



Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 5th September 2023 in Huntington Community Centre at 7.00 pm

PRESENT:	Councillor D. Geogheghan-Breen (DB), Councillor D. Jobling (DJ), Councillor S. Jobling (SJ), Councillor K. Orrell (KO), Councillor J. Willis (JW), BH and MG from St Nicks, MG River Foss Society, NC York Consortium of Drainage Boards, PB the Environmental Park, a member of the public and Lorraine Frankland (LF) – Parish Clerk/RFO
APOLOGIES:	Councillor Y. Safder (YS) and Councillor N. Watkins (NW)
CIRCULATION:	To attendees, apologies and other all members of the Parish Council
MINUTES PREPARED BY:	Lorraine Frankland
DATE (Draft):	14/07/2023
DATE TO BE APPROVED:	05/09/2023

ITEM	ACTION	
13.	<p><u>To Note Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Councillor Y. Safder (YS) absent, due to travelling back to York.</p> <p><i>It was resolved to</i> approve all apologies and reasons for absence</p>	
14.	<p><u>To Note Declarations of Interest:</u></p> <p><u>To Receive Declarations of Personal, Prejudicial or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (not previously declared) on any Items of Business</u></p> <p>Non raised.</p>	
15.	<p><u>To Discuss Actions and Approve Minutes of Amenities Committee meeting held 04/07/23</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The greenery is still growing over the wall from the garden in Alexander Avenue and causing damage to the wall, LF to ask the solicitors to write to them • LF to discuss PPE and personal safety with L Ball • LF to make sure that the vegetation around the palisade gate to the pre-school play area is cleared • LF to chase the Wetlands at Stratford Way with N Winteringham • DB is to speak to those at the Huntington Village Store about a planter <p>The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of said meeting signed and dated by DJ.</p>	<p>LF</p> <p>LF</p> <p>LF</p> <p>LF</p> <p>DB</p>
16.	<p><u>To Consider progress and matters outstanding with the 2023 Gala</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year`s Gala was excellent with a huge turnout, the activities & entertainment inside & out of the marquee were very well received. • The charity stalls all reported good takings & were impressed by the length of time that the Civic party stayed; of the 16 stalls present on the day, 13 asked to be included in the distribution of the monies raised by the refreshment stall, ice cream van & BBQ donation, (The 3 stalls who put their share back into the pot were York Lions, the Methodist Church and the Junior FC (who were not eligible)). Each of the 13 charities received £95. <p>Those charities in receipt of donation were; RSPCA, PDSA, Cats Protection, Precious Paws Cat rescue, Hearing Dogs for deaf people, Gilbert`s Girls, York</p>	

Air Ambulance, Orchard Park Community Centre, St Leonards Hospice, York Special Olympics, Friends of New Earswick Swimming Pool, St Andrew`s Church and 52nd Guides & Brownies

- There is an additional £370 from the Sports Club bar profits. In past years, the donation from the Sports club has been divided between 2/3 charities. SJ would like to make a **Recommended** that £125 each to York Air Ambulance, St Leonard`s Hospice & £120 to the RSPCA York & district Animal Home.
- DJ, SJ ,DS and JS have all said this will be their last Gala in the roles they have been in for many years.
- The general thought is its time for a change, several of us have looked at the setup of other Galas & Fayres and maybe there are different activities we could take from these.
- SJ stated she had an issue with the cost of the marquee £4500, if H M Hall had not donated £2000 to cover half of the cost of the marquee, we would have been seriously over budget SJ/DB both hoped for another Gala but with a changed Gala Committee.
- SJ was not able to provide the meeting with specific details which had been brought up as a result of the 'ideas table', however she expected NW to feedback on this at the Full Parish meeting
- SJ that; a Gala be held in 2024, and DB seconded this proposal
- The committee formally thanked the Gala Committee for all their hard work both in organising the event and on the day itself.

17. **To Consider General Maintenance:**

i) To Note any issues with regard to Street Cleaning

It was noted that; it had not been necessary to contact CoYC to provide any extra street cleaning by the Secondary School during July

ii) To Discuss Any Other Issues relating to General Maintenance of Huntington Parish

JW raised a complaint from a resident about the hedge at the rear of 27 Orchard Gardens, the committee were reminded that prior to the installation of the palisade fencing all properties which neighbour the field were contacted and given the option of having their conifer hedges removed which many had accepted, those who choose to leave the hedge in situ were made aware that access for the maintenance of the hedges would fall to them and would need to be done from their properties.

JW

18. **To Note any Footpaths, Highways and/or Traffic Issues**

- i) It was noted that; Virgin Media were installing fibre optics on New Lane which has progressed to near the junction with Cleveland Terrace and was causing congestion issues. KO informed the meeting that; this work should have been completed before the children returned to school after the summer break, however the work had over run, but was due to be completed soon
- ii) LF reported back to the committee in regards to the complaint about the bus shelter (Huntington Road/Alexander Avenue) leaking, it would appear that; there is no issue with the structure of the roof, however the standing water is a result of both the installation to the fibre optics in the pavement (resulting in replacement tarmac standing higher than that in the shelter) coupled with the installation of the raised curbs which appear to be preventing the footpath draining toward the road. KO to take the issue of the tarmac up with CoYC.

KO

With regards to the shelter itself, the shelter is not as deep as other shelters in the parish because the pavement at this location is not very wide and sufficient space has to be left for pedestrians to travel on the pavement, secondly the roof of the shelter tips to the front and centre whereas all the others in the parish appear to tip backwards therefore the rain is running off the front edge of the shelter in the middle of the shelter, it was agreed that; LF would attempt to try and lift the front centre of the shelter by way of acro prop to see if this improved the situation.

LF

19. **To Consider any issues relating to Huntington Riverside Environmental Park**
- i) The management of the lower bank along the river Foss between Church Bridge and the Bypass Bridge, by York Consortium of Drainage Boards, St Nicks and River Foss Society, was discussed at length. It was **Agreed** that; all interested groups would meet on site to discuss the potential future management approaches going forward, and once a consensus had been reached. This management proposal would be forwarded to the Parish Council and all interested parties so that everyone is aware of what management techniques are going to be trialled going forward.
20. **To Consider Open Spaces**
- i) Given that; a large portion of the Neighbourhood Plan showed a desire for protection and enhancement of greenspaces it was **Recommended** that; LF create set walkabout routes to check these areas and any assets which might fall on the register
21. **To Consider Play Areas**
- i) DB met with a drainage company over the summer, and they had expressed a wish to explore the options in regards to the drainage at Garth Road play area, however DB has not been able to get them to return her calls since the initial meeting, she is therefore looking at getting quotes from two other companies
- ii) LF informed the meeting that the ROSPA inspection was due in September.
22. **To Receive an update on the Garden Scheme**
- LF asked to committee to consider extending the gardening scheme into early October should the grass continue to grow, she has also met with another person who wished to be on the scheme for hedge cutting, it was **Recommended** that; if necessary a further grass cut take place in October
- It was **Agreed** that; dropping application forms at the Luncheon Club at the Methodist Chapel might be a way of contacting those who would benefit from the scheme.
23. **To Consider Any Further Issues within the remit of the Amenities Committee:**
- Nothing raised
24. **To Confirm Date, Time and Venue for Next Amenities Committee Meeting**
- Next Amenities Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 7:00pm at Huntington Community Centre, 26 Strensall Road, Huntington, York YO32 9RG
Meeting closed at 8:33pm
 DB offered her apologise for the next meeting

This item was discussed between items 14 & 15 So that those from outside bodies did not have to stay for the duration of the meeting 7:05-8:12pm