

NETHER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2020

ATTENDING ON-LINE:

Cllrs. S A Barry (Chairman), R A Harper, J A Hook, E M Jones, C J Lamb, P H F Powell and C D Steward. Also in attendance was Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk).

20/234 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (NOT PREVIOUSLY DECLARED) ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

None.

20/235 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

20/236 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE GIVEN IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING'

All Cllrs. being present there were no apologies.

20/237 - TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF REASONS GIVEN FOR ABSENCE'

All Cllrs. being present there were no apologies to consider.

20/238 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19 OCTOBER 2020

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19 October 2020 having been circulated prior to the meeting, were approved and will be signed at a later date.

20/239 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM A CITY OF YORK COUNCILLOR

City Cllr. Anne Hook reported on the following: -

I walked both sides of every road in Nether Poppleton, with the exception of Poppleton Park, to see what problems were caused by the works done by TalkTalk to lay their cables and, at the same time, to note any other matters of concern like potholes or blocked drains.

Church Lane was particularly upsetting because all the work done last year to clean up the bend has been undone with lots of mud, stopping water running to the drain - which is also blocked. There are several other blocked drains along the lane which have resulted in more mud and standing water. This has all been reported.

The good news is that CYC has bought an area of land between the A59 and the B1224, easily reachable along Northfield Lane, to plant a new section of the Northern Forest. As well as trees, there will be wildflower meadows, cycle paths and a cafe. At the moment, they are drawing up a "straw man" plan, which will be put before local people for comments. If anyone was interested in giving feedback, I can put them in touch and their suggestions will be welcomed. This is an exciting project which will eventually be combined with planting at Harewood Whin when appropriate, to create a large area for local people to enjoy, as well as help reduce the carbon footprint of the city.

A grant has been received from the government for the second tranche of spending on safe pedestrian and cycle routes. I have been told that they will try to make the A1237 bridge over the river and railway as safe as possible to help children from Rawcliffe and Skelton reach Manor

School. With new cycle paths along the A19, it will be easier to get to the city centre and trips to Clifton Moor would be safer for Poppleton residents.

20/240 - TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT ON PROGRESS ON THE FOLLOWING: -

(a) *The vegetation growing over the pavement in Millfield Lane (Min. 20/213a)*

Cllr. Hook reported that she is still pursuing this subject with the City Council.

(b) *Overgrowing hedges (Min. 20/213b) - (City Council informed May 2019 – Min. 19/159c)*

No news on this subject. It was agreed that the dates that the City Council have been reminded about the hedges should be included in the agenda item.

(c) *The condition of the road surface in Allerton Drive between Ebor Way and Montague Walk (Min. 20/213c) – (City Council informed February 2019 – Min. 19/058a)*

No news on this subject.

(d) *The City Council's response to the Parish Council's concern about the caravans sited in the Green Belt (Min. 20/213d) - City Council informed 18 June 2020)*

No news on this subject.

(e) *Cleaning the cartshed roof and gutters (Min. 20/213e)*

This will be done after the willow tree has been felled.

(f) *Clearing the French drain (Min. 20/213f)*

This will be done after the willow tree has been felled.

(g) *The felling of the willow tree (Min. 20/215f(ii))*

If the City Council grants permission to fell the tree the job is scheduled to be done on 21 January 2021

(h) *30mph repeater signs in Main Street (Min. 20/217a)*

It was reported that the City Council had written to say that 30 mph repeater signs would not be legal on this stretch of road. The Cllrs. agreed that the police be asked to use their radar check on this stretch of road as they do, occasionally, in Millfield Lane. **(Action Clerk)**

(i) *Flood sign in Main Street (Min. 20/217b)*

The Clerk reported that the City Council had confirmed that the problem of signage when the river floods is already on their list of improvements

(j) *Horses warning sign in Millfield Lane (Min. 20/217c)*

It was noted that a sign has been put on the side of the A1237 bridge over Millfield Lane.

(k) *Ouse Moor Lane trees (Min. 20/217d)*

It was reported that branches of some of the trees in Ouse Moor Lane have been lopped.

