

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: David Griffin (DG) Chair
Gordon McIlroy (GMc)
Karl Tumman (KT)
Eileen Birrell (EB)
Gerald Bainbridge (GB)
Pauline Foster (PF)
Keith Bristow (KB)

Apologies: Charles Brader (CB)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and PARISH MEETING

1. Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes from the 19th May 2022 AGM were reviewed and agreed.

2. Chairmans report

The main issue for the Parish Council this year has been the proposed inclusion of Thixendale in the AONB. The poll of village residents expressed a clear preference to remain outside its boundary. However it will be later this year when the now open consultation process begins at which point the authorities will formally review the villagers wishes. Other subjects addressed have been: Grit Bins, Drainage on Martinholme, Village Signs, Vehicle speed in the village. DG thanked all committee members for their contributions over the past year.

3. Finance report 2021/22

The bank balance as of 1st April 2023 was £5,167.69, an increase of 13.6% over the opening balance of £4,548.62. The increase in the cash at bank is largely due to the fact that we have had a relatively mild winter, without the need for additional salt purchases. The decision in January 2020 to increase the precept to £1,500/annum has had an effect on Parish finances although it should be noted that we still need to procure at least one (possibly two) new village gateway signs over the next year which will significantly deplete funds. It is worth noting, for audit purposes, that we need to be seen to be spending our income rather than creating a cash cow. Income exceeded expenditure by £619.17.

Expenditure during this last financial year is shown on the attached accounting schedule and can be summarised as follows: Defibrillator Batteries (£192.00) Public Liability Insurance - Zurich (£169.00) Lawn Mower (£458.33)

It should be noted that HSBC continue to charge the Parish Council £5/month and £0.40/cheque processed. This amounted to £61.60 this last year.

4. Election of Officers

DG elected Chairman (Proposed GMc, seconded GB)
CB elected Deputy Chair, in Abstentia, (Proposed DG, seconded GMc)
KT elected Treasurer (Proposed GMc, seconded EB)
GB elected Clerk (Proposed DG, seconded GMc)

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

Attendees and Apologies as previous:

1. Minutes from the Meeting 16th February 2023.
 - a. The minutes from the meeting were accepted as a true record.
2. Matters raising
 - a. Village signs: KT presented details of two proposed signs and their locations at the entrances to the village from the directions of Malton and Huggate Hill. The cost for each sign will be £900. CB has previously offered to install them. There is the possibility for including a notice on the signs re. Drive with Care, Children playing or Please park with consideration which will be discussed at the next meeting.
 - b. Grit Bins: GB will repeat the request to NYCC to provide an additional grit bin for Fotherdale, location on the left out of the village.
 - c. Thixendale Parish Website: Councillor profiles for all members should now be available. KT will review progress and advise.
 - d. Martinholme Flooding: This is a ongoing problem. GB agreed to contact NYCC to request clearance of drains twice a year. In the meantime the committee will continue to monitor the situation.
 - e. Jubilee Tree: The Hazel sapling remains in safe custody with KT. It was agreed that it could be planted during next Autumn/Winter.
3. AONB
Natural England will commence the formal consultation process sometime later this year. Progress will be reported at the next meeting (DG)
3. Financial update
 - a. As of 1st April 2023 there was £5,167.69 in the parish account. There is one future commitment in June of £171.73 for Public Liability insurance.
4. AOB
 - a. Car Parking: There was some discussion on the obstruction of the pavement by parked cars and on the road at certain pinch points eg. by the bungalows and The Cross Keys. It was agreed to include a notification on the village signs, see above notes. KT agreed to establish with NYCC the viability of gaining extra width by using the verges. Committee to review progress at the next meeting.
 - b. Pub Closure
To the relief of many in the village “The Cross Keys” Pub is now open and providing accomodation, fine food and worthy ales again.
5. Any Other Business.
 - a. Village Toilets: PF expressed concern that visitors in need of toilet facilities had access only when the village hall was in use. Whilst there were some concerns about maintaining such a facility beyond these occasions KT agreed to investigate the cost of a “Portaloo” with maintenance included.
 - b. Village Hall Committee attendance at PC meetings: The Chairman confirmed that all PC meetings were open and that a representative from the Village Hall committee would be most welcome. This would allow issues with joint implications to be discussed and progressed.
 - c. Village Matters: EB has taken over the responsibility from PF to produce the occasional leaflet on village matters. The committee expressed their thanks to PF for providing and distributing Village Matters in the past.
5. Dates for PC meetings in 2023/24 are as follows (All in the village hall at 1800hrs):
Next Meetings
 - 24th August
 - 23 November
 - 22 February
 - 23 May