Minutes of a meeting of Hinderwell Parish Council 7th December 2023, 6.45pm at St Hilda's Old School, Hinderwell

2023:12-00 Those Present

Cllr I Walker, Chair. Cllrs: Smith, Buck, Jackson, Endean, J Longster, I Longster, and Ellis. Mrs C Barker, Clerk

Two members of the public.

2023:12-01 To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons for absence

Cllr Brooker sent apologies. Proposed to accept Cllr Smith seconded by Cllr Jackson.

2023:12-02 Declarations of interest

None.

2023:12-03 Minutes of previous meetings

Minutes of the November meeting of the Council were accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr Smith, Seconded Cllr Buck.

2023:12-04 Matters arising from previous minutes

Hinderwell Cemetery - Major maintenance issues: Chairman and Clerk had met with Jonathan Bramley of NYC. They had taken him on a tour of the Cemetery on November 27th and explained to him all the major expenditure required. - awaiting his response.

Hinderwell's Double Yellow Lines - NYC Highways report had gone to NYC Executive on 24 November. One member of the public attended and challenged the delay between the initial consultation in March 2021 and the report being written in November 2023. The decision has now been further deferred – and another consultation is to be held delaying the whole endeavour further.

Staithes Slipway seats - Seats had been installed. Funding agreed from NYMNPA but no money yet. Boulby 106 funding reply was too slow and we had missed the deadline for planting the daffodils. Lottery Application for Play Park funding – Clerk had got feedback; we could not apply so soon after getting funding for the Coronation events. Also, they believed that 106 funding was available locally – which is not the case. Clerk to re-apply in May 2024.

Hedge Lingrow Close, R Bay: Cllr Ellis said she had asked landowner to cut hedge and got the reply that it was cut once a year – which was strongly disputed by those present and by photographic evidence. Debris on Staithes beach – Clerk had asked for its removal but got the reply that NYC waiting for more winter storms before clearing would start.

2023:12-05 Report from North Yorkshire County Councillor David Chance

Not present.

2023:12-06 Planning Matters

NYM/2023/0738 & 0739: Seaton Grange and Seaton Park, Seaton Hall Farm, Whitby Road, Staithes: change to dual use as holiday let or local occupancy – No objection.

2023:12-07 Finance: Authorisation of payments

Payments totaling £2770.51 were approved. Proposed Cllr Jackson, seconded Cllr Endean.

2023:12-08 Finance & Staffing Committee

Chairman reported finance committee had discussed increasing the Precept to cover the legal requirement of over £1 per hour increase from April 2024 for the national minimum wage.

Chaiman proposed that the only way to fund the necessary improvements to Hinderwell Play Park was to apply for a £15,000 loan from the PWLB repaying with 4% interest over 10 years. Seconded by Cllr Smith. This was taken to a vote and all were in favour apart from Cllr Ellis who declined to vote. Staithes Play Park re-build would cost in the region of £150,000 and HPC would apply for Boulby 106 funding for this in the new year.

2023:12-09 Budget Proposal 2024-25 and Precept.

Chairman proposed to increase the precept by 9.75% to £23,000 as wage increases would be in the region of £2,000. Seconded by Cllr Endean.

2023:12-10 Review of Remembrance Day Services

The service at Staithes got a lot of positive feedback; by using the traffic cones to close one lane of traffic – this gave everyone a safe place to stand. Three times more folk attended.

The service at Hinderwell was back to its unsafe situation. Cars did not slow down or stop. HPC to pursue road closure for 2024.

2023:12-11 Co-option of Councillors

Applications from Mark Dorgan and Jane Kilpatrick of Staithes were discussed and both were co-opted onto Hinderwell Parish Council for the Staithes Ward.

2023:12-12 Play Park Inspection Reports

Both reports had been circulated to all Councillors. No major issues, nothing high risk. Cllr Ellis reported a problem with one item at Hinderwell – Cllrs Smith and Walker to investigate.

20023:12-13 Parish Maintenance

Hinderwell High Street – drains continue to be blocked. Clerk to report

Pavement A174 Staithes/Hinderwell, water on path – dangerous when wet.

Coronation Avenue, H'well – drains blocked – did gully sicker attend earlier this year?

Staithes bank into lower village - still lots of pot holes

Footpath to Seaton Hall Farm from A174 is muddy – Private land not HPC issue.

2023:12-14 Correspondence

Northern Power Grid to start work in lower village January to April 2024 – Meeting for public has been advertised on Staithes Facebook by HPC

2023:12-15 To notify Clerk of matters for inclusion on the Agenda for the next meeting

Meeting closed at 7.35pm

Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 11th January 2024- Full Council meeting 6.45pm at St Hilda's Old School, Hinderwell.

Moved By

Seconded by:

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 07.12.2023 having been circulated be taken as read and approved by the Council.

Chairman to sign: