Hartwith cum Winsley Parish Council

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MINUTES OF HARTWITH cum WINSLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD Tuesday, 21st March 2023 at The Annexe, Summerbridge Methodist Church. w3w ///urban.unafraid.mainframe

Present: Cllr T Watson (Chair) Cllr F Clarke
Cllr J Derry Cllr H Benn
T Dawson, Clerk

following financial year.

Before the meeting began Cllr Clarke proposed that Sue Langley of Low Laithe be co-opted as a councillor, seconded Cllr Watson, carried unanimously. Apologies were received from Cllr B Thornton and NYCC Cllr Hull 1. Cllr Langley declared an Interest as wife of the parish caretaker. No other NEW Declarations of Interest not already declared under the Council's code of conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and consideration of requests for dispensation were received. 3. Cllr Benn proposed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st March 2023 be accepted as true record, seconded Cllr Clarke, carried. 4. Clerk's report Clerk's report to Hartwith cum Winsley Parish Council Meeting 21st March 2023 Bewerley Parish Council has sent a message expressing its gratitude to Hartwith cum Winsley Parish Council for the donation of the defibrillator cabinet retrieved from outside J Todds and Following scrutiny of the Protecting Dark Skies in the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), it was decided that no response was required form this parish council. The Executive Headteacher of Darley and Summerbridge Community Primary School Federation asked for an update on the traffic/road situation outside the school. A request has been made for such from Highways NYCC and a response is awaited. During the meeting Cllr Watson reported that he had monitored the site and had not witnessed any issues there than when large vehicles passed. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact the NYCC officer responsible for an update on the yellow lines at Hartwith Avenue and to ask for a site visit. Potential hedge cuttings fly tipping at the Brimham Rocks NT site was recently noted during a site visit. The National Trust have advised this was part of a managed project they were conducting, and the cuttings have now been received. • I was unable to attend the recent Town & Parish Council workshops due to an emergency but have requested a copy of presentations. The new defibrillator at New York Mills and the existing one at Low Laithe bus shelter have been registered with The Circuit. Urban Grass Cutting - Hartwith cum Winsley. It was decided to retain NYCC services for the

- HBC have recently opened a Pet Crematorium within the grounds of Stonefall Cemetery in Harrogate
- Letter and agreement for Low Laithe bin site have been issued to the landowner.
- A number of highway concerns were reported to Area 6 Highways on 6th March.

Cllr Watson and I met recently with the developer of the Poppyfields site regarding the car park.

5. Chair's report.

- A site meeting was arranged with Dalebuild to obtain quotes to rectify flooding problems at The Whinfields Junction on (B6165). Also a quote for resurfacing front of bus shelter at Low Laithe was obtained. Quotes to be discussed at March Parish Council Meeting.
- Parish clerk and myself met up to check on blocked gullies in Summerbridge and Low Laithe, and also checked pot holes on Hartwith Bank and Stripe Lane. These will be reported to Area 6 Highways.
- Low Laithe Litter Bin
 - A new slab has been laid for relocation of the litter bin from the bus shelter.
 - A big thanks to Councillor Benn for all his help in this project Summerbridge bus shelter litter bin still continues to cause problems.
- A number of residents have complained about the unclean footpaths in 30/40 MPH zones in Summerbridge and Low Laithe.
- Ongoing Gas works in Low Laithe are still causing major problems.
- New York Mills

One damaged lighting column is to be replaced with a new lighting column and head. This has been agreed between HBC estates and Councillor Watson.

Resolved: Clerk to contact HBC regarding street cleaning between Summerbridge and Low Laithe

6. External Reports.

North Yorkshire County Council

- 1. Highways
 - (a) Double Yellow Lines. I have put further calls into Area 6 etc but still no response unfortunately. I will keep trying.
 - (b) Pot Holes/Blocked Gullies etc. Same as above I am afraid. Did you receive a response from Area 6 to the email that Tracey sent on 6th March 2023?
 - (c) Speeding etc. NYCC Highways have today announced that they are going to run trial speed reduction schemes in around certain schools in Harrogate (see attached). Hopefully the trial will be successful and be rolled out to other areas.

Additionally, Keane Duncan (Executive Member for Highways has confirmed that the Council is committed to pressing North Yorkshire Police to enforce speeding offences through the increased use of Speed Cameras (be they mobile or fixed).

(d) Kexgill. NYCC have confirmed funding is now in place and that the risk in overspend due to inflation rests with the Contractor. They have advised that:-

"Within the budget of £68.8m there is an £11m contingency. This includes a contingency for both price inflation and potential construction issues that may arise such as unexpected ground conditions or prolonged bad weather. The risk of price inflation sits with the contractor and this has been factored into the total bid price".

2. Locality Budget

NYC has confirmed that the Local Budget Funding is to remain in place for the next 12 months. Applications for Grants can be submitted from 1st April 2023. However, there is one change that has been implemented in that I can no longer fund 100% of any given project as the organisation is now also required to make a financial contribution. What I have not yet

been told is how much that contribution needs to be. As soon as I find out I will of course let you know.

