

## NETHER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY, 15 MARCH 2021

#### 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 were one member of the public and Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk).

#### **21/074 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (NOT PREVIOUSLY DECLARED) ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS**

None.

#### **21/075 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

#### **21/076 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE GIVEN IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING'**

All Cllrs. being present there were no apologies.

#### **21/077 - TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF REASONS GIVEN FOR ABSENCE'**

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

#### **21/078 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2021**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 February 2021 having been circulated prior to the meeting, were approved and will be signed at a later date.

#### **21/079 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM A CITY OF YORK COUNCILLOR**

City Councillor Anne Hook reported that: -

A sewer in Long Ridge Lane has collapsed resulting in the lane being closed for a week or so whilst remedial work is carried out by Yorkshire Water. The cause of the problem is shifting sand creating a void under the sewer. This is a problem round the village and probably the cause of the indentations in the Allerton Drive road surface between the shops and Montague Walk.

#### **21/080 - TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT ON PROGRESS ON THE FOLLOWING: -**

(a) *The vegetation growing over the pavement in Millfield Lane (Min. 21/052a)*

It was noted that the vegetation has been trimmed back to expose the pin kerb.

(b) *Overgrowing hedges (Min. 21/052b) - (City Council first informed May 2019 – Min. 19/159c)*

The Clerk reported that his contact at the City Council had written to the owner of the offending hedge and said that if they didn't hear back from the resident within the month the City Council would take enforcement action.

(c) *The condition of the road surface in Allerton Drive between Ebor Way and Montague Walk (Min. 21/052c) – (City Council first informed February 2019 – Min. 19/058a)*

As City Cllr. Hook reported above the cause of the problem is likely to be shifting sand and she is pressing the City Council to take action to investigate the cause.

(d) *The City Council's response to the Parish Council's concern about the caravans sited in the Green Belt (Min. 21/052d) – (City Council informed 18 June 2020)*

It was noted that the City Council's Enforcement Officer is still working on the case. It was agreed to drop the subject from future agendas.

(e) *Cleaning the cartshed roof and gutters (Min. 21/052e)*

The Clerk reported having spoken to Mr Falkingham who had assured him that the work will be carried out in the near future

(f) *Clearing the French drain (Min. 21/017f)*

The Clerk reported having spoken to Mr Falkingham who had assured him that the work will be carried out in the near future

(g) *The request for police to carry out radar traps (Min. 21/052h)*

Cllr. Jones reported that she had completed forms informing the police of speeding traffic in Main Street by the War Memorial, Millfield Lane and Long Ridge Lane.

## **21/081 – FINANCE**

(a) *Financial Report*

The Clerk had circulated a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 15 March 2021. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances on 15 March were: -

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£28,863.74
National Savings Investment Account	£15,530.73

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

105	Millennium Green Trust	Grant	£1,000.00
106	Community Heartbeat Trust	Defibrillator consumables	£270.00
107	James Mackman	Salary – March	£537.06
108	H M Revenue & Customs	Income Tax - March	£134.40
109	James Mackman	Expenses	£10.45

(c) *To receive a report on income received*

HMRC	VAT refund	£291.95
HSBC	Bank interest	£0.63
Northern Powergrid	Wayleave	£3.45

(d) *To agree the process for making payments by electronic banking*

It was agreed to defer discussion on the subject until the April meeting.

## **21/082 - PARISH COUNCIL LAND - TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS AND MAKE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS ON**

(a) *Grass cutting.*

No report on this subject.

(b) *The management of Warren Lea*

It was noted that the daffodils are now in bloom.

(c) *The management of the Common Land including*

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

It was agreed to accept the quotation from The Tree Fella (TTF) for this work. TTF is to be asked to place any chippings from the work at both ends of the footpath through Warren Lea. **(Action Clerk)**

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

It was agreed to accept the quotation from The Tree Fella for this work. **(Action Clerk)**

(d) *Allerton Drive garden*

It was noted that the daffodils are now in bloom.

