

## NETHER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE POPPLETON CENTRE, UPPER POPPLETON, AT 7.15 PM ON MONDAY, 21 MARCH 2022

#### PRESENT

Cllr. S P Barry (Chairman), Cllrs. G R M Bates, R A Harper, J A Hook, C J Lamb and C D Steward. Also in attendance was the Clerk, Mr B J W Mackman.

#### 22/068 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (NOT PREVIOUSLY DECLARED) ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

None.

#### 22/069 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

#### 22/070 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE GIVEN IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING

Apologies were received from Cllr. E M Jones.

#### 22/071 - TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF REASONS GIVEN FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Jones' reason for absence was approved.

#### 22/072 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2022

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 February 2022, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were approved and signed.

#### 22/073 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM A CITY OF YORK COUNCILLOR

City Councillor Anne Hook reported: -

I had a meeting with James Gilchrist where we discussed the following:

- He gave me a list of the people who report to him and their responsibilities. I will be sending the list to all parish council clerks so they know who to write to with any issues.
- He said that they are now focusing attention on potholes at the edges of the roads, where they pose the greatest danger to cyclists.
- He said that, following usual practice, when the police had finished their investigations into the fatal accident on the A59, they would be in touch if they considered that there was something which CYC could do to prevent it happening again.
- Parking patrols would be visiting Poppleton Ousebank School soon to deter parents from parking unsafely.
- I raised the issue of an inappropriate speed limit in Northfield Lane and my wish to see the speed limit on the A59 reduced to 40mph until after the junction with Hodgson Lane.

I met the Highways officer who deals with planning in Newlands Lane, to discuss concerns about the HGVs from the proposed clay mining application and reported some flytipping in a layby. I have reported numerous potholes on The Green and Main Street (UPPER)/Easthorpe Drive, Midway, Main Street and Riversdale Drive (NETHER), with a great deal of success as most have been marked for repair and will be going round the whole ward to spot deep potholes as soon as possible.

I took part in one of the tree planting sessions at the new Community Woodland.

**22/074 - TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT ON PROGRESS ON THE FOLLOWING: -**

(a) *Overgrowing hedges (Min. 22/046a) - (City Council first informed May 2019 – Min. 19/159c)*  
Cllr. Hook mentioned that she was still pressing the City Council to arrange for hedges to be cut back. The Cllrs. agreed that there was little more that the Parish Council could do and that the subject be removed from the agenda.

(b) *The condition of the road surface in Allerton Drive between Ebor Way and Montague Walk (Min. 22/046b) – (City Council first informed February 2019 – Min. 19/058a)*

The Cllrs. agreed to remove this subject from the agenda as they had done as much as they could to make the City Council aware of the problem.

**22/075– FINANCE**

(a) *Financial Report*

The Clerk had circulated a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 21 March 2022. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances on 21 March were: -

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£15,488.19
National Savings Investment Account	£15,532.28

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

2263	Ken Falkingham	Planting tree in front of pond	£30.00
2264	Marks & Spencer	Bouquet	£30.00
DD	Information Commissioner	Annual fee	£35.00
BP	Poppleton Luncheon Club	Grant for 2021-22	£175.00
CHG	HSBC	Bank charges	£9.00
DD	IONOS	Website charge for January	£5.00
BP	MITTAS	Computer repair	£35.00
BP	Poppleton Community Trust	Room hire – February	£24.00
BP	T Carter	Bus shelter cleaning 2021-22	£80.00
BP	Ryland Horticulture	Flailing Wildlife area hedge	£390.00
BP	YLCA	Cllr. Jones training course 4 February	£22.50
BP	James Mackman	Salary – March including back pay	£650.06
BP	H M Revenue & Customs	Income Tax – March	£162.40
BP	James Mackman	Expenses	£3.00

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

HSBC	Bank interest	£0.47
Northern Powergrid	Wayleave	£3.45

(d) *To confirm the Clerk's pay increase backdated to 1 April 2021*

This was agreed.

**22/076 - PARISH COUNCIL LAND - TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS AND MAKE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS ON**

(a) *Grass cutting.*

No news on this subject.

(b) *The management of Warren Lea*

No news on this subject.

*(c) The management of the Common Land*

No news on this subject.

*(d) Allerton Drive Garden*

No news on this subject.

*(e) The Moat Fields*

No news on this subject.

