

**Draft Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Hambleton Parish Council
THURSDAY 11 JANUARY 2024 – 7.00pm at Hambleton Village Hall**

134/23 Present and Apologies

Cllrs Present: Cllr Jeff Bramley, Cllr Ferris, Cllr Anger, Cllr Jenny Bramley, Cllr Calvert. Apologies received and accepted from Clerk Juvina Janik, Cllr Rossiter, Cllr Dunne. Also present County Councillor Cliff Lunn.

135/23 Declaration of Interest

None declared.

136/23 Approval and signing of minutes of meeting 14.12.23.

Minutes were approved by Council and signed by Cllr Jeff Bramley.

137/23 Receive updates from PCSO Simpson

None received and no attendance.

138/23 Receive Updates from Cllr Lunn

- Advised all on the budget preparation by NYC. Savings are starting to come through after the reorganisation of the council. £46m saving so far, but still have shortfall of £32m. £36m of the savings sum of £46m will not affect residents at all, this is mainly management reorganisation of the 7 councils into one. £10m is resident related – but still need to make more savings.
- Proposed to reduce the locality budget from £10k to £5k, being resisted by Cllrs, but this would save NYC £0.5m.
- Cllr Lunn asked for Clerk to put case forward detailing the fatality that occurred this week, with such comments as location (near school crossing), time of day (schooltime) etc, and he will put this to the planning. Add in the details of the fatality on A63 a few months ago – both sad instances could make a review of a crossing for the highways, and he will take this up on our behalf.
- Cllr Calvert asked Cllr Lunn about who is responsible for the mess left after the travellers have left and was advised that this is Hambleton PC. Cllr Lunn advise our MP and the police when they arrived.
- No updates of the major planning application in the village.

139/23 Clerk's Report

- Update received on the fatality in the village this week, police appealing for dash cam footage – see above point 138/23 for this information to be sent to Cllr Lunn. The PC expressed their sadness at the accident and our condolences to the family of the lady who passed away.
- Monk Fryston FC to submit grant for the improvements to the Rec Field pitch, leaving the PC to apply for other matters such as site cabins etc.
- Hambleton – Loo hire purchased – more items to be finalised for the event in coming months.
- Christmas lights will be removed imminently
- Vat 126 rebate has been received - £14,620.90.

- Newsletter – needs new deliverer to Redrow Estate. Cllr Anger will undertake this – Clerk to send the details of the roads to be covered to Cllr Anger as well as dates and liaise with what is required etc.

140/23 To receive Attendees' Comments

None received and no attendance.

141/23 Village Maintenance

- a) Ongoing Matters – none
- b) Flagpole – The flagpole is an old streetlight from Ferrybridge C Power Station and will hold some sentimental and historical value to residents. It has recently blown down in the wind. It is not on our asset register and isn't actually a 'flagpole' as it has the electrical components inside from its former use. The PC do not actually own this flagpole, but it is deemed as reasonable for us to undertake the repair/replacement. The Clerk has asked a flagpole maker to price repair/replacement, and all agreed that the way forward would likely be determined when this pricing was advised. Options – replace new (which requires planning permission), but we could then move the flagpole to a more prominent position, or a repair is undertaken. Concern was expressed about the liability of a resident undertaking the repair as Mr Millington is going to look at a repair of the pole in the short term, and all questioned the PC's insurance liability of this repair being done by an individual and not a company with recognised certification and applicable public liability insurance.

Cllr Ferris proposed to wait for pricing and receive more information on the options. Cllr Jeff Bramley seconded the motion. **Resolved:** All in favour to defer to the next meeting.

