

Minutes of a meeting of Hinderwell Parish Council 3rd June 2021, 7.05pm at St Hilda's Old School, Hinderwell

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Cllr Ian Walker to his first meeting.

2021:06-00 Those Present

Cllr A Jackson Chair; Cllrs: C Jackson, Wilson, Watson, Hickman, Fowler, Bailey, Longster, Stephens and Walker. One member of the public. Carol Barker, Clerk.

2021:06-01 Apologies

Cllr Buck sent apologies as he had work commitments.

Proposed to accept by Cllr Fowler, seconded by Cllr C Jackson.

Cllr Stephens queried that those Councillors who tried to attend the April 2021 meeting via Zoom were then asked to send in their apologies. Chairman explained the legal reasoning behind this.

2021:06-02 Declarations of interest

Clerk re payment to a family member.

2021:06-03 Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes for April meeting accepted as a true record, proposed Cllr Fowler seconded Cllr C Jackson.

2021:06-04 Matters arising from previous minutes

Bollards outside the Badger Hounds have been installed and appear to be working well

Play Area improvements - Clerk said over £700 had been received from the Co-op Community Fund.

Cllr Watson said there was little chance of any funding from Scarborough BC, but she would ask at a forthcoming meeting on 7th June.

Remembrance Day - This was not celebrated in November 2020 as had been planned - due to Covid restrictions. However, following extensive work by the Clerk and Cllr Hickman, red poppies made by the local community and used to decorate the war memorial railings at Hinderwell had been an overwhelming success and it was hoped that this would be repeated and increased annually.

Bollards at Staithes Co-op - NYCC Highways still waiting for the right moment to install them – currently citing underground services to the new housing development taking place locally.

Milestone at Ellerby - a new one is being made to replace the one damaged in July 2019.

Hinderwell Rockery - fallen wall outside High Farm Hinderwell, since May 2019 - in the hands of the NYCC Highways legal team.

Port Mulgrave Parking area - Still awaiting the yellow lines to be re-drawn but TRO is now in place.

Hinderwell Clock - still not working properly despite its 6 monthly service in April - Clerk has requested yet another re-visit by Smith of Derby's Engineer.

2021:06-05 North Yorkshire Police Report

Chairman read out the report.

Cllr Fowler wanted to report that for the last 2 nights - cars are meeting in the resident's car park at Staithes between 10pm and 6am and leaving lots of drink containers etc.

2021:06-06 2021:04-06 Reports from Borough/County Councillors

Cllr Watson reported that no meetings have been held recently.

2021:06-07 Planning Matters

NYM/2021/0350/FL - Fishermans Cott, Gunn Gutter, Staithes: External repairs etc - No objections

NYM/2021/0409/FL - Land between 21/23 Rosedale Lane, Port Mulgrave: to include a 'mortgagee in possession clause" - no objections

2021:06-08 Finance - Authorisation of cheques

Payments to the value of £4305.16

Proposed Cllr C Jackson and seconded Cllr Longster.

Report on Interim Audit Control held 17.09.20 was accepted.

2021:06-09 Annual Governance Statement 2020/21

This was read in full to Council. Approved. Signed by Chairman and Clerk.

2021:06-10 Annual Accounting Statement 202/21

Councillors were shown the document. Approved. Signed by Chairman and Clerk.

2021:06-11 Co-option of Councillor for Staithes Ward

Clerk had two applications and read both to the meeting.

A vote was taken and Miss Catherine Endean of Runswick bay was duly co-opted.

Clerk to inform both applicants.

2021:06-12 Covid Welcome Back Funding

Clerk read to meeting an email from Scarborough BC with an offer of Government Funding of £2,500. It is specifically for Covid recovery measures, some of which did not match our Parish. Clerk to forward document to all Councillors and if they have any further thoughts, then they must get back to the Clerk by 25 June as the deadline for acceptance is 30th June.

2021:06-13 Vehicle Activated Signs

Clerk had already circulated NYCC's VAS strategy, whereby they have ceased renting out signs and now require Parish Councils to purchase a sign from NYCC. The cost has risen from £2,500 in September 2020 to around £3,400 presently. Cllr Stephens said in his experience they were not effective in slowing down traffic, but other Councillors stated they have proved effective when previously installed.

