

HARTWITH CUM WINSLEY PARISH COUNCIL. MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 18-9-18

Before the meeting there was a discussion on the future plans for the Summerbridge War Memorial. Mr. Brian Hicks from the local British Legion Branch expressed a wish for the Memorial and the surrounding walls to be left as they are, with a gap cut through the circular wall at the rear to give standing access on the proposed new car park. For the Service in November 2018 it was made clear that the members of the public would not be allowed to stand on the road.

There was also a presentation by the National Trust Team at Brimham Rocks to explain the latest plans for the fencing of some of the common land to the side of Brimham Moor Road to allow cattle grazing to keep the vegetation in check. They hope to submit plans to The Secretary of State by Christmas 2018. The proposed fence will be 4.5m from the road edge. Initially there will be 15 mature cows and the results will be monitored. The highest footfall areas will not be grazed. Later in the year there are plans to put a small, temporary, visitors building in the car park and for solar panels to be put on the cottage information centre. There have been discussions on locating a toilet in the car park but are no definite plans at present.

1. PRESENT. T. Watson, J. Stanton, N. Milnes, B. Thornton, R. Titchmarsh, H. Benn. M. Harrison (NYCC)
One member of the public.
2. APOLOGIES.
3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS. T. Watson indicated that he sat on HBC Planning Committee. R. Titchmarsh and N. Milnes indicated that they were both on the Playing Fields Committee.
4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF 18-8-18. These were proposed and accepted by the meeting.
5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES. The project to place kerbing at the end of East View was discussed. Cost would be £1600, with possible contributions of £800 from neighbour, £500 from M. Harrison/NYCC grant and Parish to complete the costing. The Parish Council would run the project. All involved would go back and confirm the figures. A new route has been agreed by NYCC for Kex Gill and it is hoped there is no objection. Positive indications on Government funding with a projection of 2 ½ years for building. A defibrillator has been applied for to be placed in Low Laithe. It was agreed that Sinead O'Connor be accepted as a co-opted Parish Councillor and this will be confirmed at the next meeting.
6. EXTERNAL REPORTS. NYCC. Burnt Yates are hoping to improve and tidy some of their grass verges and these may well be on the Hartwith map. There was no objection to this. The Children's Services Dept has just been inspected and received excellent standards in all areas. Unlike the issues in Northampton Council NYCC has worked on a ten year plan for its finances so that issues are dealt with as they arrive, thus avoiding the crisis of Northamptonshire. There has been no reduction in the gritting programme this year.

HBC. The Local Housing plan has now been submitted to the Government for approval. In housing 598 homes were completed in 2017-18.

Safer neighbourhoods. The new Chief Constable spoke at the last meeting. Report attached.

Village Hall committee will meet 19-9-18 and will consider some long term projects for the hall (such as heating, wiring etc.)

Playing Fields meeting. 7 attended, with 2 new members. An honesty car park box will be supplied by Todds, though location not yet decided. There was a request for the Parish £500 payment. There is hopefully £8000 to be received from the Abbots development and projects are being considered. Next meeting 26-11-18.
7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS. The 3 applications from the Special Planning meeting 15-8-18 were ratified: Kern Green extension supported, Fiddlers Green retention of play area objected, wedding venue off B6165 opposite Dowgill Cottage no objection.

Dowgill Farm proposed new road entrance with removal of hedgerow. B – dangerous exit onto main road, dangerous s-bends and blind spot on road. Impact on the listed building and visual impact on Clough House.

8. PLANNING DECISIONS. Kern Green- Accepted. Fiddlers Green Playground – refused. T. Watson was contacted by Fiddlers Green for some help with their planning. T. Watson and B. Thornton visited the farm to talk to them. They agreed to find out what issues HBC had with their planning applications.
9. PLANNING MATTERS. There had been an enforcement issue with vehicles parked on the field next to the New Fire Station. HBC refused to take action as it was felt that the field had been used in this way for over 10 years. It was suggested that Environmental services be contacted with issues over the burning of waste on the field. It was agreed to move the old trough from the wall on the Church housing site and a price would be obtained from Richard Blackburn. Castellum Homes have agreed that their structural engineer would give the Parish Council advice with the War Memorial. The opinion of the Parish Council did not change over the proposed plans for the wall around the War Memorial, and the wall on the right hand side of the memorial would be moved back. For the service on November 11th 2018 the public will not be allowed to stand on the road and N. Milnes, R. Titchmarsh and H. Benn agreed to help manage the event.

10. FINANCE. September cheques to pay.	Gross	Vat	Net.
D.H.P.F Assoc.	500.00	Nil	500.00
P.Watson	75.00	Nil	75.00
HMRC	170.00	Nil	170.00
R. Mundy (clerk)	680.00	Nil	680.00
Website costs	130.00	Nil	130.00
	1550.00	Nil	1550.00

Cash Available @ 19-9-18 6168.64

11. WHINBUSH LANE. Home Housing have cleaned the gulleys that they are responsible for, but they are already beginning to fill up with material from the farm track at the top of the lane. The garage spoutings are down and they will be reported.
12. NEW YORK MILLS. There have been large vehicles entering the housing access next to the Old Fire Station. Highways have refused to put up signs as the road is not adopted. It was decided to let NBC resolve the problem if possible.
13. CARETAKER JOBS. There is one last grass cut to be done, as near as possible to November 11th. Hesseldens will be asked to cut back on Hartwith Bank.
14. INFORMATION EXCHANGE. A new notice board has been put up in the New York bus shelter. Tour de Yorkshire plaques have been put up in New York and Low Laithe bus shelters. A grit bin and sandbag storage has been put in the Methodist Church car park.
15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. October 16th.

These minutes are provisional until ratified at the next General Meeting.

R. Mundy, Parish Clerk

