

# **LITTLE SMEATON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes**

### **Little Smeaton Parish Council meeting 8 May 2019**

Present – Cllr G Ivey, Cllr M Stewart, Cllr L Glendinning, Cllr R Brown  
Clerk Adele Curnow  
4 Members of the public

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#### **1. Election**

- 1.1. Election of the Chairman Gillian Ivey and a new Vice Chairman Roz Brown. Vote of thanks to Terry Murgatroyd for his 3 years of service as a Councillor and for all the work he has done over the 3 years.
- 1.2. Election of a new Councillor to fill the vacancy.  
The vacancy was advertised on the notice boards from 3 May and there was 1 application for the vacancy. Colin Atkinson a resident of Little Smeaton since 2014. Colin put forward his statement and the Councillors voted unanimously to accept him as the new Councillor. The website will be updated shortly with Colin's details.
- 1.3. Declaration of Acceptance forms were distributed to all Councillors.

#### **2. Apologies**

No absences from today's meeting.

#### **3. Declarations of interest.**

- 3.1. To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the council's code of conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
- 3.2. To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensation.
- 3.3. New Register of Interest forms were distributed to all Councillors.

#### **4. Minutes from previous meeting**

To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2019 which were signed as a true and correct record by the Chairman, and can be found on the website.

5. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.

##### **5.1. Tour De Yorkshire**

- Thankyou to everyone involved in making it a very successful event, the village decorations were great.
- Thanks also to Cllr Glendinning for planting the sign boxes with yellow and blue flowers.
- A Tour de Yorkshire banner has gone missing, this was loaned to us from the TdY and needs to be returned. A note will be published in the magazine requesting if anyone has seen it. Otherwise an offer of recompense will be made by the Chairman to the TdY.

- Cleaning up of the decorations has already started. It was decided that the 15 bikes on the roadside near the park will be fastened to the railings around the playground.

## **5.2. Map of the properties in Little Smeaton**

Cllr Brown formally thanked Colin and Helen Atkinson for their help in forming the map.

- A draft of the map will be drawn up for everyone to look at, once all amendments have been made and everyone is happy with the draft then a final copy will be done.
- The proposal is to position a copy of the map near the village notice boards, it will also be placed on the website, the Facebook page and an electronic version made available to every household that is interested. For residents who don't have access to a printer and computer a copy will be made available.
- Councillors would like to ask residents to make their house name plates clear and in an easy to see place. In particular for any Emergency Services who may need to find a particular property.

**5.3. Hanging Baskets** The brackets are been finished and will be put up in the next couple of weeks. The baskets will be ready the first week of June. LSPC have obtained permission from NYCC for the hanging baskets, however, not all the columns in the village are able to take the weight of the baskets at this moment in time, therefore we have chosen the 10 columns from the list obtained from NYCC. NYCC will be making assessments throughout this year of the columns and if anymore are made available the Parish Council will be looking at increasing the number of baskets.

## **5.4. Notice boards for the telephone box**

Councillors authorised the purchase of a new A2 sized notice board that will be fitted to the blank side of the telephone box. The cost of the notice board will be £68.42.

**5.5. New Road, traffic signs update** The speed limit was to be advertised hopefully mid April. Regarding the horse signs the contractor has been instructed to install them as a priority. Clerk to contact Highways for an update.

## **5.6. Playground repairs.**

It was decided that the clerk will contact Park Lane Playgrounds, a company that deals with repairs and inspections to equipment, to obtain a quote for the necessary repairs that need to be made.

## **5.7. Hodge Bridge Improvement**

- The footpaths have been tarmacked and unfortunately some horses have used the new footpaths and left hoof indents in the new tarmac. Cllr Stewart telephoned the stables and asked them to make everyone aware of the new surface and ask them to refrain from using it for a while.
- It was agreed that Highways should have placed signage out to inform users not to use the footpath and that it could be easily damaged. Clerk to make a complaint to Highways and a copy to Cllr McCartney who allocated the NYCC grant which funded the improvements.

### 5.8. Village benches

The benches in and around the village have all been cleaned. This will be carried out a number of times throughout the year.

### 5.9. Hillside Cottage

The agents have made an inspection of the cottage and are pleased to inform us that everything is in good order. The chimney has a blockage and it was agreed that the sweep would be called out to inspect it. The lease was signed for a further 6 months.

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6. **Public Forum.** No further questions were raised by the public.

7. **To receive the following planning applications.** No new planning applications.

8. **Matters requested by Councillors.** No matters raised by Councillors.

## 9. Financial Matters

9.1. To approve the following accounts for payment.

9.1.1.1.	Cheque 500099 Clerks Salary 16/3-15/5/2019	£250.00
9.1.1.2.	Cheque 500098 Room Hire for meeting	£ 10.00
9.1.1.3.	Cheque 5000100 Subscription YLCA	£127.00
9.1.1.4.	Cheque 5000101 NYCC St light Viewlands	£1038.13
9.1.1.5.	Cheque 5000102 Grass Cutting April	£430.00

9.2. To receive a bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2019 which was signed as true and correct record by the Chairman.

9.3. Current finance sheet up to date as at 31 March 2019 was signed as true and correct record by the Chairman.

9.4. Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2018/2019 – Statements signed and minuted by the Chairman, these will be published on the website.

9.4.1. Agar 2018/2019 part 2

9.4.2. Annual Governance Statement 2018/2019 Section 1

9.4.3. Accounting Statements 2018/2019 Section 2

9.5. The Internal Audit was carried out at the beginning of May and everything was signed off. The Parish Council would like to thank Paul Clarke for carrying out the Audit.

9.6. The Parish Council is looking into changing the bank due to various difficulties with the present one. It was decided to look at opening an account with Lloyds.

10.1. Email received from a resident about the concrete posts and rusting iron poles on Water Lane, saying that they are dangerous and an eye sore. The resident is enquiring what the Parish Council intends to do about it.

- Councillors discussed that the fence is on private land and not land owned by the Parish and therefore would be the responsibility of the land owner to replace the fencing. Clerk will contact the resident and inform of the outcome.

10.2. Email received from a resident requesting that the area near the pinfold at Churchfield Lane be examined and tidied up and maybe a seat provided. Also, consideration for a new seat to be placed on the old Council tip on the corner of Water Lane, just before you get to KS.

- It has been ascertained that the land at Churchfield Lane is owned by the farmer and therefore is maintained by the farmer and a seat cannot be placed there.
- The Parish Council is to find out who owns the small piece of land on the corner near the river on Water Lane. It is thought to belong to NYCC and not LSPC, however, Councillors don't think it would be a good idea to put a seat there because the land is used by the farmers to access the fields.

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

- Planting of fruit trees and a new seat on land owned by LSPC near Windy Ridge/Mount Pleasant.
- Updates on all ongoing matters.

**12. Dates for meetings for 2019/2020**

- 17 July 2019
- 18 September 2019
- 20 November 2019
- 22 January 2020
- 18 March 2020