

HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Monthly Council Meeting of Huntington Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th January 2021 via ZOOM at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:	Councillor D. Geogheghan-Breen (DB) – Chairman, Councillor D. Jobling (DJ), Councillor S. Jobling (SJ), Councillor K. Orrell (KO), Councillor J. Shann (JS), Councillor K. Deadman (KD), Councillor J Badenhorst (JB), Councillor G. Shann (GS), Councillor A. Hawxby (AH), Councillor C. Hillman (CH), Naurin Fatima (NF) - Burial Clerk Gill Chivers (GC) - RFO, and Lorraine Frankland (LF) - Parish Clerk
APOLOGIES:	Councillor D. Smith (DS), M. Duncanson (MD) and Councillor J. Willis (JW)
CIRCULATION:	To attendees, apologies and other all members of the Parish Council
MINUTES PREPARED BY:	Lorraine Frankland
DATE (Draft):	04/01/2021
DATE TO BE APPROVED:	17/02/2021

ITEM		ACTION
39.	<p><u>To Accept Apologies and Reasons for Absence</u></p> <p>Councillor D. Smith (DS); absent due to work Councillor M. Duncanson (MD); absent due to illness Councillor J. Willis (JW); absent due to private commitments <u>It was resolved to</u> approve the apology and reason for absence.</p>	
40.	<p><u>To Note Declaration of Interests</u></p> <p>i) <u>To Receive Declarations of Personal, Prejudicial or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (not previously declared) on any Items of Business</u> JB declared an interest in agenda item 41. iv), took no part in the vote</p>	
41.	<p><u>To Consider Business from Members of the Public</u></p> <p>i) Huntington School (secondary) Governor vacancy. It was Agreed that any Councillors who are interested in this position should contact LF for details</p> <p>ii) Several residents from Avon Drive have contacted the Parish Council about the clearance of land to the rear of their properties, however as the area is not in a conservation area and the trees do not have tree Preservation Orders on them, the CoYC have no enforcement powers. The City of York Council has contacted the Forestry Commission, and they are investigating whether a felling licence was required, if this is found to be the case then prosecution or a fine might ensue, whilst this will not undo the damage to the trees. It was Agreed that LF would relay this to residents</p> <p>iii) Traffic on Huntington Road and Zebra crossing issues, a resident had contacted the Parish about concerns of both speeding traffic and traffic failing to stop at the Zebra crossing. It was Agreed LF to contact the Police about the speeding traffic and KO to look at ways CoYC might get more traffic to adhere to the highway code (investigate, signage, lighting and fixed penalties)</p> <p>iv) River Foss Society (RFS), proposal is for environmental enhancements beside the River Foss in the village and the work will be undertaken by RFS, with the potential to initiate a wider programme that would potentially make a large impact on our local environment in terms of both amenity and biodiversity. It was Agreed LF to send to all councillors not present and copy Peter Bland into this proposal.</p>	<p>LF</p> <p>LF</p> <p>LF, KO</p> <p>LF</p>

- v) JB raised the issue of traffic along New Lane both in terms of the speed of traffic and the damage being caused to a listed building by spray from standing water caused by traffic, It was **Agreed** that LF would report the speed concern to the Police and KO would take the standing water and damage by spray from the standing water, to CoYC to look to repair the road to prevent the standing water and investigate possible barriers to protect the side of the property
- vi) CH reported the damage to HSSC (in particular the defibrillator) including graffiti by way of offensive images and language, DB has received an email from the committee who have managed to identify the individual concerned, and the persons parents have arranged for the graffiti to be removed
- vii) JB raised a comment via facebook from a resident that they had contacted the Parish Council about the slow internet speeds in their area DB had commented to the resident at the time and both DB and LF had forwarded this to the Ward Councillors, as this does not fall under the Parish Councils remit, the same resident has now asked for a footpath along (North) North Lane, again this is not a parish council responsibility, but a CoYC matter, KO however remarked that this is not likely to happen as this is not a priority within the CoYC budget for highways, It was **Agreed** that LF, GC and JB would look at setting up a non-response facebook page that would direct facebook users to the parish email.

LF, KO

LF, GC &
JB

42. Minutes: To Approve the Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting held 16/12/20

The minutes of 16/12/20, there was an omission of Naurin Fatima from the attendees, this was amended and were then approved as a true and accurate record of said meeting it was **Agreed** that; the minutes would be signed and dated by Chairman when it is possible to do so.

43. Policing and Security Matters

- i) To Consider any other security related issues
- There has been a spate of vandalism which includes broken windows on North Moor.

44. Finance and Policy Issues:

- i) To Note Monthly Bank Reconciliation Report
Monthly Bank Reconciliation Report noted (GC the amount of double taxation has been notified; however, it is not itemised and is therefore difficult to ratify)

