



**Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 7th November 2023 in
Huntington Community Centre at 7.00 pm**

PRESENT:	Councillor S. Jobling (SJ) – Chair, Councillor D. Geogheghan-Breen (DB), Councillor D. Jobling (DJ), Councillor K. Orrell (KO), Councillor J. Willis (JW), 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):	10/10/2023
DATE TO BE APPROVED:	09/01/2023

ITEM		ACTION
25.	<p><u>To Note Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Councillor Y. Safder (YS) absent, due to attending another meeting. Councillor N. Watkins (NW) absent, due to attending another meeting</p> <p><u>It was resolved to</u> approve all apologies and reasons for absence</p>	
26.	<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>	
27.	<p><u>To Discuss Actions and Approve Minutes of Amenities Committee meeting held 05/09/23</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was Agreed that; LF would write to L BALL and J Cliffe in regards to PPE and personal safety • LF to chase the Wetlands at Stratford Way with N Winteringham again • DB has spoken to those at the Huntington Village Store about a planter it was Agreed by all parties to leave this in abeyance for the time being • Item 18 should have read British Gas and not Virgin Media with regards to road works <p>The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of said meeting signed and dated by SJ.</p>	<p>LF</p> <p>LF</p> <p>DB</p>
28.	<p><u>To Consider progress and matters outstanding with the 2023 Gala</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was Agreed that; this year's Gala should be held at the end of the school term ideally before the summer holidays to allow more groups to take part the preferred date is the weekend of 13/14 July or failing availability at HSSC the 20/21 July. • It was Agreed that due to the cost of Marquee hire the Gala committee consider not using a Marquee in 2024 or look for cheaper alternatives. • YS has agreed to come on to the Gala committee as has DB, SJ, DJ offered to help in a reduced role, and it was Agreed that; AH would be asked if he wanted to be on the committee in 2024. • It was Recommended that; a poster be made looking for community volunteers to be on the Committee. 	<p>YS, DB, SJ, DJ & AH?</p>

29.	<p><u>To Consider General Maintenance:</u></p> <p>i) <u>To Note any issues with regard to Street Cleaning</u> It was noted that; there was a heavy covering of leaves on Abor Way next to the Secondary School LF to report to CoYC</p> <p>ii) <u>To Discuss Any Other Issues relating to General Maintenance of Huntington Parish</u> DJ raised to need for replacement fire doors at Orchard Park, the OP committee to send a funding application and get three quotes for the cost of the work (if it exceeds £500).</p> <p>SJ raised the outstanding matter of the Noticeboard for Orchard Park fence LF to order</p>	LF OP committee LF
30.	<p><u>To Note any Footpaths, Highways and/or Traffic Issues(speed signage on Strensall Road and New Lane)</u></p> <p>i) The matter of the outstanding speed signs was considered, it was Agreed to Recommend that; these be moved to the 2024/25 budget as costs have risen so much this year that there isn't room in the budget for such a purchase.</p>	
31.	<p><u>To Consider any issues relating to Huntington Riverside Environmental Park (and management of the riverbank going forward)</u></p> <p>i) The management of the upper bank along the river Foss between Church Bridge and the Bypass Bridge. It was Recommended 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.</p>	
32.	<p><u>To Consider Open Spaces (Grass cutting tenders)</u></p> <p>i) It was noted that; the tender for the grass cutting is up for renewal. it was Recommended that; LF split the open spaces into two tenders to include the riverbank so that the areas can be managed more effectively</p>	LF, YS
33.	<p><u>To Consider Play Areas</u></p> <p>i) The Play Area Inspections dated 09/10/23 were considered together with the quotes for the work identified in the Inspections, it was Agreed to go with the quotes provided by Park Lane</p> <p>ii) LF and DV to meet at Garth Road to look at the drainage issue and play equipment on 14/11/23 at 12:00.</p>	LF LF DB
34.	<p><u>To Receive an update on the Garden Scheme</u></p> <p>There are currently circa 82 recipients of the Gardening Scheme which has cost approximately £31k this is likely to see an increase due to costs next year rising to about £34k, it was Recommended that; the scheme continue in 2024/25, and that the budget be amended accordingly</p> <p>It was Agreed that; dropping application forms at the Luncheon Club at the Methodist Chapel, St Andrews and the Sch pensioners Christmas Lunch might be a way of contacting those who would benefit from the scheme.</p>	LF DB, SJ
35.	<p><u>To Consider Any Further Issues within the remit of the Amenities Committee:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing raised 	
36.	<p><u>To Confirm Date, Time and Venue for Next Amenities Committee Meeting</u></p> <p>Next Amenities Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday <u>9th January 2024 at 7:00pm</u> at Huntington Community Centre, 26 Strensall Road, Huntington, York YO32 9RG Meeting closed at 8:20pm</p>	