

## MEETING MINUTES

**Attendees:** David Griffin (DG) – Chair  
 Charles Brader (CB) – Vice-Chair  
 Gordon McIlroy (GM)  
 Karl Tumman (KT)

**Visitors:** Michelle Whitfield (MW) – Community Link Officer,  
 North Yorkshire Council  
 Caron Robinson (CR) – Village Hall Committee  
 Guy Robinson (GR)  
 Carol Dixon (CD)  
 Robinson Dixon (RD)

**Apologies:** Eileen Birrell (EB)  
 Gerald Bainbridge (GB)

- | <b>1. Generally</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Action</b>    |
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| <p>a. Michelle Williams was welcomed to the meeting. Michelle is the Community Link Officer (Malton Area) for North Yorkshire Council and is currently based at Ryedale House in Malton. Her remit covers house numbering, housing, community engagement, police and fire matters, housing association issues, planning applications, dog fouling, licencing, Ryecare Lifeline, etc.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                  |
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| <b>2. Minutes from the last meeting</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                  |
| <p>a. The minutes from the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023 meeting were accepted as a true record.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                  |
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| <b>3. Matters arising</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                  |
| <p>a. <u>Village Gateway Signs</u>: KT confirmed that the cost of one new Gateway Sign, as proposed would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign frame (Glasdon) - £943.06 (incl VAT)</li> <li>• Sign (Road Signs Direct) - £122.04 (incl VAT)</li> <li>• Fitting – To be determined</li> </ul> <p>MW asked if the matter had been discussed with Highways. This was confirmed</p> <p>MW asked if we had approached other suppliers. KT stated that Glasdon was the firm suggested by the Council. MW stated that she would provide details of other providers.</p> <p>KT to review and provide definitive costings for a procurement decision.</p> | <p><b>KT</b></p> |
| <p>b. Grit Bins: No further update. GB to review and update the PC</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p><b>GB</b></p> |

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- c. Website: KT noted that he was still awaiting some information on Parish Councillors. KT to review and confirm outstanding requirements. **KT**
- d. Martinholme Flooding: CB stated that this was an ongoing problem and that his staff periodically clear the grips to limit water and debris coming down the hill and deposition of same in Main Street.
- MW to assess Council maintenance programme.
- Post Meeting Note: MW confirmed that she had emailed her colleague in Highways and was waiting a response.
- e. Jubilee Tree: KT confirmed that the (replacement) Jubilee Tree is surviving. **Note**
- e. AONB:
- There is no further information regarding this matter. Awaiting further input from Natural England, et.al. **Note**
- 4. Village Toilet**
- a. KT confirmed, as previously advised, that the cost of this would be £1,200 to £1,300 per year for hire and servicing. It was agreed that this would not be financially viable. **No Action**
- 5. Speed Limit**
- a. The recent letter sent to all communities by Cllr Keane Duncan was discussed. KT suggested that it would be a good idea if the village had a 30mph limit like other nearby communities (i.e. Leavening) that don't benefit from street lighting. DG noted that there would be a need for repeater signs in the village. GB to review letter and provide an update. **GB**
- MW noted that a 30mph limit is not a panacea and that there will always be people (locals and visitors alike) who would ignore the signs.
- Post-meeting note: Following the meeting, MW provided a useful link-see below:
- <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/road-safety/speed-limits-speeding-and-road-safety-concerns>
- 6. Holiday Lets**
- a. CD and RD reiterated their past experience and concerns regarding properties becoming holiday lets, specifically in locations where parking is problematic due to the geography of the site in question.

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- The situation will be monitored for future discussion. **All**
- 7. Electric Car Charging Point**
- a. GM noted that this would likely cost in the region of £3,500 with no benefit to the village as a whole. This suggestion was rejected by the Council. **Note**
- z Financial update**
- a. KT stated that the current account stands at £6,520.56 as of 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023. The next portion of the precept is due in September 2023. **Note**
- b. KT noted that as well as the proposed Gateway Signs, the Parish needed to look at ways to spend their money as the accumulation of money without expenditure was against the rules and would look bad at the next audit in 2024. **All**
- c. The purchase of a strimmer was suggested by KT but rejected. **Note**
- 9. Any other business**
- a. Traffic Cones/Parking: There was a general discussion regarding parking within the village, parking on paths and the proliferation of traffic cones. This is particular problem where the road narrows and there is limited off-street parking to certain properties.
- MW stated that an application for a dropped kerb costs £99 with planning permission and £155 without. MW confirmed that she would be happy to take this up with the appropriate organisations concerned if the Parish provided more details. GB to approach the affected occupiers to get their views on the matter. **GB**
- MW also advised that placing un-official cones on or adjacent to the highway is unlawful and constitutes an obstruction. She further advised that local authorities (including parish councils) are entitled to remove unauthorised cones.
- MW provided the following link after the meeting:  
<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/roads-and-pavements/pavements-and-kerbs>
- The issue of traffic cones to be raised in the next village newsletter. Following the meeting, MW provided the following link to the Highways Act 1980: **EB**
- <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1980/66/section/137>
- b. Meeting Agenda: CD asked if the next agenda and future meeting agendas (and the village newsletter) could be posted on the Village Facebook feed to allow villagers to raise any other items of note for the agenda and to allow villagers a chance to attend the meeting, if **GB**

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they so desired. It was also noted that not all villagers are on Facebook.

- c. Minutes: CD asked if it could be ensured that the “resumé” of the minutes, contained in Thixendale matters could be in plain English. **Note**
- d. Cyclists: CD expressed concern about the speed and attitude of cyclists passing through the village, especially at the West end, where the topography promotes speed, and whether we should consider installing a ‘cyclists – slow down’ sign.

**10. Date of next meeting**

Next meeting Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 @ 18:00