

Minutes of the Amotherby Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th February 2023 at 7.00 pm

Members Present: Cllr. Nigella Ballard
Cllr. Paul Simpson
Cllr. R Brown
Cllr. D Skilbeck
Cllr. R Welch

In attendance: The Clerk and three members of the public

1. To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence – All Councillors present, no apologies received.
2. To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – none received.
3. The Minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2022 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. To receive information on any ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.
 - 4.1. To report any updates on Highway matters:-
 - 4.1.1. Parking in village – Highways have been chased up about the possible yellow lines options looked at last July and have reported that a resource has now been allocated for this project. Start of this is imminent and will involve reviewing the existing information, production of plans, writing of consultation letters etc. It is a long and complicated process.
 - 4.1.2. Change to 30mph speed limit on B1257 – Swinton PC happy to co-draft letter with Amotherby PC to go to Highways.
 - 4.1.3. **Agreed** to request a reduction in speed limit to 20mph on the Main Street and other roads in the village. Letter to be drafted.
 - 4.1.4. Average flow and mean speeds on each of the days have been analysed and showed that more than 600 cars were going over the speed limit. Highways man to be asked to produce info on numbers exceeding speed limit in a more user friendly format. No further information from Cllr Mason regarding funding towards VAS signs. To be looked at again next meeting.
5. To consider and decide upon the following planning applications:- none received
6. To receive any planning decisions/information:-
 - 6.1. 21/01530/MFUL King's Field application had been passed at the January 31 Planning Committee meeting using the Chairman's casting vote. Cllr Mason was excluded from speaking as a Councillor but had spoken from the floor. Email to Chief Executive had been sent requesting the reasons behind Cllr Mason not being able to vote – this had been based on advice from the Monitoring Officer as he had been deemed to be negotiating details with the applicants. Cllr Mason to be contacted for further information. A badger sett has been identified in the next field and tracks across the south end of the field. Planning have been notified of this but have not responded. Planning were also sent an email asking for conditions to be added re:- no access from Meadowfield being allowed and no parking of workers vehicles in Meadowfield or surrounding area. Again no response received. A resident had sent some information on the Equality & Opportunity Act of 2010 which was read but was not relevant as planning matters are dealt with under Planning law.
 - 6.2. 19/00656/FUL Malton Grange - the application was deferred at the January Planning Committee meeting as flood information was not up to date.
 - 6.3. NY/2022/0217/73 Amotherby School Retention of Portacabin 1083 decision notice received – **approval** valid until 2028 when the building is to be removed and the land returned to its former state.
 - 6.4. Consultation on Key Decisions in the Review of the Local Plan – response required by Tuesday 21 Feb, Councillors to examine and respond to Chairman who will collate and fill in online form.

7. Matters requested by councillors and other business.
 - 7.1. Letter received from NYCC about grass cutting arrangements for 2023-24 giving slight increase on rate they will pay per sq.m and wanting to know if we want to do our own grass cutting. Response needed by 10 March or NYCC will undertake visibility grass cutting 5 times per year. Cllr Brown to obtain details of the firm who cut grass for Swinton in order for us to request a quote from them. Agreed that a response would be sent to NYCC asking them to cut visibility areas and that we obtain a quote for the additional areas which need cutting for safety from the company that Swinton use.
 - 7.2. Cemetery Fees revision – proposed fees raised in line with Diocesan charges, **approved**.
 - 7.3. Coronation - suggested that a similar event to the Queen’s Jubilee was held. Hall to be booked for Sunday 7th May and further ideas/discussion at March meeting.
 - 7.4. Accident to telegraph pole in Main Street – pole had been demolished by large plough behind a tractor which had swung. NYCC lorry following it had accident on dashcam. Letter to be written to Habton Farms reminding them of speed limit for tractors (25mph) in the village and asking to ensure caution when driving through the village in future, especially at school collection and drop-off times. Stress inconvenience to residents affected (no landline phone, internet or TV for 10 days) and what could have happened at a school time.
 - 7.5. Chair reported a bus stop sign has been erected on the new pole by a passing Highways man who noticed there wasn’t one.

8. Financial matters
 - 8.1. To approve the following accounts for payment:-
 - 8.1.1. Vision ICT - website hosting & support for April 2023 to March 2025 – **approved** (£182.86, chq. 913).
 - 8.1.2. Vision ICT - Biennial fee for gov.uk domain renewal - **approved** (£78, chq.914).
 - 8.2. To report any payments made which were previously approved or under delegated powers:
 - 8.2.1. Clerks salary (chq.909) and HMRC tax (£106.20, chq.911).
 - 8.2.2. Autela invoice 10637 (£30.22, chq.910).
 - 8.2.3. Invoice from Parish Hall for meetings in 2022 (£165.00, chq.912).

9. To consider the following new correspondence received and decide action where necessary:
 - 9.1. YLCA:- Consultation on Draft Parish Charter with NYC – to be looked at prior to the next meeting where a response will be agreed. WRUs, Training info – Road Safety & speeding course on March 9 – attendance by Cllrs. Ballard & Welch approved. Civility & Respect Model Protocol – to be looked at prior to the next meeting and adopted. Branch meeting held on 7 Feb – no attendees from Amotherby PC, NALC Chief Executives Bulletins, NALC Parliamentary Briefing on the Levelling Up & Regeneration Bill. Councillors log-in details for YLCA website have changed, details shared with Councillors.
 - 9.2. NYCC:- Thirsk & Malton Area Committee meeting 3 February notification, Climate Change Strategy Draft for consultation meeting.
 - 9.3. Rural Services Network:- Rural Cost of Living Survey.
 - 9.4. Ryedale Environment Group:- Grant application to RDC for safer path at Broughton Bank.
 - 9.5. Neighbourhood Watch :- January Newsletter. Saturday 4 February man observed looking in houses on Cherry Tree Walk.
 - 9.6. ICO:- Newsletters.
 - 9.7. 20’s Plenty emails.
 - 9.8. Any late correspondence – Plans in Swinton have been submitted but Amotherby PC have not been consulted, email has been sent to the planning officer requesting further information regarding the reasoning for this.

10. To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

Quote for additional grass cutting to be reviewed.
 Ideas for King’s Coronation to be discussed.
 Agree on response to NYC consultation Civility & Respect Model Protocol.

11. To confirm the date of the next meeting – Monday 13th March