

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Gordon McIlroy (GMc) Chair
Charles Brader (CB)
Karl Tumman (KT)
Eileen Birrell (EB)
David Griffin (DG)
Gerald Bainbridge (GB)
Pauline Foster
Keith Bristow

Apologies: None

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and PARISH MEETING**1. Minutes from the last meeting**

The minutes from the 20th May 2021 AGM were reviewed and agreed.

2. Chairmans report

Once again it has been a quiet year for the Parish Council. The subjects addressed have been: Grit Bins, Drainage on Martinholme, Village Signs, Parish Website, Jubilee Tree and vehicle speed in the village.

Thank you all for your contributions over the past year

3. Finance report 2021/22

The bank balance as of 1st April 2022 was £4,548.62, an increase of 37% over the same date the previous year. The increase in the cash at bank is largely due to the impact of Covid-19 but also the fact that we have had a relatively mild winter, without the need for additional salt purchases.

The decision in January 2020 to increase the precept to £1,500/annum, from £1,000/annum, has also had an effect on Parish finances although it should be noted that we will need to procure at least one (possibly two) new village gateway signs over the next year which will significantly deplete funds. Additionally, we are warned year on year that the grass cutter is on its last legs and we may shortly be facing the need to replace this important piece of equipment

Expenditure was in deficit to income to the tune of £1,235.52

Expenditure during this last financial year is shown on the attached accounting schedule and can be summarized as follows:

- Dog Waste Bags (£90.75)
- Public Liability Insurance (£168.73)

It was agreed to keep the precept at £1,500 for the year 2021-2022.

It should be noted that HSBC has started to charge the Parish Council £5/month and £0.40/cheque processed. Over the next year this will be an additional £60+ of expenditure that wasn't previously accounted for.

I also include this years Audit forms for review and approval.

The Accounts for 2021-2022 were approved by the meeting

4. Election of Officers

GMc elected Chairman (Proposed CB, seconded GB)
CB elected Deputy Chair (Proposed GMc, seconded KT)
KT elected Treasurer (Proposed GMc, seconded DG)
GB elected Clerk (Proposed CB, seconded EB)

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

Attendees and Apologies as before:

1. Minutes from the last Meeting.
 - a. The minutes from the the last meeting 17th March 2022 were accepted as a true record.
2. Matters raising
 - a. Village signs: KT confirmed that whilst funds for the signs are available he will discuss with NYCC the availability of grant assistance, through the Community Grants Scheme, before committing to the purchase and installation. GB had investigated with RDC the availability of a Community grant but was referred back to NYCC as it is a Highways issue. It was suggested that the design of new signs would be of interest to the community and KT has undertaken to prepare information and an illustration for "Thixendale Matters".
 - b. Grit Bins: GB has requested NYCC to provide an additional grit bin for Fotherdale to be placed at the halfway point near the space used for passing.
 - c. Thixendale Parish Website: KT is awaiting the remaining pro-forma personal statements for the completion of 'Councillor profiles' for the website. Action required by DG and CB
 - d. Martinholme Flooding: GB, in November 2021, discussed with NYCC the ongoing problem in Main Street at the foot of Martinholme. NYCC removed debris from the drains and proposed to raise a capital request for a more permanent solution. GB to follow up.
 - e. Jubilee Tree: A number of proposed sites were discussed and it was agreed that the intersection between Main Street and Town Street might be suitable. Mr Steve Ansty, owner of the nearby property, is supportive.
3. Financial update
 - a. KT stated the balance, at 19/5/22, was £4,548.62 with no outstanding commitments.
4. AOB
 - a. Development at Manor Farm: Although this development is not yet on the RDC planning Application Register the PC was able to review it from plans provided by KT and there were no objections.
 - b. Car Parking: The ongoing problem of car parking on the road in the village has been exacerbated recently as some vehicle owners have increasingly used the pavement. On a number of occasions this has forced pedestrians and particularly those with children in pushchairs to venture onto the road with its consequent risks. The PC is concerned firstly as to the safety of residents and secondly that when pavement parking occurs it appears safer alternative locations are available without causing the vehicle owners inconvenience. DG agreed to bring the issue and its implications to the notice of residents via the village Facebook page.
5. Dates for PC meetings in 2022/23 are as follows:

18th August
17th November
16th February
18th May (AGM)

(All in the Village Hall at 1800hrs)