

Minutes of Hambleton Parish Council Meeting held Thursday 12th JANUARY 2017 At the Village Hall at 7.00pm

1/16 Present and Apologies

Cllrs Mike Brown, Roy Clarke, Billy Senior, Deborah Turner, Celia Barnes and District Cllr Chris Pearson were present. Apologies were received from Cllr Melissa Mountford and the clerk, Juvina Janik.

2/17 Declarations of Interest

None Declared

3/17 Attendees comments on agenda items

No attendees

4/17 Approve and Sign the minutes of meeting held Thursday 8th December

The minutes were approved by council and it was proposed and seconded that they should be signed as a true record. Cllr Brown signed the document.

5/16 Clerk report

A number of issues have been put on the agenda for the evening.

- Clerk internet connection down through December and January which has meant I've struggled to download documents and reply to emails etc but all essential things have been done.
- Cemetery Trees trimmed back by E. Smith as requested.
- Lights on Bar Lane are Parish owned and NYCC claim they do not have the contract to repair them - Cllr Pearson will speak to SDC Canal Road (13.1.17) as it is thought that PC used to pay an annual fee as a share of the NYCC contract which meant that the contractor could be called if there was a problem.
- Illuminated bollards outside Red Lion, chased – NYCC were under the impression they had been done but I have told them they still are not working, so there must be a fault somewhere, they are looking into it.
- £364 collected at Carols on the Green, thanks were received from the Village Hall Management Committee.
- Locality Budget form submitted, Cllr Pearson is looking to allocate £1500 to the project rather than the original estimate of £1k. (New tables/seating for the children for parties and events at the Village Hall)
- SLCC contacted re Holiday entitlement – it has been passed on to Delia Sheppard, the relevant member of staff, still awaiting a response.
- Precept form completed and emailed.
- Speed concerns test results back, see attached documents including the letter sent to the resident who requested the speed survey and the comments on Facebook from residents: As the NYCC Highways are not willing to put in a crossing it is unlikely that, even if funds were available, permission would be given for a crossing. Cllr Pearson will ask Highways if permission would be given if the funds were raised. The Parish Council does NOT have sufficient funds for this. Looking for sponsorship was

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discussed but it is unlikely that this amount could be raised unless developers and village businesses could contribute.

- Complaint regarding parking on Garth Lane/Chapel Street junction: As there are no parking restrictions in the area, there is nothing to enforce here. If safety is a concern, it should be reported to the police via 101.

6/17 Finance

- a) The Finance report for December was provided and the statement and the cashbook reconcile. Both documents were signed for internal controls.
- b) Cheques were signed.

7/17 Discuss situation regarding pedestrian crossing

Crossing Patrol Guard only stayed a week. Clerk to check NYCC will be readvertising to fill this gap urgently. Possible options regarding a pedestrian crossing discussed during clerk's report. Cllr Pearson enquiring regarding the permissions needed to put a crossing in.

8/17 Discuss possible repairs to the condition of the Ginnel path

Cllr Pearson will query ownership with SDC as the bungalows were given access to the path when built. Cllr Turner will seek further local knowledge to see if residents who have lived here a long time can remember when the path changed from a path through the orchard to being a tarmacked path. It was suggested that if SDC adopted the path that the PC could offer to contribute to the repair. Clerk to put on February agenda and add to newsletter items.

9/17 Decide on placement of Dog bin at site of mushroom farm

Resolved: There will not be a dog waste bin placed at this site.

10/17 Discuss options regarding playing field

It was suggested that the cost of the rent and maintenance was high for the limited use. Cllr Clarke explained how it is owned by the Hambleton United Charities and rented to the PC who sublet to Hambleton Recreational Association for £1 per annum. It was suggested that the Sports Field is added to the agenda of the Village Meeting. Cllr Pearson suggested that Wiggin Leisure who run the activities for SDC may be interested in using it for some activities. Cllr Clarke asked when the annual inspection was due – clerk to check and report to next meeting.

11/17 Planning:

- a) 2016/1387/FUL: Detached property on land west of Garth House, 25 Chapel Street (on the corner of the Chapel St. entrance to the new estate off Cherwell) Resolved: The following observations are to be submitted 1) The Parish Council have serious concerns about road safety over yet another vehicular access onto Chapel Street opposite Garth Lane, an already busy and difficult junction. 2) This area is already overdeveloped. 3) The development would have a detrimental impact on the character and form of the existing and surrounding area due to its size, height, scale and siting.
- b) Notices of decision
 - i)2016/1229/HPA, 27 Gateforth Lane, proposed erection of detached garage: Refused

12/17 Village Maintenance

- Church Close uneven paving slabs. Cllr Pearson will report them to SDC.
- Scalm Lane sign needs repairing/replacing – clerk to chase

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- Footpaths on Gateforth and Mill Lane are very dirty though all paths would benefit from being cleaned. Clerk to look into options.
- Flooding at the junction of A63 and Gateforth Lane – clerk to report to NYCC Highways
- Lights – a number of the street lamps on the Main Road between Gateforth Lane and Yorkdale drive are not working properly as they switch on and off intermittently. Cllr Brown agreed to get the numbers so the faults can be reported.

13/17 Items for the Newsletter

- Cemetery conifers – explain that the Burial Authority is considering removing them as they people have complained about the restricted view. Consideration is being given to a suitable replacement or improving the fencing.
- Precept – the rate this year for the Hambleton element has remained the same. It will have to increase April 2018 to compensate for the loss of the grant.
- Speeding survey
- Lights on Ginnet – lamps have been changed and old ones will be removed. Thank you to everyone who helped to finally get ownership clarified and work undertaken.
- School crossing patrol – sadly this was only in place for 1 week.
- Village funding of a crossing – Cllr is trying to ascertain whether Highways would give permission for a crossing if it were self-funded. PC does not have the funds for this.
- Sports field – encourage use of the recreation field.
- Thank you to Trevor Millington and co. for putting up Christmas tree lights again

14/17 Confirm the date of the next meeting

Date of next meeting 9th February, 2017 in Village Hall at 7pm

15/17 Meeting closed 2100

Signed: _____ Date: _____