



Minutes of the Monthly Council Meeting of Huntington Parish Council held on Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 8.33pm.

PRESENT:	Councillor D. Jobling (DJ) – Chair, Councillor K. Orrell (KO), Councillor D. Geogheghan-Breen (DB), Councillor M. Duncanson (MD), Councillor S. Jobling (SJ), Councillor J. Willis (JW), Councillor S. Phoenix (SP), five members of the Friends of Huntington Cemetery (FoHC), two PCSO's and Lorraine Frankland (LF) - Parish Clerk/RFO
APOLOGIES:	Councillor A. Hawxby (AH), Councillor S Rawlings (SR), Councillor Y. Safder (YS) and Naurin Fatima (NF) - Cemetery Clerk
CIRCULATION:	To attendees, apologies and other all members of the Parish Council
MINUTES PREPARED BY:	Lorraine Frankland
DATE (Draft):	12/05/23
DATE TO BE APPROVED:	17/05/23

ITEM	ACTION
<p>113. <u>To Accept Apologies and Reasons for Absence</u> Councillor A. Hawxby (AH); absent due to illness Councillor S Rawlings (SR), Councillor Y. Safder (YS) and Naurin Fatima (NF); absent due to private commitments <i><u>It was resolved</u></i> to approve all apologies and reasons for absence.</p>	DB
<p>114. <u>To Note Declaration of Interests</u> i) <u>To Receive Declarations of Personal, Prejudicial or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (not previously declared) on any Items of Business</u> Non received</p>	
<p>115. <u>To Consider Business from Members of the Public</u> PH - on behalf of the FoHC asked why they still hadn't had sight of the promised report into what happened at the cemetery in April 2023, and wanted assurances firstly that this wouldn't go unaddressed and secondly that the report would be produced soon. Apologise were offered on behalf of the Parish Council, DB explained that those initially tasked with doing this work had since left the Council and that SR who was not a parish council in April last year has taken on the role and has the report at draft stage, he intends to circulate the draft to all those he spoke to for comment before he makes it public, DB to speak to SR about this, it may be June before it can be brought to Parish AK – Wanted to make a request that the members of the public item be moved to the end of the meeting. SP will be looking into this with Monitoring Officer, SP – informed AK that; members of the public session is not a question-and-answer session.</p>	
<p>116. <u>To consider the co-option of Councillors</u> The member of the public unable to attend, defer until May</p>	

117. **Minutes: To Approve the Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting held 20/03/23**

The minutes of 20/03/23 were approved as a true and accurate record of said meeting signed and dated by the Chair.

118. **Minutes: To sign the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 05/03/24**

The minutes of 05/03/24 were approved as a true and accurate record of said meeting signed and dated by the Chair.

DB wanted to raise a point that the statement about public participation at meeting had been circulated by DB and that it was **Agreed** that once the exact wording had been formulated it was **Resolved** that; the Chair would read this out at the next meeting.

119. **Finance and Policy Issues:**

i) To Note Monthly Bank Reconciliation Report

Monthly Bank Reconciliation Report noted

ii) To Approve Invoices Presented for Payment

INVOICES PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT 18 Apr 2024

Park Lane	Bacs	Inv 2846 Inspections Apr		108.00	
River Foss Society	Bacs	Membership		33.00	
AVG	Bacs	AVG Internet Security (Multi-Device)		84.99	Clerk
HCC	Bacs	Jan - Mar room hire		330.00	
H Gill	Bacs	Tree Service Inv 2583		540.00	
Galagher	Bacs	Annual Insurance		12721.59	
YLCA	Bacs	Annual Membership		1237.00	
Cottage Garden Service	Bacs	Garden Scheme Hedges from Oct 2023		250.00	
Noel Winteringham	Bacs	Stratford Way Jan - Mar 2024		504.00	
SavillsReCcAgri RUR66409	SO	Allotments		125.00	
Yorkshire Bank	Bacs	Bank Charges Mar 2024		10.10	
Lorraine Frankland	Bacs	Salary		2149.37	
Lorraine Frankland	Bacs	Working from home		26.00	2175.37
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				£18,119.05	

INCOME:

Virgin Money	Bank	Gross Interest 08/03/24 statement 246	196.86		
Allotment Association	Giro	Allotment Rent	125.00		
Cemetery Transfer	Bacs	John Cliffe Feb	25.30		
Cemetery Transfer	Bacs	John Cliffe Mar	54.77		
			£401.93		

INVOICES PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT BETWEEN MEETINGS:

Nest	DD	Clerk Pension		184.05	
HMRC	DD	Income Tax		2,629.27	
Lindsay Ball	Bacs	Outside Caretaker OP Apr 24		354.20	
John Cliffe	Bacs	Street Cleaning/Outside Caretaker OP and cemetery Gates Apr 24		925.48	
				£4,093.00	

Checked and approved by: Councillor M. Duncanson

Cllr's were informed that; that the invoice from Judges for Orchard Park lighting was £42 higher than quoted, it was **Resolved** to pay this extra cost

Approved

iii) To Note Current Financial Situation

Noted

iv) To approve the Annual Return

The Clerk has not been able to collate this information for the meeting, it was **Resolved** to defer until the May meeting

