

Minutes of a meeting of Hinderwell Parish Council

5th January 2023, 6.45pm at St Hilda's Old School, Hinderwell

2023:01-00 Those Present

Cllr I Walker, Chairman. Cllrs: Jackson, Smith, Endean, I Longster, J Longster and Ellis.
Mrs C Barker, Clerk, Cllr D Chance (NYCC). 2 members of the public were present.

2023:01-01 To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons for absence

Cllrs Bailey and Brooker sent apologies. Proposed to accept Cllr Endean, seconded by Cllr Jackson.

2023:01-02 Declarations of interest

None.

2023:01-03 Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes for the December meeting of the Council accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr Endean, seconded Cllr Jackson.

2023:01-04 Matters arising from previous minutes

Remembrance Service, Staithes: Review of 2022 service - Request for more control of cars entering Gateway car park during the service as most did not respect what was happening and tried to drive through the public who were standing near to the War Memorial. HPC to consider using traffic cones, but will ask NY Police if they could attend or put out their 'Police Slow' signs.

Hinderwell Play Park Surveys: 100 printed and circulated, but despite extending the deadline for their return, only 8 were received.

Asset Transfer: Clerk had used YLCA newsletter to request other Parish Councils to get in touch if they had successfully done this. No replies. Clerk to ask NYCC for contact details of Parishes that have achieved an asset transfer.

NYCC Highways: HPC has put in an official complaint regarding the 58 working days it took to get a highway issue looked at, (but still not resolved). NYCC blamed staff illness. Chairman to write to R Marr, Head of Highways to voice our concerns and issues with Highways operations.

2023:01-05 Reports from Borough/County Councillors

Cllr Chance (NYCC) reported that NYCC is working hard to achieve devolution by the end of March. There is a Council Tax reduction scheme – see website: northyorks.gov.uk.

A lot of complaints re icy pavements and roads during recent cold spell. NYCC's priority is to keep the main roads open and cannot reach everywhere with its gritters.

2023:01-06 Planning Matters

NYM/2022/0874: Land at rear of 23 H'well Lane, R Bay: Retrospective for retention of field shelter and creation of field scrape for wetland purposes– Objection as HPC has concerns of increased flood risk to local properties. There should be no building on a known flood plain. Vote taken, Majority decision, Cllr Ellis declined to vote.

NYM/2022/0849: 21 Hinderwell Lane, Runswick Bay: Replacement uPVC patio doors – No objection.

2023:01-07 Finance - Authorisation of cheques

Payments to the value of £3653.30. Proposed Cllr Smith and seconded Cllr Jackson.

2023:01-08 Finance Committee Report to include Grass Verge Cutting Tenders

A spreadsheet had already been circulated to Councillors. HPC expects to dip into its reserves for this current financial year (2022/23).

Grass Verge Cutting Tenders: Four had been received. The Finance Committee had assessed them on their merits and the proposal was to recommend to accept tender B £2280.

Seconded Cllr Jackson. Cllr Ellis declined to vote.

2023:01-09 Proposed Budget and Precept 2023/24

Copies of the proposed budget 2023/24 had been circulated. Cllr Walker reported that HPC needs to either reduce expenditure or increase our income as there is a shortfall of around £2,000.

Expenditure: In the short term we could reduce spending on Training, Section 137 and Parish Seats. Income: Model Agreement – SBC has made an increase of 8.8% as it is index-linked. Cemetery income – we are unable to predict so the only area to increase is the Precept. He recommended that HPC increase it from £19,000 to £21,000. An uplift of 10.1%. This would mean that a property in Band A would see an increase of £1.30 for the year; Band D an increase of £2.04 and a Band H property would be £4.08 for the year. This would be the first real increase in ten years. Cllr Ellis was now against the proposal even though she was a member of the Finance Committee when it was discussed at length and agreed upon. A vote was taken and it was a majority decision. Cllr Ellis declined to vote. Cllr Walker said that our burial costs were out of step with other cemeteries in the area and the Finance Committee would review them in April.

2023:01-10 Review of Christmas Decorations Competition

Clerk advised that there were 5 entries in each Ward. The prize hampers from Hinderwell Tearoom had been awarded and the recipients very pleased with them.

2023:01-11 Policy Documents Review

The annual review of all 11 Policies would be shared this year with each Councillor looking at one policy each. Clerk to send out to Cllrs and they will be ratified at February Meeting.

2023:01-12 YLCA Access

Cllr Ellis requested access to YLCA newsletters. Chairman reported that all Councillors could have access but be warned that they may be inundated with emails. Cllrs could 'opt in or out' of receiving these emails. Only Cllr Ellis wanted access.

2023:01-13 Parish Maintenance

Port Mulgrave – cracks in road surface on Rosedale Lane – NYCC had done some repair work but to a very poor standard – Cllr Smith to provide photos and Clerk to send to NYCC.

Pond Farm Overgrown hedge- Clerk had got a reply from NYCC 83 days after first email. NYCC to cut hedge back soon.

Bells Bank, Staithes: Cllr I Longster to send photos of problem to Clerk.

Hinderwell Lane, R Bay : burst water main repaired but traffic lights still remaining and not working.

Clerk to ask NYCC Highways to remove equipment.

Pavement outside 74 High Street needs repair – Clerk to report to Highways

2023:01-14 Correspondence

North Yorkshire Police wanting to set up a fortnightly "Microsoft Teams" meeting regarding issues in community. Cllr J Longster volunteered to be involved.

Coronation Avenue Residents requesting more parking outside their houses. Clerk to send letter of support to Beyond Housing.

2023:01-15 To notify Clerk of matters for inclusion on the Agenda for the next meeting

Hinderwell Play Park, and Policy documents to be ratified

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 2nd February 2023, 6.45pm, St Hilda's Old School, Hinderwell.

Moved By

Seconded by:

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 01.12.2022 having been circulated be taken as read and approved by the Council.

Chairman to sign: