

## **NETHER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE POPPLETON CENTRE, UPPER POPPLETON, AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY, 19 JULY 2021**

#### **PRESENT**

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

#### **21/192 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (NOT PREVIOUSLY DECLARED) ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS**

None.

#### **21/193 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

#### **21/194 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE GIVEN IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Harper.

#### **21/195 - TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF REASONS GIVEN FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr. Harper's reason for absence was approved.

#### **21/196 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21 JUNE 2021**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 June 2021 having been circulated prior to the meeting, were approved and signed.

#### **21/197 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM A CITY OF YORK COUNCILLOR**

City Cllr. Anne Hook reported: -

- When a dangerously overgrown hedge on the A59, which was restricting the width of the shared foot/cycle way was reported, the reply was that it was not a council hedge so nothing could be done. After confronting Highways with the law on hedges overgrowing highways (including foot/cycleways), an apology was given. It turns out that similar reports have been going to the wrong department for years, but now will be sent to Highways to take action.
- Two disappointing planning results because of lack of site visits. Having briefed councillors that Northfield Lane was 60mph and it would be good to reduce the speed for pedestrians and cyclists going to the Rufforth/Knapton foot/cycle path, a suggestion for this to be made a condition of DPD being given approval for a development which would double Northminster Business Park was ignored because a council officer said the speed was only 40mph. Similarly, the 15m 5G mast was given approval despite two NPPC Parish Councillors speaking against it, because the report implied it was in a sparsely populated area being 80m from any housing.
- A ward walkabout went ahead on 16 July, starting at Old School Court to see if the uneven pavements from there to the White Horse could be given a treatment which could be funded by the ward committee grant. Church Lane was also visited and the drain noted for unblocking again.
- There was a multi-dept visit to Manor School in order to try to find a solution for safer walking and cycling in the area between the A1237 to Low Poppleton Lane. The issue of parents parking on yellow lines was also evident.
- Additional yellow lines on Millfield Lane beyond Manor School were to be discussed by the council and NPPC councillors supported this proposal. As all SEND pupils were dropped off

and picked up within school grounds, there was no need for parking on this stretch of road, which caused problems for large vehicles and buses.

**21/198 - TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT ON PROGRESS ON THE FOLLOWING: -**

(a) *Overgrowing hedges (Min. 21/168a) - (City Council first informed May 2019 – Min. 19/159c)*  
The Clerk said that he had reported the hedge to FixMy Street.

(b) *The condition of the road surface in Allerton Drive between Ebor Way and Montague Walk (Min. 21/168b) – (City Council first informed February 2019 – Min. 19/058a)*  
No news to report on this subject.

(c) *Felling the trees in front of Ash Keys (Min. 21/168c)*  
It was noted that the work had been completed and that the chippings had been moved to the ends of the footpath through Warren Lea.

(d) *Removing dead wood from the sycamore tree outside Wylde Green (Min. 21/168d)*  
It was noted that the work had been completed.

(e) *The footpath between Riversvale Drive and Main Street (Min. 21/168e)*  
Cllrs. Barry, Hook and Jones agreed to tackle the vegetation growing over the footpath. **(Action Cllrs. Barry, Hook & Jones)**

(f) *Cartshed tell-tales installation (Min. 21/170e)*  
The Clerk confirmed that he had instructed Mason Carter to carry out the work.

**21/199 – FINANCE**

(a) *Financial Report*

The Clerk had circulated a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 19 July 2021. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances on 19 July were: -

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£23,353.15
National Savings Investment Account	£15,530.73

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

130	Poppleton Under Fives	2021-22 grant	£1,200.00
131	The Tree Fella	Felling two trees and dead wooding a sycamore	£2,760.00
132	Poppleton Community Trust	Room hire - June	£24.00
133	Sleightholm Landscapes	Grass cutting per contract	£456.00
134	James Mackman	Salary – July	£537.26
135	H M Revenue & Customs	Income Tax - July	£134.20
136	James Mackman	Expenses	£7.26

(c) *To receive a report on income received*  
No income was received

(d) It was agreed that new pads for the defibrillator should be purchased

**21/200 - PARISH COUNCIL LAND - TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS AND MAKE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS ON**

*(a) Grass cutting.*

It was noted that all the grass has been cut per the contract.

*(b) The management of Warren Lea*

It was noted that the vegetation in Warren Lea had been trimmed.

Cllr. Jones, with help from Mr Jones and a resident, had spread the chippings from the felled trees along the path through Warren Lea.