*(f) The Cartsheds*

The Clerk reported that he had asked Paul Butler about installing a trench drain in front of the Cartsheds. Paul said that he is an architect but recommended a couple of local builders who may be able to help. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask the builders for advice and a quotation for consideration by the Councillors. **(Action Clerk)**

*(g) The Wildlife Area*

It was noted that the hedge alongside the track into the fields has been flailed and the two new seats have been installed in front of the pond.

#### **22/077- TO CONSIDER COUNCILLOR AND CLERK TRAINING**

Councillors had considered the courses on offer by the YLCA but felt none were worthwhile at this time.

#### **22/078 - TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS, LAMPPOSTS & SIGNS**

No news to report.

#### **22/079 - TO AGREE TO ADOPT THE REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS**

It was noted that the current Code of Conduct dates from 2012 and contains references to rules and regulations which have been superseded by legislation. It was agreed to adopt the new Code of Conduct, a copy of which had been sent to each Councillor. The Cllrs. expressed their disappointment that the new Code did not include any meaningful sanctions to be taken against Cllrs who broke the Code. Cllr. Steward also said the lack of any enforceable punishments for poor councillor behaviour had been discussed at the YLCA.

#### **22/080 – TO DISCUSS COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE RESTRICTED OPENING HOURS AT THE OLD FORGE SURGERY**

The fact that complaints about the surgery's opening hours had been received was noted. It was agreed that the subject was not one considered to be something that was within the Parish Council's remit.

#### **22/081 – TO DISCUSS WHAT HELP NALC MAY BE ABLE TO GIVE TO PARISH COUNCILS**

The contents of the NALC report received from the YLCA were noted.

#### **22/082 – TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON/FROM**

*(a) Village policing*

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had given each Cllr. a schedule of incidents in Nether Poppleton reported to the police in February 2022. The schedule was noted.

*(b) Poppleton Community Trust*

Cllr. Steward reported that there had been no meeting of the Trust's Executive Committee since the February Parish Council meeting.

*(c) Youth Club*

Cllr. Hook reported that the Youth Club is to meet at the newly-extended Methodist Church Hall. Initially it will be held on one night per week starting on 5<sup>th</sup> May. Cllr. Hook asked that the Parish Councillors consider releasing the £2,000 provided in the current year's budget and this will be added to the agenda for consideration at the April Parish Council meeting.

*(d) YLCA York Branch*

Cllr. Steward reported that there had been no meeting of the YLCA York Branch since the February Parish Council meeting.

*(e) The Queen's Platinum Jubilee*

Cllr. Lamb gave an update on the Committee's deliberations.

*(f) Single Parish Council Working Group*

It was reported that at the Upper Poppleton Parish Council meeting it was agreed that two of their Councillors would meet with Nether Poppleton Cllrs. to discuss this subject. **(Action Cllrs Barry & Steward)**

*(g) Trees Working Group*

Cllr. Steward and Cllr. Harper have set a date to meet later this week to go through the potential tree sites suggested by Dave Gregory and discuss moving the project forward.

*(h) Any other meeting*

No reports.

**22/083 – TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK**

*22/083/01 - It was noted that the correspondence received since the February meeting, as listed below, had already been circulated to the Councillors.*

- (a) CYC - Barrier Review on walking, pushing, wheeled and cycling routes
- (b) Poppleton Community Trust - Support for Ukraine refugees
- (c) YLCA - CloudyIT free training session
- (d) YLCA - NALC Legal Briefing LO1-22: Code of recommended practice
- (e) YLCA - White Rose Updates

*22/083/02 - The Clerk referred to the following item of correspondence received since the February Parish Council meeting*

- (a) Poppleton Under Fives - Grant timing query
- (b) Resident - Problem with diverted No 10 when the bridge over the beck in Main Street is flooded
- (c) The Pensions Regulator - Re-enrolment notice
- (d) YLCA - Code of Conduct letter to Julian Sturdy

**22/084 – TO NOTE FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillors Attending
TBA	Queen's Platinum Jubilee	Poppleton Centre/ 7.00pm	Lamb & Steward
TBA	Poppleton Community Trust Executive	Poppleton Centre/ 7.30pm	Steward

TBA	One Parish Council working group	TBA	Barry & Steward
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**22/085 – TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS**

None.

**22/086 – TO CONSIDER NEW ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

- (a) To release the £2,000 provided in the 2021-22 budget for the Youth Club.
- (b) To consider providing funds for the celebrations of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.

**22/087 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS MONDAY 25 APRIL 2022**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at 7.45pm in the Poppleton Centre on Monday 25 April 2022.

There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 8.56pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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