120. **Policing and Security Matters**

i) To Note NY Polices update in regard to Crime figures

It was noted that there have not been any figure since November because the

volunteer who generates them is away and regrettably the person nominated to cover in their absence is also away from their desk

ii) To Consider any other security related issues

- There were two PCSO's present (Ant & Chris), Ant informed the meeting that he would be leaving at the end of the year to become a PC, the Parish Council extended congratulation to him
- Ant informed us that there should be 2x PCSO's for Huntington and New Earswick, however there has been a two year pause on recruitment, the main contact will be Chris for the foreseeable
- The wider north area should have 2x PC's
- There are 4x PC's dedicated to the shopping centres until at least March 2025 to deal with Anti-Social behaviour
- In addition, the stores do have some private security
- The wet weather has seen a drop in anti-social behaviour; however, people are encouraged to report any crime on 101 as this is how evidence of Police need is gathered
- Ant would like to do regular committee drop in pop-up events
- Van theft is continuing to be a county wide problem

121. Huntington Cemetery Committee

MD gave a report on behalf of the Cemetery Committee:

MD began by informing Councillors that NF had suffered an injury, the whole Parish council wished NF a speedy recovery

- It was noted that; the remains £216,248.00 across the committees accounts which is approximately £400 less than last year
- MD noted that the cemetery looks particular good thanks to the help of the Friend, the exception being the flooding issue
- The grass has had its first cut by the new contractor
- The committee is looking to dispose of assets within the brick building
- They are exploring how best to use the brick building going forward
- They are still having to sell double plots side-by-side as the current ground conditions prevent vertical double plots (this obviously is unsustainable in the long term as the cemetery has a limited capacity)
- Alan Wood Partners agent Ben has had four men on site two excavating to locate and view the condition of the drainage pipes and two checking along the pipes. Ben is expected to produce a formal report within the next two weeks
- KO – commented that MD's feedback was very interesting and asked if they had approached the Barratts team about 'piggy backing' into their attenuation tank. MD – we have met with Barratts, and they have agreed to move the properties which were proposed along the cemetery boundary, back into the sit by a further 8m, with regards to the drainage, due to the nature of the water leaving the cemetery it is thought unlikely that; Yorkshire Water will accept it in their drainage water system. However, the committee are working with Barratts to try and resolve the issue.

122. Asset Management

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

a. Huntington Memorial Hall

- The AGM has been postponed until June
- Gas fitter has been in, and the radiators are to be flushed
- The hall is fully booked at all times

Item 120
was taken
after
item 114
7:23-7:35

- The window has been fixed
- They have agreed to donate £2000 to the Gale, and the Parish Council extends its thanks for this
- They have £98,391 in their accounts (circa £23k in the current account and £74k in the buildings fund)
- b. Huntington Community Centre
 - They have a clothes bank in the car park for which they get a small percentage of funds back
 - They have some spare crockery if anyone has any suggestions SP offering it to the University
 - This month they have taken £1,100 over expenditure, with £11,139 in the account, although it looks as though they will be £3,200-£3,500 down on the year
 - The managers salary will increase from 01/04/24
 - The centre has changed its contact email and internet provider with a saving of £20 per month
 - The Gas fitter has been in to look at the boilers and Gill is awaiting a definitive price
- c. Orchard Park Community Centre
 - The second half of the electrical work is completed
 - They have held their AGM and all officers remain the same
 - YS is now on the committee
 - They have decided not to raise the fees
 - At present the hall is run entirely by volunteers, with no paid staff
 - LF enquired about who will chase York City Football team about the cost of the repair to the field caused by drive a vehicle over the very wet ground, KO send the cost to the Ward Team
 - They are putting on summer activities for children, free of charge, hopefully funded with Ward monies
 - They had a Wedding reception held in the hall and it looked beautiful when it was decorated.

SP

LF

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

Huntington Sports and Social Club

- They are concerned about raising funds for the roof repair
- The committee is happy for Millers Fish & Chips to connect to their electricity.

iii) Yorkshire L.C.A.

- The training day on 27/04/24 has been cancelled
- It was noted that the webinar training appears quite expensive considering that a council pays membership

iv) To Receive Ward Update

- The Council has finally got consent for dualling of the ring road with an underpass to Earswick forming part of the approval, which will be safer for pedestrians and cyclists, than the current setup
- Bellway have submitted two applications
- Ward have asked for a dog bin on North Moor, awaiting for an answer as to whether CoYC will empty

123. Planning and Green Belt Issues

i) To Consider Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held 03/03/24, via written procedure

- The three application responses which submitted on 03/04/24 were read to the council for consideration

ii) Management of Green Spaces

- JMS has attempted twice to cut the open spaces; however, he has only managed in part as much of the ground is too wet
- Barratt have given assurances that they will put a soundproof fence adjacent to the cemetery and that they will liaise with NF to avoid working during funerals

124. 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** in the first instance to contact the two existing Gardening Scheme contractors if this is unsuccessful, then LF to contact YS from the tender contractors and ask those approved through

LF & YS

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

Non - raised

DB

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

DB to chase P & T contractors about the drainage to Garth Road

v) Gala 2024

- JW offered her apologise for next week's Gala meeting
- AH is trying to source a generator or two smaller generators

125. Parish Council Administration Issues

i) Dates for Diary: Planning Meeting 24/04/24, Amenities Meeting 30/04/24, and Cemetery Meeting 11/06/24, 10/09/24, 10/12/24 & 11/03/25

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

Monthly meeting of Huntington Parish Council to be held Wednesday 15th May 2024 commencing at 7.00pm in Huntington Community Centre, Strensall Road, Huntington. **Meeting closed at 8:45pm**