

NETHER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE POPPLETON CENTRE, UPPER POPPLETON, AT 7.15 PM ON MONDAY, 16 MAY 2022

PRESENT

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

ANNUAL MEETING

22/127 - TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Councillor Barry was proposed and elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

22/128 – TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF OFFICE

Councillor Barry signed his Declaration of Office.

22/129 - ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

OFFICE	COUNCILLORS
Vice-Chairman	Steward
Listed Buildings Working Group	Jones, Harper, Lamb
Millennium Green – Link	Jones
Neighbourhood Plan Group	Jones, Bates, Steward
Poppleton Community Trust Observer	Bates
Poppleton Cricket Club – Link	Lamb
Poppleton Moat Fields Management Group Representative	Barry
Queen's Platinum Jubilee Working Group	Lamb, Steward
Single Parish Council for Poppleton Working Party	Barry, Steward
Trees Working Group	Harper, Steward
Wildlife Trust Representative	Jones
Yorkshire Local Councils Associations Representatives (2)	Steward, Jones
Youth Club Representative	Bates

ORDINARY MEETING

22/130 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (NOT PREVIOUSLY DECLARED) ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

None.

22/131 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

22/132 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE GIVEN IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING

Apologies were received from Cllr. R A Harper.

22/133 - TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF REASONS GIVEN FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Harper's reason for absence was approved.

22/134 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25 APRIL 2022

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25 April 2022, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were approved and signed.

22/135 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM A CITY OF YORK COUNCILLOR

City Councillor Anne Hook reported: -

- Grass verges have not been cut because many operatives are on long term sick. Six have been recruited from other councils but need training on equipment which takes a few months.
- Level crossing on Millfield Lane is to be made safer, but it will involve partial and full road closures. Where it is a full closure, penalties for using Low Poppleton Lane will be waived.
- Network Rail own land between level crossing and A1237 embankment and are using it to do works on level crossing and may well want to use it when those works are done. Could help residents to write/petition Network Rail to reopen it as a BMX cycle track when done to help young people.

22/136 - TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT ON PROGRESS ON THE FOLLOWING: -

Updating the security on the plan4poppleton website (Min. 22/109)

The Clerk reported that he had spoken to IONOS, the website hosts, and that the website was now working properly.

22/137– 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 May 2022. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances on 16 May were: -

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£29,589.16
National Savings Investment Account	£15,532.28

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

6 BP	Poppleton Under Fives	Grant	£1,250.00
7 CHG	HSBC	Bank charges	£8.00
8 DD	IONOS	Website charge for April	£5.00
9 BP	Poppleton Community Trust	Room hire – April	£24.00
10 BP	Sleightholm Landscapes	Grass cutting per contract	£300.00
11 CHG	Zurich Municipal	Annual insurance premium	£654.20
12 DD	James Mackman	Salary – May	£546.61
13 BP	HMRC	Income Tax – May	£136.60
14 BP	James Mackman	Expenses	£7.10

(c) To receive a report on income received

City of York Council	1 st half year's precept	£11,000.00
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(d) *To agree to release the £2,000 provided for the Poppleton Youth Action Group in the 2020-21 budget*

This was agreed.

(e) *To consider making a financial contribution to help villagers, including Poppleton Community Trust, helping Ukrainian refugees.*

In consequence of the Russian invasion of Ukraine the UK has been granting visas to displaced Ukrainian families. Five families are being looked after by Poppleton residents. Cllr Steward reported that at the last meeting of the Poppleton Community Trust it was reported they were helping refugees in the village and how some items had a cost, for example materials needed to help teach the children English. Councillors were supportive of providing help and agreed to pay the initially incurred expenses and potential further bills up to a total of £250.

22/138 - PARISH COUNCIL LAND - TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS AND MAKE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS ON

(a) *Grass cutting.*

The first cut of the Common Land grass has taken place. The verge along Main Street has been left until the daffodils have died back enough.

(b) *The management of Warren Lea*

Cllr. Jones said that it was now time that the vegetation in Warren Lea be trimmed. The Clerk is to request Sleightholm to carry out the work. **(Action Clerk)**

(c) *The management of the Common Land including the pollarding of the willows on the riverbank*

It was agreed that some of the willows which are now obscuring the view upriver should be pollarded. **(Action Clerk)**

(d) *Allerton Drive Garden*

No report.

(e) *The Moat Fields*

No news on this subject.

(f) *The Cartsheds*

The Clerk reported that the builder who is quoting for the work to install a trench drain is waiting for a response from the sub-contractor who would lay the tarmac.

(g) *The Wildlife Area*

i. It was reported that the area had been strimmed.

ii. The subject of the grinding of the stump will be discussed at the June meeting.

22/139 - TO CONSIDER COUNCILLOR AND CLERK TRAINING

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

22/140 - TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS, LAMPOSTS & SIGNS INCLUDING NOT CUTTING GRASS VERGES

- (a) It was reported that the directional arrows on the Millfield Lane/A1237 roundabout have faded and need to be repainted for safety's sake. The City Council is to be asked to action the work. **(Action Clerk)**
- (b) It was noted that graffiti has appeared on the A1237 bridge over the railway line. The City Council is to be asked to remove it. **(Action Clerk)**
- (c) The Millfield Lane cycle lane, which ends at the junction with Long Ridge Lane, was discussed. It was agreed that there should be clearer markings at the junction. The City Council is to be asked to expedite the work. **(Action Clerk)**

22/141 – TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON/FROM

(a) Listed Buildings Working Group

It was noted that work on this subject is progressing.

(b) Poppleton Community Trust

Cllr. Steward gave a detailed account of the Trust meeting held on 10 May.

(c) Single Parish Council Working Group

No further news on this subject.

(d) The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Group

Councillor Hook reported on a meeting held on 13th May.

(e) Trees Working Group

The Clerk mentioned the trees being looked after by the Community Railway Nursery. It was agreed that these trees would be planted at the back end of the year.

(f) Village policing

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

(g) YLCA York Branch

It was noted that there had been no YLCA meeting since the April Parish Council meeting so there was no report.

(h) Youth Club

It was reported that the Youth Club has restarted. It is meeting on Friday evenings at the Methodist Chapel. Two meetings have already taken place. A new committee is being formed to oversee the Club.

(i) Any other meeting

None.

22/142 – TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

22/142/01 - It was noted that the correspondence received since the April meeting, as listed below, had already been circulated to the Councillors.

Open Spaces Society – April 2022 - eZine

22/142/02 - The Clerk referred to the following item of correspondence received since the April Parish Council meeting

An email from a resident complaining about cars parked in Long Ridge Lane.

22/143 – TO NOTE FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillors Attending
18 May	Local Plan	The Citadel, Gillygate	Jones
TBA	Queen’s Platinum Jubilee	Poppleton Centre/ 7.00pm	Lamb & Steward
9 Jun	YLCA York Branch	Acaster Malbis Memorial Hall/ 6.45pm	Steward
16 Jun	Poppleton Community Trust Executive	Poppleton Centre/ 7.30pm	Steward
TBA	Single Parish Council working group	TBA	Barry & Steward

22/144 – TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS

None.

22/145 – TO CONSIDER NEW ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Refurbishing the Parish Council’s seats.

22/146 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS MONDAY 20 JUNE 2022

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at 7.30pm in the Poppleton Centre on Monday 20 June 2022.

There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 8.50pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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