**LITTLE SMEATON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**Little Smeaton Parish Council meeting 20 March 2019 122**

**Present – Chairman, Cllr G Ivey, Vice Chairman, Cllr Murgatroyd, Cllr R Brown, Cllr L Glendinning, Parish Council Clerk, Mrs A Curnow, 1 member of the public.**

1. **Apologies**

To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.

1. **Declarations of interest**.
   1. To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the council’s code of conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
   2. To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensation.
2. **Minutes from previous meeting**

To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2019 and signed as a true and correct record.

1. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.
   1. **Tour De Yorkshire**

The meeting held at the Shoulder of Mutton was successful, 21 people attended, the follow up meeting is to be held on 4 April 2019. LSPC have allocated a budget of £500 to purchase bunting and paint etc. The following ideas have been discussed.

* Posters for the villages – GI to action
* Yellow and blue bunting to be purchased, £3.95 per 10 metres – MS to action, a date will be agreed to put up the decorations, around Easter time
* Bikes to be painted, LSPC have 5 bikes so far
* Plywood bikes have been donated
* Land art, maybe the school could get involved
* Pub to organise a “Welcome to Smeaton Sign”
* Plans to hold a BBQ, possibly on the playing field
* Howdles farm are planning to paint the lambs yellow and blue
* Possibly have a ‘Best Dressed House’
* Tour De Yorkshire Whatsapp group has been set up
* Yellow and blue flowers for the planters
* Leaflet drop on New Road regarding parking
* Recycling day, boxes will be emptied at 7.30am and need to be brought in before the race
* Grass cutting to be completed for the race
* Volunteers needed for litter picking before and after the event
  1. **Grass Cutting contract up for renewal April 2019**

Sealed bids for the contract for this year, opened at the meeting. The contract was awarded and will start in April. Proposed by GI and seconded by MS. Contractor to be contacted to complete a cut of the route before 2 May 2019.

* 1. **Map of the properties in Little Smeaton**

Cllr Brown has had a number of replies to the consultation since the last meeting, all in favour of a map and very supportive. RB to label a map and has had a volunteer to help with the production of the map. Residents will be offered an electronic copy, maps will be placed on the notice boards and hand delivered. RB to progress the map.

* 1. **Hanging Baskets**

Permission was sought for placing the hanging baskets on columns within the village. NYCC provided a map of the columns that were able to take the weight of a basket. Clerk to approach the company to request yellow/blue flowers in the baskets and the sign planters. Cllr Glendinning/Clerk to progress the baskets.

* 1. **Hillside Cottage rent review**

Cllrs decided not to increase the rent again this year, however, will consider increasing next year by inflation.

* 1. **Telephone box refurbishment**

Ideas for the telephone box included

* a notice board for the back of the box, Clerk to source and obtain prices
* Book swap in the summer
* Old photos of the villages
  1. **Footpaths Little Smeaton**

NYCC will follow up with the Ramblers regarding the problems with the footpaths. It was decided that it was too expensive to redirect any footpaths. The overgrown footpath in LS has been sorted and cut back.

* 1. **Traffic Matters on New Road**

Waiting for the 40mph signs to be erected. TM to contact NYCC for an update.

1. **Public Forum.** No public questions or comments.
2. **To receive the following planning applications**

Planning application received for 3 Windy Ridge, Little Smeaton. No objections made.

1. **Matters requested by Councillors.**

Ideas for putting fruit trees and a bench on the land owned by LSPC near Windy Ridge/Mount Pleasant to be revisited in the September meeting

1. **Financial Matters 123**
   1. Approved the following cheques for payment.
      * 1. Cheque 500095 Clerks salary £250.00
        2. Cheque 500096 Room Hire for meeting £ 10.00 .
   2. To receive a bank reconciliation as at 20 March 2019 signed as true and correct.
   3. Current finance sheet up to date as at 20 March 2019 signed as true and correct.
2. **Correspondence Received**

**9.1 Parish Council Elections 2 May 2019**

There are 5 Parish Council positions up for election on 2 May. Councillors were given the details to complete the necessary forms for re-election. All forms to be handed to the Clerk for delivery to the Civic Centre, Selby, for checking.

**9.2 Celebrating Selby 950**

Various celebrations have been organised, mainly in the centre of Selby, but details can be found on the Selby District website.

1. **Matters for inclusion on the next agenda.**
2. **Date for next meeting**
   1. 8 May 2019 – Wednesday 7.00pm including Annual Open Meeting