

Minutes of a meeting of Hinderwell Parish Council

6th April 2023, 6.45pm at St Hilda's Old School, Hinderwell

2023:04-00 Those Present

Cllr I Walker, Chairman. Cllrs: Smith, Brooker, Jackson, Bailey and Ellis.
Mrs C Barker, Clerk, and one member of the public were present.

2023:04-01 To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons for absence

Cllrs: Endean, I Longster, J Longster and Brew sent apologies. Proposed to accept Cllr Jackson, seconded by Cllr Smith.

2023:04-02 Declarations of interest

None.

2023:04-03 Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes for the March meeting of the Council accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Brooker.

2023:03-04 Matters arising from previous minutes

Clerk had contacted Mrs K Houghton to do a survey of local school children about the Play Parks. She asked for stationery and for HPC to inform the two local Primary Schools.

The Lottery bid had been successful and £9690 has been received towards the cost of new play park equipment, commemorative medals for children who attend primary school in the Parish and the Coronation Ramble. Clerk given approval to start arranging events etc.

Cllr Smith to produce map of the route and help with signage.

2023:04-05 Report from North Yorkshire Councillor

Cllr David Chance's report was read to the meeting.

2023:04-06 Planning Matters

NYM/2023/0107: Phone mast in Staithes – reduction in height from 20m to 17.5m – HPC had objected and the NYMNP had refused the application

NYM/2023/0111: 87 Staithes Lane, Staithes: rear and side extn and creation of parking area - No objections.

2023:04-07 Finance - Authorisation of cheques

Payments to the value of £4586.16. Proposed Cllr Jackson and seconded Cllr Brooker.

Finance Committee: Chair, Cllr Brooker reported back on their meeting. She recommended that the increase in grave digging fees was accepted as there had not been an increase since 2019. The spoil heap in the Cemetery was causing issues with future burials. Clerk had sought prices and the quote of £1900 was acceptable. The Burial Fees were also discussed. There was a need to increase the fees to protect the Cemetery so that it would be there for future burials. It was agreed to benchmark our charges against those of Redcar & Cleveland Council with immediate effect and sustain this practice thereafter.

Proposal to accept Finance Committee recommendations Cllr Jackson, seconded Cllr Bailey.

Table of fees to be put on website. Cllr Ellis asked for fees to be displayed on all village notice boards but this was rejected.

Longer term – The Cemetery needs ongoing maintenance and we need to look to the future of the Cemetery as to financial viability of HPC continuing to run it or hand it over to North Yorkshire Council.

2023:04-08 Annual Parish Meeting

11th May at Staithes Village Hall. Cllr Walker to write to local groups asking if they would wish to give the meeting an update on their activities.

2023:04-09 Re-adoption of Standing Orders, Code of Conduct, Financial Regulations and Cemetery Regulations.

Clerk had circulated the relevant documents and all were re-adopted with the exception of the Code of Conduct. HPC will need to adopt NYC's version, which will be circulated before the May meeting.

2023:04-10 Balance Sheet for 2022-3 financial year

Clerk reported that the year had finished better than expected due to a large number of burials at the Cemetery. She expected several price rises in the next financial year which are out of HPC's control.

2023:04-11 Staithes Remembrance Service

Cllr Longster had reported that road traffic cones would help alleviate issues at the Staithes service. It was proposed to purchase 12 cones. Proposed Cllr Brooker, seconded Cllr Jackson.

2023:04-12 Northern Powergrid Presentation.

Amanda, Sue and Lloyd informed HPC of the planned works in the lower village. Maps etc were passed around. It will be a difficult but necessary project and Cllr Walker offered to help with communicating Northern Powergrid's proposed works and their time frame via Facebook.

2023:04-13 Staithes Harbour Board appointment

Norman Fowler has stepped back from this role. Cllr Smith willing to take on this role.

2023:04-14 Parish Council Office Planning Application

The current planning permission for siting the office at 5 High Street expires on 12.07.2023. Clerk to submit an application 6-8 weeks before this date.

2023:04-15 Parish Maintenance

Pavements outside both 21 High Street, and 7 Coronation Avenue, Hinderwell need repairs.
Hinderwell Play Park – Cllr Ellis reported children defecating behind seat - Cllrs Smith and Walker to look at moving the seat.
Cllr Walker and Smith had mended fence at Staithes Play Park and fitted closing springs to gates.
Broken concrete slab near Hinderwell bus shelter reported to NYCC Highways on 9th March.
SBC failed to erect security fencing at Legion building in Hinderwell.
Parish seat at Newton Lane – Cllr Walker to inspect.

2023:04-16 Correspondence

Barrass Garden: application to be a Green Space is continuing with no objections received by NYC. Proceeding to the determination stage of the application process.
NYMNPAs Coastal Area Forum – 3rd May at Loftus Town Hall
NY Police report received – first one since December 2022.
Clerk had dealt with an illegal headstone placed in Hinderwell Cemetery – it has now been removed.

2023:04-17 To notify Clerk of matters for inclusion on the Agenda for the next meeting

Code of Conduct to be adopted

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Date of Next Meeting:

Annual Meeting of the Council: Thursday 4th May 2023 at 6.45pm, St Hilda's Old School, Hinderwell
Followed by full Council Meeting Thursday 4th May 2023, St Hilda's Old School, Hinderwell.

Moved By

Seconded by:

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 06.04.2023 having been circulated be taken as read and approved by the Council.

Chairman to sign: