

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Charles Brader (CB) Chair
Karl Tumman (KT)
Eileen Birrell (EB)
David Griffin (DG)
Gerald Bainbridge (GB)

Apologies: Gordon McIlroy (GMc)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and PARISH MEETING

1. Minutes from the last meeting
 - a The minutes from the 2018 AGM were reviewed and agreed.
2. Chairmans report

Once again it has been a quiet year for the Parish Council (PC).
We have replaced a bench, become holding trustees of the village hall, put up a sign and nearly forgot about the accounts audit.

I would like to thank you all for your participation and help over the last year.

3. Finance report 2018-2019

A copy of the accounts for 2018/2019 are attached to this report. They have been independently reviewed by Andy Wellings and, subject to approval by the parish council, and will be submitted through the normal audit process, as well as being published on the village website (www.thixendale.org.uk)

This last financial year was a relatively quiet one with few outgoings to report. This has been partly down to some very mild winters of late – despite the ‘Beast from the East’ in Feb/March 2018. Our public liability insurance premium has remained static as a result of committing to the same provider (Zurich) for a period of 5 years, although it should be noted that this will not be administered by CommunityLincs from henceforth and we will have to deal directly with the provider in future.

We have continued to support the Village Hall with a grant to help with general running expenses, broadband, etc., and no doubt this will continue in the near future – subject to agreement. Our current precept from Council Tax is £1000/year which equates to less than £20 per household per year. Our income was £14.28 greater than our expenditure in the last financial year although it should be noted that our general expenditure, whilst average, was significantly less than the previous financial year and 2014-2015. Our current account balance is £1,569.02 and it would not take much additional expenditure to reduce this to a level that might not be sustainable and it would be prudent to consider an uplift in the precept for the year 2020-2021.

We have recently identified possible future expenditure (new village entrance signs) which would require 3rd party funding, either through separate fundraising or by obtaining grant money, if this is available. Any suggestions for fundraising would be gratefully received.

4. 2019 Election of Parish Councillors

- a The formal election of Parish Councillors was confirmed on 3/4/2019 by the Returning Officer Ryedale District Council (RDC). (See Attachment)
- b The meeting agreed the following officers,

Chairman	Mr G McIlroy (Proposed CB/Seconded GB)
Vice Chairman	Mr C Brader (Proposed DG/Seconded KT)
Treasurer	Mr K Tumman (Proposed CB/Seconded DG)
Clerk	Mr G Bainbridge (Proposed CB/Seconded EB)

KT was happy to continue to be a co-opted member of the PC in the capacity of Treasurer.

ORDINARY MEETING**Attendees and Apologies as before:**

1. Minutes from the last Meeting.
 - a. The minutes from the 14th March were accepted as a true record.
2. Matters raising
 - a. Mobile Mast: No progress since last report.
 - b. Village signs: KT reported that the cost of replacement of village signs would be prohibitive given our current financial situation. Grant assistance is a possibility as is phasing their introduction. KT agreed to check costs and investigate funding sources.
 - c. Car Parking in the Village: CB provided a number of plastic coated signs for residents to collect and use if they wished to deter antisocial parking near their homes. These signs are available now from the village hall.
 - d. Dog Fouling: The problem persists. Plastic covered signs, provided by CB, are available now in the village hall for display near areas affected. In discussion DG agreed to contact the community officer at RDC to investigate the possibility of developing an approach to resolve the problem.
Post meeting Note: Bridget Skaife has offered to attend our next meeting to offer guidance.
 - e. Thixendale Parish Website: KT outlined the possible improvements to the website as they had been suggested in his meeting with David Lake. A steering group involving KT, EB, GB and David Lake will look at linking to the website other local social media sources and evaluating how the site may be used to provide up to date news from and affecting our community.
3. Financial update
 - a. KT stated the current account balance as £2069.02. He reiterated his earlier remarks on the sustainability of parish finances given the possibility that our financial cushion is diminished. The PC requested GMc to discuss with the Village Hall committee a sharing of the Village Hall Broadband cost.
 - b. The PC agreed to monitor the financial situation with a view to request an increase in the Parish Precept for next year.
4. AOB
 - a. Following the retirement of Tharik Jainu-Deen as Wolds Councillor the new member for our area is Tracy Middleton.
5. Remaining Dates for PC meetings in 2019 are as follows:

11th July
12th September
14th November (All at 7.00pm, Upper room, Village Hall)

ATTACHMENTS

Ryedale District Council

Election of Parish Councillors

For the Area of

Thixendale Parish

RESULT OF UNCONTESTED ELECTION

I, the undersigned, being the Returning Officer, do hereby certify that at the election of Parish Councillors for the above mentioned Parish, the following persons stood validly nominated at the latest time for delivery of notices of withdrawal of candidature, namely 4pm on Wednesday, 3rd April 2019 and have been duly elected Parish Councillors for the said Parish without contest.

NAME OF PERSONS ELECTED	HOME ADDRESS
Bainbridge, Gerald	Newcote, Thixendale, Malton, YO17 9TG
Birrell, Eileen	(address in Ryedale)
Brader, Alan Charles	Manor Farm, Thixendale, Malton, N Yorks, YO17 9TG
Griffin, David John	Thixendale Gritts, Fridaythorpe, Driffield, YO25 9SA
Mclroy, Gordon John	Toad Hall, Thixendale, Malton, YO17 9TG

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