
 - **Reighton bus shelter timetable** – the clerk reported, she has been in contact with East Yorkshire buses & the timetable including cabinet will be replaced when the new timetable is issued in a few weeks' time.
 - **Parking on ST Helens Lane** – the clerk reported a resident had complained about cars parking fully on the footpath opposite his property. After discussion, it was agreed the clerk will look into the SBC Considerate Parking Scheme & notify the resident.
 - **Over grown hedge on Church Hill** – NYCC Councillor Mrs Swiers agreed to look at & report the problem.
 - **Gravel for path at St Leonards** -Councillor Rogerson reported the work has been completed. The area now seems to be a lot more popular. Infill has been put on steps down to the beach. Responsibility & ongoing maintenance were discussed & it was agreed the clerk will contact PROW/NYCC for clarification.
 - **Watsons Steps** – Councillor Rogerson reported work had been carried out on one of the risers & the steps infilled with gravel. Further work will have to be undertaken next year.
 - **Village Maintenance** Councillor Mrs Paddock reported on the trees at the top of Church Hill near the Dotterill. One has been knocked over & another looks dead. These to be removed. The grass cutting contractor is to be asked to cut the grass opposite Stubberhill on Watsons Lane. There was discussion again about the soakaway on Chapel Lane Speeton which is not working at all. NYCC are aware of the problem & NYCC Councillor Mrs Swiers agreed to make enquiries. The rubbish bins owned by SBC are in need of repair. The chairman will photograph & the clerk will report.
12. **Review of Scarborough Borough Council Local Plan** – Councillor Riley briefly explained about what the review means following which there was an open discussion. It was agreed a response would be put together by Councillors Riley, Foster and Mrs Paddock and circulated to all members before being sent off.
13. **Devolution** – members had been circulated with a lot of information early in September about local government reform. In view of the pressure Covid is placing on the Government further published information about the proposals have not been received. It was agreed to defer any response by the Parish Council until the position has been clarified.

- 14. Finance** a report & information had been circulated prior to the meeting the following were discuss & decide on: -
- a) **Bank Reconciliation for periods ended 31st July and 1st September 2020** - figures for each month had been circulated prior to the meeting: -
- 31/7/2020 - Balances £10,525.75, payments £5,322.59, receipts £5,682.11.
 - 1/9/2020 - Balances £9,643.03, payments £6,205.31, receipts £5,682.11.
- it was **RESOLVED the figures presented be approved and accepted by the council.** **49/20**
- b) **Poppy wreath and Christmas tree** – the clerk reported the church had requested that a poppy wreath is not provided this year. Whilst the members agreed to this it was **RESOLVED that a £25 donation would still be made to the Royal British Legion.** **50/20**
- The clerk also reported two Christmas trees are available at the same price as last year. It was **RESOLVED to purchase the trees at a cost of £122 inclusive of delivery.** **51/20**
- Delivery first week in December. The clerk to look into the cost of new lights for the trees and will approach Councillor Mrs Swiers for some NYCC Locality Budget funding.
- c) **Schedule of payments** full details of payments made since the last meeting and those for this meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting following which it was: -
- **Resolved payments for August 2020 totaling £882.72 could be paid.** **52/20**
 - **Resolved payments for September 2020 totaling £1,143.26 could be paid.** **53/20**
- The clerk advised the £35 DDR to ICO would go out of the account early in October and would be on the next schedule of payments.
- 15. Reports from chairman/councillor-** the clerk advised a checklist for holding of meetings drawn up by SLCC & NALC had been completed along with a Risk Assessment for the Parish Council & also by the Village Hall. The documents were signed by the chairman & the clerk.
- 16. RESOLVED That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the press and public are excluded for the following item of business in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.** **54/20**
- 17. Clerk Employment** – a report had been circulated prior to the meeting detailing information relating to: -
- **National Salary Award** – information has been received from NALC about new pay scales for 2020/2021 to be implemented from 1st April 2020. **It was RESOLVED to accept the new pay scale increased hourly rate effective form 1st April 2020.** **55/20**
 - **Working from Home Allowance** – after discussion it was **RESOLVED to increase the clerk allowance to £4 per week back dated to 1st April 2020.** **56/20**
- The clerk thanked the members.
- 18. Time & date of the next meeting** – the chairman & the clerk to speak to the Village Hall Committee about future meetings in line with Covid 19 guidance.

Signed *Paul Riley*

Date 7th December 2020