(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 including discussing the proposal by the Wildlife Group regarding resetting the area around the pond*

There was no decision made on the future of the area but Cllr. Barry is to talk to the leader of the Wildlife Group to solicit the opinions of the Group on the development of the area and to ask what specie of tree they would like to see planted to replace the recently felled willow tree. **(Action Cllr. Barry)**

#### **21/083- 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.

#### **21/084 - TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS, LAMPPOSTS & SIGNS**

(a) *To discuss the customer parking area outside the shops on Allerton Drive.*

The car that caused discussion at the February Parish Council meeting has been removed. However, another car has been parked for a while. It was agreed that the driver should be made aware that the parking area is not for long-term parking.

Cllr. Harper was thanked for his excellent piece in the Centrepiece News which included vehicle parking at the shops.

(b) *To discuss what action the Parish Council should take with regards to the ringing of the Parish Council sponsored trees in Broad Lane*

The fact that more than twenty trees in Broad Lane have been ringed with a chainsaw to such an extent that the trees have had to be pushed over to ensure public safety was discussed. It was noted that the trees had been bought and installed by the Parish Council in 1998. A report that a number of organisations such as the police, the City Council and the Forestry Commission are looking into the incident was welcomed.

(c) *To receive other reports*

None.

## **21/085 - TO CONSIDER THE WORDING OF A POSSIBLE YLCA MOTION ON THE SUBJECT OF PLANNING ENFORCEMENT**

It was agreed that the following resolution be sent to the YLCA: -

*'We urge government to toughen laws on Planning Enforcement and in particular we believe too many deliberate and often regular breakers of Planning Law abuse a system which is more suited towards goodwill. We wish to see consideration of:*

- 1. Stronger penalties for breaches of Planning Law, including an offence of persistent breaches on one property or a number over time.*
- 2. Requirements of shorter time scales to submit Planning Applications on properties subject of Enforcement Action.*
- 3. Higher Local Authority fees allowable for Retrospective Planning Applications.*
- 4. A review of how enforcement action can often fall between different agencies like Local Authorities and the Police, with resulting delays.'*

## **21/086 - TO CONSIDER THE PROVISION OF DEFIBRILLATORS IN THE VILLAGE**

It was agreed that Poppleton is well-served with defibrillators and that there is no need to pursue the subject.

## **21/087 – TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON/FROM**

### *(a) Village policing*

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had given each Councillor a schedule of incidents in Nether Poppleton reported to the police in February 2021. The schedule was noted.

### *(b) Poppleton Community Trust*

No report. The Poppleton Centre is still closed owing to the second Coronavirus lockdown.

### *(c) Youth Club*

No report.

### *(d) YLCA York Branch*

Cllr. Powell reported that: -

- Only 11 of the 31 Parish Councils in York had voted to select a parish representative to the City of York Joint Standards Committee
- The Parish Council/City of York Council Charter is almost complete. The revised Charter will carry more weight than the previous version and make Parish Council access to the City Council much easier.

### *(e) Any other meeting*

No reports.

## **21/088 – TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK**

*It was noted that the correspondence received since the February meeting, as listed below, had already been circulated to the Councillors.*

- (a) CYC - Local Government Re-organisation*
- (b) Explore York Libraries & Archives - Census 2021 details*
- (c) Julian Sturdy MP - Newsletter*
- (d) Moat Fields Management Group - Two Moat Fields trees causing problems*
- (e) Open Spaces Society - eZine February 2021*
- (f) Rural Services Network - Enquiry about the Parish Council being a member*

- (g) YLCA - Conference booking details
- (h) YLCA - Result of Parish representative ballot
- (i) Yorkshire Green - Consultation newsletter

**20/089– TO NOTE THE DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held at 7.00pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

**21/090 – TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS**

None.

**21/091 – TO CONSIDER NEW ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

None.

**21/092 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on by Zoom at 8.00pm on Monday 19 April 2021. The meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm and the Planning Meeting at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.03pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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