- c) Matters to report – Cllr Calvert raised the matter of the recent dog attack on sheep. The owner has subsequently had to rescan all 54 sheep as they were in lamb. Two animals died and 6 sheep have aborted as result: one being a set of twins. This has caused considerable cost to the owner and undoubtedly a great deal of upset to him and his family. Action: Clerk to put an article in the next newsletter and on Facebook page. Cllr Calvert to ask the owner to report this to PCSO Simpson, so that the dog owner can be spoken with. The owner reports that he sees people jogging past his fields, with dogs off their lead, and that he has been verbally abused when he asks them to put their dog on a lead when they pass his property. It was suggested that the owner could put signs up 'Dogs must be on a lead' and this PC article should advise residents that the field is protected with an electric fence so allowing their dogs to roam free is not without danger to their own animal.

142/23 Recreation Area Updates

- a) Monk Fryston FC to put application is for funding for the pitch, see earlier minute on this topic.
- b) The green moss on the MUGA area and Garth Drive was discussed as well as the cost of £805.00. Cllr Calvert offered to visit site and see if the moss can be removed with a hoe and if so, could this be something that Mr Jiggins might undertake at a lower price than Clearview. Cllr Calvert to advise the PC of his findings/opinion.
- c) Roundabout on Garth Drive – Cllr Ferris advised that Streetscape have reneged on their offer to reduce the height of the roundabout at a cost of £900 due to insurance complications. They have, however, offered to replace the roundabout with two options at £2500 and £2850 plus vat, which are considerably lower prices for these items as they recognise the position the PC is in with the lack of action/responsibility from the installer and want to contribute to a solution.

Cllr Jeff Bramley proposed that Cllr Ferris investigates the full price of the roundabout so that the discounted price can be realised and also to obtain a second price for same from an alternative, so that we have fully reviewed the Streetscape offer. Cllr Ferris seconded the motion. **Resolved:** All in favour to defer to the next meeting.

- d) Barrier – matter to be deferred to the next meeting as Cllr Rossiter is absent today due to illness.
- e) Matter to report - Cllr Calvert also advised that he has seen cracks on the seats of the swings on Garth Drive. Cllr Ferris to check the recent inspection to see if there were any comments made to this effect and take further advice.

Cllr Ferris to chase Streetscape for the visit to Darlington BC to view the artificial grass and obtain their opinion on this as it could be a better solution for us and could address the green moss issue going forward.

143/23 To consider the purchase of a Beacon Lamp for D-Day

The costs and difficulties of a beacon lamp were discussed. All agreed that there were too many complexities of timing and the issue of a lighted flame etc, to warrant the purchase.

Cllr Jeff Bramley proposed that we do not have a Beacon Lamp due to the safety issues. Cllr Ferris suggested that we could consider some other respectful tribute at Jambleton, just a few days later, such as the release of some doves or a minute's silence to honour those lost in conflict. Cllr Calvert seconded the motion. **Resolved:** All declined the purchase.

144/23 Finance

- a) Finance Summary and Bank Statements were reconciled and the cashbook approved by Council.
- b) January 2024 invoices were checked and approved. Cllr Ferris will set up payments for January 2024 that are due via online banking, to be dually authorised by Cllr Jenny Bramley. One cheque was written and duly signed.

145/23 Planning

- a) Applications to review:
 - i) ZG2023/1223/HPA | The PC has already approved an extension on a property on Garth Lane, so no objections to this application.
 - ii) ZG2023/1335/HPA | No objections to the change of a conservatory to a single storey rear extension.
 - iii) ZG2023/1255/DOC | The content of this application was unclear to the Cllrs. Clerk to get more information on this and advise the PC further.

146/23 Items for the next agenda

- Garth Drive roundabout
- Barrier at Rec Field
- Moss issue – costs from Clearview
- ZG2023/1255/DOC – clarification
- Flagpole
- Fatality – Plans underway for Councillors to do own survey. Cllr Calvert to find out the peak times involved, taking into account pre-school and after school activities and advise accordingly. It was suggested that two Councillors could attend on each day and do Mon to Fri and this would show good evidence to highways on the volume of people/traffic.

147/23 To confirm the date of the next PC meeting

Thursday 8th February 2024

148/23 Meeting Closed at 8.50pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____