Clerk to contact NYCC and find out an updated cost and if the signs could be attached to our new street lighting poles.

Clerk to ask Cllr Chance re funding for these signs and ask Lythe OC where they got funding from.

2021:06-14 Public Conveniences at Runswick Upper Village

Cllr Walker wanted the Council to re-visit the issue of the closed toilets at the top of Runswick Bay. Chairman said this matter was looked into fully in 2016 when Scarborough BC offered £5,000 to any council who would take over the running of public conveniences in their parish. As these toilets only had 3,045 visits annually compared to 44,100 visits at the lower village's conveniences. SBC closed them. SBC consistently state that it had cost them £1.15p per visit to subsidise these toilets. The Clerk said that if we charged 20p//visit then the income annually would be just over £600. This would not cover the cost of water, electricity, insurance, consumables and cleaning twice a day. Cllr Walker stated that the world was different place 5 years on, and it is now a public health necessity to have them re-opened.

All Councillors agreed with him, but it was beyond the financial reach of this Parish Council. We had contact with Fylingdales PC who had hastily taken over their toilets and it had nearly bankrupt them and when they could not source cleaning staff - then Councillors had to clean the toilets themselves. Cllr Walker had done a FOI on SBC and found that SBC collect over £110,000 from car parks in Runswick annually. Cllrs then said if SBC collected that much revenue from Runswick then SBC could afford to re-open the toilets.

Clerk said there were only a small number of residents in Runswick bay who pay residential council tax compared to the number of holiday businesses who did not pay any council tax. Residents want their precept spent on them not the visitors who did not contribute anything locally.

It was finally decided to form a sub committee who would look at the cost implications of any future proposals.

Cllr Stephens asked for the Clerk to write to Police inspector Dennison informing him of the anti-social human defecating taking place in the area and ask for more Police in attendance.

2021:06-15 Barrass Sub Committee

Clerk advised that since the submission of our paperwork in April 2020 to HM Land Registry, an Ordnance Survey Surveyor had attended and taken measurements on the site.

Cllr Wilson informed the meeting that the garden area and plants need updating and tidying up. This project would suit the "Covid Recovery Welcome Back Funding". Cllr Wilson to get quotes for the work and reply to Clerk before 25th June 2021.

2021:06-16 Correspondence

Email re filming in Staithes for BBC programme "Villages by the Sea".

Email from Rosedale Lane resident re large vehicles using road outside her home, and residents driving past her home to get to their own property. NYCC highways had replied and all vehicles are in the area of her home legally.

2021:06-17 Parish Maintenance

Clerk read letter from NYCC informing all Councils that a new company 'NY Highways' will undertake all work on behalf of NYCC and the old contractor 'Ringway' will no longer work for them.

Clerk to seek clarification over work done by Ringway and invoices not yet received by HPC.

Hinderwell Play Area Junior Swings - Clerk confirmed that the area had been re-filled with soil in April, but children continue to remove soil.

55 Coronation Avenue - large hole in pavement - still awaiting repair by NYCC.

York House, Mount Pleasant, Staithes - loose flagstone - Cllr Watson has reported this

Speeding cars on Rosedale Lane - Cllr Hickman to erect a "concealed drive" sign on her own boundary wall.

Staithes Play Park - vandals had broken the large gates into the area. Clerk to inspect.

Wildflowers - so far none have appeared - Clerk to investigate as new seed was sourced.

2021:06-18 Public meet the Clerk/Councillors

It was decided not to re-start the Monday morning session in the Old School, but to advertise more widely the 30 minutes session before every monthly meeting of the Council.

The Chair or Vice Chair will be available 6.15pm–6.45pm before every meeting together with the Clerk.

A member of the public asked a question regarding HPC's office accommodation. Informal replies were given confirming previously stated reasons. As this was not an agenda item it could not be answered and recorded formally.

2021:06-19 To notify Clerk of matters for inclusion on the Agenda for the next meeting

VAS cameras.

Cliff land at rear of Staithes lower village.

Double yellow lines – Hinderwell High Street.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 1st July 2021, 7pm, St Hilda's Old School, Hinderwell.

Moved By

Seconded by:

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 03.06.2021 having been circulated be taken as read and approved by the Council.

Chairman to sign: