**LITTLE SMEATON PARISH COUNCIL 119**

**MINUTES**

**Little Smeaton Parish Council meeting 16 January 2019**

**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**

Apologies received from Councillor M Stewart, who is on holiday.

1. **Declarations of interest**.
   1. Cllr Murgatroyd declared an interest in Agenda item 4.5, regarding the footpath at the side of his property.
2. **Minutes from previous meeting**

To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2018 and signed as a true and correct record.

1. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.
   1. **Traffic matters**.

Message received from Gary Lumb, North Yorkshire Highways to say that he is proposing to introduce a 40-mph speed limit on New Road, starting from the junction with Quarry Lane to the existing 30 mph. The consultation process will start in the new year and if there are no objections the new limit should be installed by Feb/March 2019.

* 1. **Hodge Bridge Area**.

The funding has been received for the refurbishment to the telephone box. As yet no contractor has been found to carry out the refurbishment. An advert will be placed in the magazine, and on the Facebook page appealing for help from residents that may know of anyone who can refurbish the telephone box.

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

The map will show all the house names of properties in Little Smeaton. Posters will be posted on the notice boards, an article in the magazine and on Facebook, asking residents if they have any objections to their property being included on the map. All responses to be received by 31 March 2019 addressed to Cllr R Brown, [roz.brown@browns.myzen,co.uk](mailto:roz.brown@browns.myzen,co.uk) or delivered to Old Fox Cottage, Little Smeaton.

* 1. **Grass Cutting contract up for renewal April 2019**

The Grass Cutting contract will be posted to the notice boards, in the magazine and details on Facebook. Closed bids to be returned by Wednesday 13 March 2019.

Some amendments have been made to the contract **120**

* Hodge Bridge Area, the right-hand side of the footpath to be cut up to the top of the bank, to be cut every month.
* Amendment to the cutting of the bank at the playing field from 3 cuts throughout the 6-month period down to 1-2 cuts after the wild flowers have flowered.
* Removal of any moss on the surfacing under the playground equipment.
  1. **Public footpaths in Little Smeaton**

Email received from Mike Gurney, North Yorkshire CC, he is visiting the area on Wednesday 16 January to look at the footpaths. Suggestions have been made to change the route of the footpath from LS to Womersley to go down Churchfield Lane, and to close off the little footpath between the properties in LS, due to safety and security and redirect it around the village.

* 1. **Hanging Baskets.**

It was decided that the Parish Council will apply for permission from NYCC to erect hanging baskets on a number of lamp columns within the village.

* 1. **Facebook**

Little Smeaton Parish Council now has a Facebook group page. This is for members of the Parish Council to post information about meetings, agendas, minutes. We also want to use it to get residents more involved in ideas for improvements in the village and any other matters relating to Little Smeaton. However, members of the public will not be able to post on the page; any contact must be made through the website www,littlesmeatonpc.com or via email to the clerk, Littlesmeatonclerk@gmail.com

* 1. **Little Smeaton Playing Area**

Awaiting a quote for the repairs and maintenance requested on the safety report.

1. **Public Forum.** No questions or issues raised..
2. **To receive the following planning applications**

No applications received.

1. **Matters requested by Councillors.**
   1. To look at other areas in the village that may need improvement, including planting of flowers, bulbs and maybe trees and fruit trees, and a bench. In particular thinking about the area of land opposite the park on the road to Mount Pleasant.
   2. **Tour De Yorkshire**

2nd May 2019, will be passing the village at the junction of Mount Pleasant.

* + 1. KSPC would like to set up a joint social sub-committee between both parish councils to arrange events throughout the year. The proposal is for 2 Councillors from each council to meet to arrange events, the first being the Tour De Yorkshire. Councillors are happy to set up a sub committee and want to push for a meeting asap with regards to the Tour De Yorkshire.

1. **Financial Matters 121**
   1. To approve the following accounts for payment.
      * 1. Cheque 500093 Clerks salary £125.00
        2. Cheque 500094 Room Hire for meeting £ 10.00 .
   2. To receive a bank reconciliation as at 16 January 2019 signed as true and correct.
   3. Current finance sheet up to date as at 16 January 2019 signed as true and correct.
   4. Balance at the bank Current Account £10264.94

Business Select Account £ 536.05

**Total £ 10800.99**

1. **Correspondence Received**
   1. **Wix.com**

Changes to the website plan, increase from £95 to £102 per year, on renewal in February 2019.

* 1. **North Yorkshire CC - Urban Highway Grass Cutting**

The County Council will continue to fund the five cuts per year of the visibility grass, and will continue to give a funding contribution of £77.21 to LSPC for organising our own urban grass cutting, the same as 2018/19.

1. **Matters for inclusion on the next agenda.**

All items from the January meeting ongoing.

1. **Date for next meeting**
   1. 20 March 2019 – Wednesday 7.30pm
   2. 8 May 2019 – Wednesday 7.30pm including Annual Open Meeting