- ii) To Approve Invoices Presented for Payment

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INVOICES PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT 20 JANUARY 2021			
Complete Office Sols	Bacs	Photocopier December 2020	14.52
Sleightholm Landscapes	Bacs	Repainting of railings - New Lane path	240.00
Sleightholm Landscapes	Bacs	Vesper Walk area vegetation clearance	456.00
Sleightholm Landscapes	Bacs	Provision, erection, removal Christmas trees	1056.00
Stoneplan	Bacs	Clearing, refilling 17 x salt bins	902.40
Cottage Garden Services	Bacs	Maintenance of planters + troughs	630.00
City of York Council	Bacs	Refuse collection Orchard Park	96.70
YLCA	Bacs	Online Training x 2 - RFO	30.00
Viking	Bacs	Stationery - Clerk	275.48
Premier Window Cleaners	Bacs	Bus shelter cleaning January	300.00
York CAB	Cq	Outreach service July-December 2020	2409.00
HMRC	Bacs	PAYE January 2021	425.36
Mrs L Frankland	Bacs	Clerk salary + 50% home as office Jan 2021	1347.55
Mrs L Frankland	Bacs	50% Use of home as office Jan 2021	18.00
Mrs G H Chivers	Bacs	Zoom monthly fee	11.99
Mrs G H Chivers	Bacs	RFO salary Jan 2021	587.47
Mrs G H Chivers	Bacs	Use of home as office Jan 2021	12.00
Yorkshire Bank	DD	Bank Charges Dec 2020	11.30
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			£8,823.77
INCOME:		Nil	

INVOICES PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT BETWEEN MEETINGS:			
Sage Software	DD	Accounting	24.00
Nest Pensions	DD	Clerk Pension Scheme	53.27
Lindsay Ball	Bacs	Outside Caretaker OP	294.00
John Cliffe	Bacs	Street Cleaning	335.50
John Cliffe	Bacs	Outside Caretaker OP	333.00
			£1,039.77

Invoices checked and approved by Councillor K Deadman

Approved

GC recommended that; councillors take up the online training offered by YLCA after attending two courses herself

iii) To Note Current Financial Situation

GC informed the Parish Council that as expenditure was not to the agreed budget due to the restrictions on parish activities by Covid 19 a special exercise needed to be undertaken to document the underspend for this year, whilst Citizens Advice has sent a report for July – Dec 2020, the period for Jan – June 2020 hasn't been paid for yet as they have yet to send a report for that period and the report is what triggers the payment

45. **Huntington Cemetery Committee**

i) Update on the management of the cemetery

A Salt bin has been purchased for cemetery use only, there have been three internments and three burials this week.

46. **Asset Management**

i) Open Agenda Item for Community Centres/Halls to present a report

a. Huntington Memorial Hall

Play school are the only group using the building, still closed to all other users

b. Huntington Community Centre

Closed at the moment, but inspected regularly for safety

c. Orchard Park Community Centre

Pre-school are the only users in the building, still closed to all other users, the flooding caused no permanent damage.

It was **Agreed** to purchase two grit spreaders (one for OP car park and one to be used by CH for elsewhere in the village)

LF, KO

ii) To Receive Reports from those Councillors who have nomination rights to Outside Bodies:

a) Huntington Riverside Environmental Park

The owners at 32 Linden Close have still not removed the fence, it was **Agreed** to put the matter with our solicitor

GC

b) Huntington Sports and Social Club

Currently closed, the extension soft furnishings are still outstanding, staff are conducting cleaning and safety checks

c) Yorkshire L.C.A.

Next meeting February DB to attended.

LF

47. **Planning and Green Belt Issues**

i) To Consider proposals of 15/01/21

Proposals **Agreed**

ii) To Consider response to New Lane development proposal by Barratt

DJ informed the meeting that; the Neighbourhood Planning Committee would be extremely upset if this outline application were to be approved by CoYC as both the Draft Local Plan and the Draft Neighbourhood Plan have identified area "ST8 (off North Lane)", as the only acceptable area of land for development within Huntington Parish. KO said that CoYC cannot comment until an actual application has been received, however he was disappointed that Barretts had not included the Parish Council in their consultation. It was **Agreed** that; the Parish Council would respond to the consultation with: "Huntington Parish Council is of the opinion that; the only acceptable area of land

for development within Huntington Parish is the area identified in the Draft Local Plan as ST8 (North Lane).”

iii) To Consider any further Planning and Green Belt issues, to consider management of Green Spaces to this subcommittee

Area behind Linden Close discussed under item 41

LF

iv) Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Government are probably going to extend the referral period due to Covid19

48. Amenities

i) To Note any issues with regard to Street Cleaning

Non raised

ii) To Discuss any other Issues relating to General Maintenance of Huntington Parish

It was **Resolved** that; the hedge along Arbour Way be cut back as there has been not response from NHS, and the hedge is now so over grown that it is impossible to pass at a safe (2m) distance, therefore LF to contact Sleightholmes to ask them to cut the hedge back

iii) To Note any Footpaths, Highways and/or Traffic Issues

Nothing raised other than that discussed under item 16 i)

iv) To Consider any issues relating to Huntington Parish council play areas

It was **Resolved** to; look at installing some adult fitness equipment within the play areas at Orchard Park and Garth Road (Earswick have removed their Adult equipment, Wigginton has a brilliant set up and Haxby have two pieces of equipment DB to investigate with these other Parish Councils) KD sent an email with some quotes on.

LF

DB to chase Liz Dobin for an up date on her plans for Garth Road, DB reported that the Library lease the grass behind their building and that this is not available to Huntington Parish Council

DB

Orchard Park Fencing, as there was such a disparity between the two quotes obtained LF asked whether CH and/or DS could obtain another quote for this work

49. To Note Correspondence Received

Electronic mail forwarded to Parish Councillor

DB

50. To Confirm Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Monthly meeting of Huntington Parish Council to be held Wednesday 17th February 2021 commencing at 7.00pm via ZOOM. **Meeting closed at 8:35pm**

LF, CH & DS