(l) *Newsletter (Min.20/218)*

It was reported that the Newsletter had been produced and distributed. It was noted that it had been well-received and that some residents had asked for future Newsletters to continue to be paper and not just to appear on the website.

(m) *The Armistice Day Service (Min. 20/220)*

It was reported that 13 people had attended the Commemoration which was conducted by Colin

Robinson who laid the wreath. It was noted that the traffic stopped during the two-minute silence. It was suggested that, at future Commemorations, we should have a bugler.

20/214 – FINANCE

(a) Financial Report

The Clerk had circulated a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 16 November 2020. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances on 16 November were: -

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£25,326.42
National Savings Investment Account	£15,419.72

(b) To note accounts for payment (net of VAT);

88	Hutton Peach	Repair to the plan4poppleton website (UPPC have paid half the cost £67.50)	£135.00
89	Sleightholm Landscape	Grass cutting per contract	290.00
90	Exactis Ltd	Newsletter	£268.40
91	James Mackman	Salary – November	£537.26
92	HM Revenue & Customs	Income Tax - November	£134.20
93	James Mackman	Expenses	£5.60
DD	1 & 1 Internet Ltd	Website hosting – November	£5.00

(c) To receive a report on income received

	Sealed Knot Society	Cartshed rent	£80.00
	Upper Poppleton Parish Council	Half the cost of the repairs to the plan4poppleton website	£67.50

20/242 - PARISH COUNCIL LAND - TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS AND MAKE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS ON

(a) Grass cutting.

It was noted that the last cut of this year's contract had been made.

(b) The management of Warren Lea

It was agreed that Warren Lea is looking tidy.

(c) The management of the Common Land including

i. The felling of the two ash trees in front of Ash Keys in Main Street

The Clerk reported having met with Sam Dickson to discuss the problem reported about the two ash trees. Mr Dickson had pointed out that both trees were suffering from ash die-back and recommended that they be felled. The Councillors agreed that the trees should be felled and the Clerk is to arrange for quotations for the work. **(Action Clerk)**

ii. Removing dead wood from the sycamore tree outside Wylde Green in Main Street

The Councillors resolved that the dead wood be removed and quotations are to be sought for the work. **(Action Clerk)**

(d) Allerton Drive garden

No news to report on this subject.

(e) *The Moat Fields – including the suggested bridleway*
No news to report on this subject.

(f) *The Cartsheds*
No news to report on this subject.

(g) *The Wildlife Area*
No report on this subject.

20/243 - TO CONSIDER COUNCILLOR AND CLERK TRAINING

Councillors had considered the courses on offer by the YLCA but agreed that none were relevant to the Parish Council.

20/244 - TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS, LAMPPOSTS & SIGNS

No reports.

20/245 - TO CONSIDER A RESPONSE TO THE FOLLOWING: - *Code of Conduct – further consultation by the Committee for Standards in Public Life*

The YLCA had asked for the above to be included on an agenda. The subject was noted.

20/246 – TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON/FROM

(a) *Village policing*

It was noted that there have still been no reports since February 2020. The Clerk is to pursue the subject to see if the monthly reports can be reinstated. **(Action Clerk)**

(b) *Poppleton Community Trust*
No report.

(c) *Youth Club*

It was reported that the Youth Club will not now be meeting in the Poppleton Tithe Barn owing to the tight restrictions which would be needed for dealing with the Coronavirus.

(d) *YLCA York Branch*
No report.

(e) *Any other meeting*
No reports.

20/247 – TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

20/247/01 - It was noted that the correspondence received since the October meeting, as listed below, had already been circulated to the Councillors.

- (a) CYC - 30mph repeater signs response
- (b) CYC - The case for York as a Unitary Authority
- (c) CYC - Update on restructure of Local Government in York and North Yorkshire
- (d) Omega - Befriending Services - Introduction
- (e) Poppleton Centre - Halloween Trail
- (f) YLCA - White Rose updates

20/248– TO NOTE THE DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillors Attending
23 Nov	Moat Fields Management Group	TBA	Barry
11 Feb	YLCA York Branch	TBA	Powell, Steward

20/249 – TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS

None

20/250 – TO CONSIDER NEW ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Registering the Millennium Green as a Village Green.

20/251 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday 18 January 2021.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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