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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Friday, 10th March 2009 at 7 pm.

Councillors present: D Weston (Chairman), D Wooles (Vice Chairman), Mrs P Bean, Mrs J Calvert, B Parkinson, N Anfield and I Read.

There were 4 members of the public present.

1 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting on 13th February 2009 were approved without amendment.

2 Introduction of Guest: Mr David Summers of Ryedale DC to discuss feasibility of low energy street lighting for the Village

Mr Summers said that whilst he was aware of the Council's concerns but there was not much choice in the way of lighting at the moment, only 80 watt mercury, which can no longer be purchased, and 35 watt sodium. Most lights are now low energy and white light. Some of these lights are now installed in the Village, for example at the mini roundabout. LED lanterns are not yet available to install. He admitted that Ryedale DC has no experience of LED lanterns.

A Parishioner from the floor stated that his research from the internet showed that such lanterns are available on the Continent. For example they can be obtained in Italy and Germany. He went on to say that there are at least four manufacturers of such lanterns in England. The lanterns can be fitted to existing lights. From the figures produced he estimated that this would cost £300 for each lantern.

Cllr Mrs Calvert then asked if Ryedale DC would consider Sheriff Hutton as a project to investigate replacement of low energy lanterns. Mr Summers said that in order to tackle this question no doubt a Grant would be needed to pay for the cost. As far as he was aware all Grants stopped in 1996.

Mr Summers went on to say that he thought an approach should be made to the local District Councillor to make enquiries on behalf of the Village. He knew that internal funds were available within the Council for certain projects, but no Grants.

Action: Clerk to approach District Councillor

Mr Summers also suggested that an approach should be made to the County Lighting Engineer at NYCC. It was suggested that the Clerk could speak to County Cllr Mrs Clare Wood to ask her to speak to the Engineer to see if there was any way forward through that Department.

Action: Clerk to approach County Lighting Engineer and County Councillor

Parish Councillors wanted to get the lights sorted out to identify how many there are in the Village that are NYCC responsibility and how many are the responsibility of the Parish Council. All public lights need to be sorted out at one and the same time.

It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Calvert together with the Clerk and the Parishioner who had done the research should make up a sub group to look into matters and to make enquiries of the manufacturers.

A vote of thanks was offered to Mr Summers for attending the Meeting.

3 Matters for Report

3.1 Grass Cutting

It was agreed that, as only one tender had been offered from ISS Waterers and Landscapes, their offer should be accepted subject to their Representative walking round the Village and ensuring that all areas to be cut were identified so as not to suffer the failures of last year.

The figure quoted of £561.60 plus VAT per cut was acceptable. There was an initial agreement of 7 cuts per year making a total payable of £3931.20 plus VAT for the full year. It was agreed

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that should any additional cuts be required this would be at the cost of £490.00 plus VAT for each session of work.

It was agreed that all grass arisings will be on a cut and drop basis although the first cut will clear up the excess droppings given that there will be grass that has accumulated over the winter years. The Clerk was asked to write to ISS Waterers Landscapes to accept the tender subject to the provisos and request details of their insurance along with their generic and site specific risk assessments.
Action: Clerk

3.2 Road Verge Conservation: Report

Cllr Mrs Calvert said that she and other persons involved in this project were having second thoughts about sightlines. If traffic could not see round plantings then these matters needed further consideration. Insurance also had to be considered for those involved working on the project. The matter is therefore on hold for the moment. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Calvert would chase up the regulation on footpath widths with NYCC.

Action: Cllr Mrs Clavert

3.3 Breach of Bye-laws over the Village Green: Illegal Digging Out of Green and Parking of Vehicles

As there had been no response from Mr Redmayne stating that he would follow up his promise to re-instate the Village Green where he had dug it out, the Clerk was asked to send him a follow up letter. Cllr Mrs Calvert asked the Chairman if the Council was going to move on to discuss the parking of cars and he said that the matter ought to be left until the Village Green had been restored.

Action: Clerk to send letter

3.4 Formal Adoption of the Parish Plan

Now that the Parish Plan had been adopted the Chairman put it to Councillors that they should resolve to write to the Parish Plan Progress Group to thank them on their efforts in producing the plan and to congratulate them on the results. Cllr Parkinson seconded the Resolution which was passed unanimously

Action: Clerk to write

It was pointed out by Cllr Wooles that some of the time constraints for work to be done had now expired. He proposed a Resolution that the minutes should show that the Parish Plan was to be adopted without necessarily following the time constraints laid out therein. Cllr Read seconded the proposition which was then passed unanimously.

The Chairman suggested that there should be a separate Meeting of the Council to discuss the Parish Plan and the way forward. It was suggested that this should take place in May after the Parishioners' Meeting.

Action: Clerk to schedule

3.5 Policy on Archiving

The Clerk informed Councillors that he was running out of space to file Planning Documents and further efforts should be made now to deal with Archiving.

It was agreed that all Planning Documents should be put away after 5 years with the exception of the plan which could be destroyed. The life of a Planning Application would then have expired.

The Chairman agreed to look into the whole position of Archiving to get it moving.

There was also a question of Archiving all papers including Minutes presently stored in the Village Hall. It was agreed with the Village Hall Trustees that the Parish Council should remove all papers by the end of 2009 at the latest.

The Chairman will also look at the question of funding to archive documents as there may be something available at NYCC in this regard.

Action: Cllr Weston

4 Correspondence

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- 4.1 Letter from YLCA (2/309): Flooding
The Clerk will respond to this letter.
Action: Clerk
- 5 Planning Applications
- 5.1 09/00089/FUL: Mr Duncan Noble: Erection of two-bedroom dwelling at land adjacent to Church Cottage Church End Sheriff Hutton York
Councillors agreed to support the Application in its present form.
- 6 Receipts & Payments
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| 6.1 | Richard Haste | £929.50 (Zero Vat) |
| 6.2 | Parish Plan Expenses | scheduled at meeting as follows: |
| | Richard Haste: expenses as per letter of 9/3/09 | £194.42 |
| | Susan Rhodes: expenses as per letter of 9/3/09 | £3.12 |
| | Rural Action Yorkshire: reimbursement to Grant funder | £994.52 (as letter of 9/3/09) |
| | Ryedale DC: reimbursement to Grant funder | £358.69 (as letter of 9/3/09) |
| | NYCC: reimbursement to Grant funder | £179.44 (as letter of 9/3/09) |
| | Chrisalis Services: design of Parish Plan Inv No 141 | £298.14 (dated 6/3/09) |
- 7 Parish Website
Cllr Mrs Calvert announced that the new Webmaster was in place. There was nothing further to report at this time.
- 8 Exchange of Information
- 8.1 Cllr Parkinson announced that there were potholes in the Main Street. The Clerk will report to NYCC
Action: Clerk
- 8.2 Cllr Mrs Bean requested the Clerk to ask the Handyman if any spare tins were available in Back Lane and Coble Lane as the old ones had deteriorated. **Action: Clerk**
- 8.3 Cllr Mrs Calvert said that the Meeting of the John Hodgson Charity took place on 26th February 2009. It was agreed that they would made a decision on its future at its next Meeting on 14th May 2009.
- 8.4 Cllr Weston wondered whether Prayers at the beginning of each Parish Council Meeting were strictly in order. So many people took issue on Prayers these days that he wondered if this could be discussed at the May Meeting. It was agreed by all Councillors to do so.
Action: Clerk to schedule

The Meeting finished at 8.38 pm

The Annual Parishioners' Meeting will be held on Friday 10th April at 7pm in the Village Hall. The normal Parish Council Meeting will follow straight after.