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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Friday, 13th November 2009.

Councillors present: D Wooles (Chairman), D Weston, Mrs P Bean, B Parkinson and I Read.

Apologies were received from Councillors: Mrs Calvert (Vice Chairman) and N Anfield.

1 Welcoming of Guests
The Chairman welcomed the guests County Cllr Mrs Clare Wood, Hovingham and Sheriff Hutton Division and District Cllr Eric Hope, Sheriff Hutton Ward

2 Minutes of the Last Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting on 9th October 2009 required amendment as follows:

Para 2.3: at the end addition of 'This matter to be looked into further upon the Vice Chairman's return'

Para 2.5: at the end addition of 'However, this matter will be raised with YRCC as to the Law and Duties of the Owner. If signs are required then the Owner will be asked to comply'.

The amended minutes were signed and dated by the Chairman.

3 Matters for Report

3.1 Restricted Parking in Main Street: Report
County Cllr Mrs Wood stated that there had been no objections to the advertisement of the intended works. The legal department at NYCC had been instructed to draft the necessary documentation and this will be completed as soon as possible. Mrs Wood also agreed to investigate the 3 month trial period which was promised at the site meeting.

3.2 Progress on Matrix in Hovingham: Report
The Fire Service has a matrix which they install on a temporary basis in villages to find out the full extent of traffic problems. Sheriff Hutton is on the waiting list for this matrix and it is hoped that it will be in place for a while in February 2010. The Clerk is to contact Richard Marr at NYCC to arrange a site visit to the Village to discuss this matter.

3.3 Right of Way the Sheriff Hutton Park: Report on Application
County Cllr Mrs Wood confirmed what the Parish Clerk had told her, that the investigation by NYCC had started.
There were two landowners involved in the Application and only one had responded to NYCC. NYCC had tried to contact the other owner and had heard, unofficially, that that person's property was up for sale. Mrs Wood stated that it was important that any intending purchaser knew of the Parish Council Application.
Parish Councillors informed Mrs Wood than they wished to proceed with the Application. She will notify the Officer at NYCC of this wish. Mrs Wood produced an e-mail she had received on 13th November 2009 informing her of the up-to-date position as far as NYCC were concerned.

3.4 Archiving: Report on Meeting on 12/10/2009
Councillors noted the informal 'Minutes' of that Meeting and this matter will be followed up after the Seminar on 23rd November 2009.

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- 3.5 Grass Cutting: Contract for 2010/2011
Councillors have noted the quotation for the next year provided by ISS Waterers Landscape. Two other are awaited and these will be circulated to Councillors for discussion at the December Meeting.
- 3.6 Grant for Christmas Lights: Report
It was noted that the new tree in the square could not stand the weight of the lights without any form of support or frame. Cllr Mrs Calvert and Cllr Anfield are dealing with this matter. It was agreed that the lights should be switched on 5th December 2009 and switched off on 4th January 2010.
- 3.7 Donations to Sheriff Hutton PCC and CAB 2009/2010 and 2010/2011
The Clerk informed Councillors that the Church appeared to have taken the view that they had not received their normal 12-monthly Grant/Donation from the Parish Council and that they had spoken to the CAB who had also not received a payment. Parish Councillors formed the view that these payments were not automatically paid every 12 months but came before the Council at the end of each financial year to see whether or not funds allowed for any payment at all.
They said that the period 2009/10 would not qualify for a payment in the present economic climate. The payment for 2010/11 would be considered at the February 2010 Meeting.
The Clerk was asked to notify each party accordingly that they should not budget to receive this payment as it is discretionary.
- 4 Correspondence
- 4.1 Letter from Ryedale DC (2/11/09) Green Dog Waste Bins
Councillors would like to be part of this scheme and asked the Clerk to apply for two dog waste bins. It was agreed to leave the position of installation in abeyance until the bins were to hand.
- 4.2 Letter from YLCA (26/10/09) Level of Awareness to Rural Challenges (Plunkett Foundation)
It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would liaise to tick the boxes and return the Questionnaire.
- 4.3 E-Bulletin from NYCC (20/10/09): Budget and Council Plan Consultation
Councillors noted this bulletin but felt no action was required.
- 4.4 Letter from Rural Action Yorkshire (27/10/09): AGM (21/11/09): Attendance
Councillors did not express an interest in pursuing this correspondence.
- 5 Planning Applications
- 5.1 Refusal by Ryedale DC of application 09/00861/HOUSE: Mr James Shaw
Noted by Councillors.
- 5.2 Appeal APP0Y2736/H/09/2114048 to application 09/00760/ADV: Sheriff Hutton Cricket Club (Mr E Taylor)
Noted by Councillors.
- 6 Receipts
Councillors noted the following:
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| 6.1 | Grass Cutting Grant (2009/2010) | £2,129.98 |
| 6.2 | Ryedale DC Grant for Christmas Lights | £50.00 |

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- 7 Payments
 The following were approved for payment:
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| 7.1 | Grass cutting ISS for October 2009 | £645.84 (Vat £84.24) |
| 7.2 | Mazars (External Audit Fee 31/03/2009) | £155.25 (Vat £20.25) |
| 7.3 | Stationery | £161.63 (Vat £21.08) |
| 7.4 | Clerks Salary (November qtr) | |
| 7.5 | PAYE Clerks Salary | |
| 7.6 | Church of St Helen donation 2009/2010 | £300.00 |
| 7.7 | Citizens Advice Bureau 2009/2010 | £300.00 |
| 7.8 | J Fairclough: Posts outside Castle Inn | £115.58 (Vat £15.08) |
- to be paid by Samuel Smith Brewery
- 8 Parish Website
 Cllr Mrs Bean stated that a Meeting of the Committee had recently taken place. The builder of the Website was to be asked to extend it with the addition of new photographs.
- 9 Parish Plan
 The Chairman announced that a Meeting was due to take place on 28th November 2009 to decide the way forward and production of quarterly reports.
- 10 Exchange of Information
- 10.1 Cllr Weston will phone the Resident involved to discuss the position on drains over which there had been such concern earlier in the year. The matter will be put on the December agenda.
- 10.2 Cllr Mrs Bean said that a Resident had volunteered to look into the possible overpayment of Parish Council Electricity Bills and replacement of existing lights with Energy Saving Units.
- 10.3 Cllr Weston said that NYCC had now completed the work on the Footpath on the Village side of the Castle. He felt that they had done an excellent job. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the Officer involved (Mr Adrian Rayner) thanking him for the successful conclusion of this matter.

The Meeting ended at 9.12 pm.

The next Meeting will take place on Friday 11th December 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.