

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: David Griffin (DG) Chair
Gordon McIlroy (GMc)
Karl Tumman (KT)
Gerald Bainbridge (GB)

Apologies: Charles Brader (CB)
Eileen Birrell (EB)

1. Minutes from the Meeting 23rd November 2023 were accepted as a true record.
2. Matters raising
 - a. Village signs: KT has received two quotes for the signs and will produce a viability report in the next few weeks for the committee to make its decision for purchase. CB has offered to carry out installation. DG agreed to contact "Jenny", owner of the land on which one of the signs is to be located, to discuss siting.
 - b. Passing Places: NYCC Highways Officer has inspected the damaged signage but is unable to reinstate them as they are not considered safety critical. GB to investigate whether the PC is able to fund the task.
 - b. Grit Bins: NYCC has resited the existing Grit Bins in accordance with our request.
 - c. Thixendale Parish Website: Councillor profiles for all members are now available. KT will publish with photographs.
 - d. Martinholme Flooding: NYCC Highways Officer has increased the frequency of gully cleaning to twice a year. The grips on Martinholme will also be investigated and cleaned on the same frequency.
 - e. Jubilee Tree: The Hazel sapling is mature enough to be planted during next Autumn/Winter. Action KT.
3. AONB
The PC awaits contact from Natural England on the formal consultation process.
3. Financial update
 - a As of 21st January 2024 there was £6490.56 in the parish account.
4. AOB
 - a Car Parking: GB has contacted our community liaison officer at NYCC. Whilst sympathetic to our concerns she explained that the obstruction of pavements by a parked vehicle is not something which tends to be actioned by the police. In addition, it would need to be proved that when a parked vehicle results in pedestrians or indeed passing vehicles being obstructed that there is no alternative route available.
 - b Communications: GB agreed to investigate the creation of a website specifically for the PC. It was agreed that PC Minutes would be agreed and published within 2 weeks of a meeting. KT has costed an additional noticeboard specifically for Parish Council information. The likely cost of purchase and installation could exceed £1000. It was agreed to first review a PC specific website before proceeding with a noticeboard.
5. Retirement from PC
KT announced his intention to retire from the PC at the next Annual meeting. The committee unanimously expressed their thanks to Karl for his dedicated service and the work he has done for the community through his involvement in over 10 years.
6. Parish Council Vacancy
A vacancy now exists on the committee. The PC agreed a formal recruitment process open to all members in the Parish is needed. GB to draft guidelines (in accordance with local government requirements) for discussion by the committee.
7. Dates for PC meetings in 2024 are as follows (All in the village hall at 1800hrs):

Next Meetings : Parish Meeting and AGM 16 May, 19th September.