*(c) The management of the Common Land*

i. A quotation for trimming back the vegetation at the top of the embankment in front of the Riverside Gardens bungalows was accepted. **(Action Clerk)**

ii. The contractor is to be asked to give a price for dealing with the sycamore stump which is producing a myriad of suckers. **(Action Clerk)**

*(d) Allerton Drive garden*

Cllr. Powell reported that he and the Clerk had met with Sleightholm and discussed the need to cut back the growth on some of the bushes. A quotation for £150 for the work was accepted. The work will be done as soon as Sleightholm can fit it into their work schedule.

*(e) The Moat Fields – including a letter of support for a grant from the Tree Council*

A request from the Moat Fields Management Group for a letter of support/permission for the Tree Council which may give a matched funding grant for the proposed hedge planting was agreed. **(Action Cllr. Barry & Clerk)**

*(f) The Cartsheds*

As noted above, the Clerk has instructed Mason Clark to install two “Avongard tell-tales” on the wall so that the cracking can be monitored.

*(g) The Wildlife Area including considering replacing the old seat in front of the pond*

It was resolved that subject to approval from the Wildlife Trust Group, two Phoenix seats be purchased and installed as a replacement for the crescent-shaped seat which is now in a poor state of repair. **(Action Clerk)**

**21/201- TO CONSIDER COUNCILLOR AND CLERK TRAINING**

It was agreed that Cllr. Lamb attend one of the basic planning seminars organised by the YLCA. **(Action Clerk & Cllr. Lamb)**

**21/202 - TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS, LAMPPOSTS & SIGNS INCLUDING REFURBISHING THE MILLFIELD LANE NOTICE BOARD**

It was noted that the Millfield Lane notice board is now in a poor state of repair and it was resolved that Ken Falkingham be asked to give a price for the appropriate repairs. **(Action Clerk)**

### **21/203 – TO CONSIDER COUNCILLORS USING A POPPLETON-PC.ORG.UK EMAIL ADDRESS**

Following a discussion Cllrs. Lamb & Hook agreed that they would prefer to have a “poppleton-pc” email address rather than using their personal email address for Parish Council-related emails. **(Action Clerk)**

### **21/204 – TO CONSIDER UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL’S RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION OF HAVING A SINGLE PARISH COUNCIL FOR POPPLETON**

The Clerk reported that at the previous week’s meeting the Upper Poppleton Councillors had agreed to look at the possibility of having one parish council for the whole of Poppleton and had appointed Cllrs. Robson and Lawrence to be representatives on a Working Group if Nether Poppleton PC agreed to take part. After discussion Cllrs. Barry and Steward agreed to be the Parish Council’s representatives on a Working Group to look into the feasibility of creating one Parish Council for the whole of Poppleton. **(Action Cllrs. Barry & Steward)**

### **21/205 – TO CONSIDER A REPORT FROM THE TREES WORKING GROUP**

The Clerk reported that it was possible to add a Survey Monkey survey to the Parish Council’s website. Cllr. Steward agreed to research this and he and the Clerk will endeavour to put a survey on the website. **(Action Cllr. Steward & Clerk)**

### **21/206 – 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 June 2021. The schedule was noted.

#### *(b) Poppleton Community Trust*

It was noted that the AGM scheduled for 8 July had been postponed until Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September owing to the continuing Covid 19 pandemic.

#### *(c) Youth Club*

Councillor Hook reported that it is hoped that the Youth Club can recommence in September but that its location has yet to be agreed.

#### *(d) YLCA York Branch*

Cllr. Powell reported that he had represented the Parish at the Annual Meeting of the Associations. The motion on Planning Enforcement submitted via the York Branch had been carried with a substantial majority. It was noted that the new Model Code of Conduct and the details on training will be available soon.

#### *(e) The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee*

The Chairman reported that the Group had not yet met.

#### *(f) Any other meeting*

No reports.

### **21/207 – TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK**

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

(a) CYC - Regeneration Team message

(b) Open Spaces Society - E-zine June 2021

(c) Poppleton Community Trust - Change of AGM date

**21/208 – TO NOTE FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillors Attending
30 Sep	Poppleton Community Trust AGM	Poppleton Centre	All Councillors are eligible to attend

**21/209 – TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS**

None.

**21/210 – TO CONSIDER NEW ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

To consider reinstating the Parish Council’s Twitter Account..

**21/211 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS MONDAY 16 AUGUST 2021**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at 7.30pm in the Poppleton Centre on Monday 16 August 2021.

There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 9.54pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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