- 3. Housing Rent Increases.
 - Council Housing Rent is set to be increased by 7% this year. There are 2 main reasons for this:-
 - (a) The Local Authority has actually had to reduce Rents by 1% for the last 5 years meaning that, when you take inflation into account, there is a large hole in the housing budget for this year.
 - (b) We are inheriting a large amount of substandard housing stock from the other district councils in North Yorkshire and we need to get it up to standard. In many cases this will mean that £30k will need to be spent to get individual properties up to a habitable standard.
- 4. Planning

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The New Area Constituency Planning Committee is due to meet for the first time on Tuesday 2nd May 2023. The first meeting is scheduled to take place in Skipton but we are seeing what can be done to hold meetings in other venues as well, such as in Ripon. I will be the new Chair and Councillor Andrew Williams from Ripon will be the Deputy Chair.

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- A meeting was held at HBC between O&S committee members and senior officers of North Yorkshire Police. A number of issues were raised including vehicles travelling through villages at excessive speed and parking. VAS signs data should be forward to road traffic management unit when available.
- On 31st March 2023 Harrogate Borough Council, along with 7 other councils in North Yorkshire, will be replaced with one new council for the whole of North Yorkshire.
 I have represented the residents of Lower Nidderdale and Nidd Valley Wards on Harrogate Borough Council over a period of years and it has been a great honour to do so and I was elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Harrogate in 2020/21.

I would like to pay tribute to all Parish Councillors and Parish Clerks for their support and help over many years. It has been a privilege working with you.

Tom Watson, Councillor for Nidd Valley Ward Harrogate Borough Council.

<u>Dacre & Hartwith Playing Fields Association.</u> No meeting had been held. The Clerk gave an update on recent correspondence with Dacre Parish Council.

<u>Dacre and Hartwith Village Hall</u>. No meeting had been held. Cllr Watson advised he would be unable to attend the forthcoming meeting.

<u>Nidderdale Safer Neighbourhood Group</u>. Cllr Derry reported on the recent meeting o the group on 1st March 23. She noted a reduction in crime in the locality compared to last year's data. She proposed the Parish Council display posters recruiting members for the Independent Advisory Group on the parish noticeboards, seconded Cllr Watson, carried.

Details of Planning Applications can be viewed on ww.harrogate.gov.uk/homepage/2/planning_applications

The Council received the following planning applications:

a) DCPARISH 6.66.62.H.FUL 23/00888/FUL Erection of a steel portal framed agricultural building for the housing of livestock. Shepherds Lodge Farm Hartwith HG3 3HB GRID REF: E 422078 N 463583. *The Parish Council had no objections*.

The Council noted the following:

- b) 22/04880/FUL Erection of single storey side extension and alterations to fenestration. Graffa House Kimberley House Farm Brimham Moor Road Summerbridge HG3 4BF. Harrogate Borough Council have resolved to GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.
- c) 22/04832/FUL Change of use of former fish & chip shop to form home office / flexible domestic use to Lyndale Cottage Valley Fisheries Summerbridge HG3 4JF. *Harrogate Borough Council have resolved to GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.*

8 The Council received the following updates on Council Business and correspondence:

- a) Caretaker tasks. R Langley's insurance document was received.
- b) Streetlights. Cllr Derry reported that the streetlight previously reported is now working.
- c) Drainage issues Flooding issues at junction of The Whinfields and B6165. **RESOLVED**: The Clerk to check the Council has the power to act to improve the gully and drainage and include on agenda for April meeting
- d) and e) HM King's Coronation- proposed projects at Low Laithe and Dobson Bank. Cllr Watson proposed the caretaker be asked to sand and stain noticeboard at Dobson Bank and underground ducting for electrical supply to box to be installed, seconded Cllr Benn, **carried**.
- f) Low Laithe bus shelter. Cllr Watson proposed the old bench outside the shelter be removed, the site excavated, and levels reinstated, seconded Cllr Derry, carried. **RESOLVED**: 2 additional quotes to be obtained from HACS and Hesselden's.
- g) Cllr Clarke proposed the Parish Council adopt the Model Councillor-Officer Protocol, seconded Cllr Langley, **carried**.
- h) Clerk's salary review. **RESOLVED**: include on April agenda.

9 **FINANCE**

9.1 Cllr Derry proposed the Council approved the following accounts for payment, seconded Cllr Benn, **carried**.

9.1.1	R Langley Caretaking A2099 (paid Feb 23)	£210.00
9.1.2	T Dawson Office expenses YOLA domain renewal	11.95
9.1.3	P Watson expenses Consumer Unit for Christmas lighting	18.35
	at Dobson Top	
9.1.4	PAYE	56.80
9.1.5	Clerk mileage claim Nov 22 – March 23	43.50

- 9.2 The Council noted the Clerk's salary 1- 31st March 2023.
- 9.3 The Council received a bank reconciliation to 28 February 2023.
- 9.4 Cllr Watson proposed the Council appoint Mr Dennis of Birstwith as the internal auditor for 2022-23, seconded Cllr Clarke, **carried**.
- 10.1 The Council had received new information for discussion as follows:
 - 10.1.1 North Yorkshire Police Inspection Report was noted.
 - 10.1.2. YLCA Practitioners Guide 2023 was noted.
 - 10.1.3 Parishioner email regarding litter bins. **RESOLVED**: response to be issued recommending site is not changed but different litter bin to be installed. Parishioner to be invited to attend April meeting.
 - 10.2 There was no new information to exchange
- 11 The Council had no new items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting:
- Provisional date of 18th March for the Annual Parish Meeting and the next Council meeting is to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 9 pm.

To be confirmed at the next Council meeting.