

Knayton cum Brawith Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held in Knayton Village Hall Committee Room at 7.15pm on December 4th 2017.

Present: Cllrs. B. Scott (Chairman), M. Cowton, L. Gibbon, K. Smith, S. Wood and three members of the public. District Councillor R. Baker attended part of the meeting.

17.107 A Member of the Public updated the Councillors on temporary measures put in place to dissuade tractors and HGVs from driving on the verges and damaging them.

17.108 Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Dadd.

17.109 There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

17.110 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th November 2017 were approved and signed with one amendment. Item 17.100, insert last 'known' benefit.

17.111 Cllr. R. Baker hoped that the Enforcement Officer from HDC Planning would be able to make progress on the two outstanding planning infringements at the old Transport Café and near the cross roads. He was also asked about passing places on the road to Canvas Farm.

17.112 There was no NYCC report from Cllr. G. Dadd.

17.113 **Clerk's Report and Correspondence.** See below.

17.114 **Financial Matters.**

a. Community Account Balance as November 11th £8,492.95.

b. Business Money Manager Account Balance as November 11th 2017. £5,172.88.

c. Receipts.

d. Payments.

M. Simpson. Village Caretaker fee. April to November 2017. £617.86. Cheque 100274. Approved.

HRAP. Play Area inspection fee. £125.00. Cheque 100275. Approved.

HRAP. Additional donation, following a request from HRAP. £75.00. Cheque 100276. Approved.

e. Budget and Precept Setting. The budget for 2018 -2019 was approved and the precept amount was set at £2485.00 reflecting a 5% increase to partially offset the increase in expenditure connected with having a paid Clerk. The increase reflected an amount of approximately 46p per adult per annum.

f. Notification of External Audit Arrangements for 2017 – 2018 and for the following four years had been received. There would be no charge and the Auditors would be PKF Littlejohn LLP as in 2017. The accounts would need to be available for audit via the website. Knayton cum Brawith Parish Council is opted in to the central procurement process

g. Transparency Fund Bid. Following research, the Clerk advised the Council that the Transparency Fund should not be used for further work to the website as the initial claim had included work to the website. Any further work would need to be paid for by the Parish Council.

17.115 Planning Matters.

New Applications. 17/02302/FUL. Old Low Moor Farm. Change of use from agricultural barn to holiday let. Wish to see approved.

Decisions.

17.116 Cllr. Wood and Cllr. Smith updated the Council on talks with the Village Caretaker regarding tree work at a cost of £3/400. It was agreed that Mr Simpson would tidy the path edges, scrape some of the moss off paths, clean out the gullies on the A19 slip road to Thirsk to help alleviate a drainage issue and to clear vegetation from the path to the school.

17.117 Householders in properties adjacent to the footpath off the Main Street had been consulted about replacing the existing stile with a kissing gate. Those who had responded were in favour of the change, because of the difficulties encountered in climbing the stile. A request was also received to level the ground which would be considered. The PROW officer had approved the idea. The Parish Council would consider replacing the stile at the other end of the path with a similar gate, if permission was given from the owner.

17.118 The white line outside the village hall entrance had been ordered.

17.119 Suggestions for the use of £1301.85 CIL money were approved. £500 would be donated to HRAP to help complete the Play Area fence, to stop dogs entering the play area and the balance would be used to improve access to the footpath outlined in 17.117.

17.120 An update from the Charity Trustees was given and consideration was given to possible uses of the £710.87.

17.121 Cllr. Baker had given an update re planning enforcement as in item 17.111. He confirmed that the Enforcement Officer was actively pursuing a resolution.

17.122 Cllr. Scott gave a report from HDC Parish Liaison Meeting which had included Community Building, Budget and Precept requests for 2018/2019, e planning and Fracking.

17.123 Items for next meeting to be held on 8th January 2018.

Payment of £500 from CIL money to HRAP.

Report from Village Hall re Charity Trustees suggestion.

CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE.

Positive response from NYCC PROW Officer re request of replacement of stile with a gate.
Positive responses from landowners adjacent to footpath re stile replacement near Main Road.

Response from HRAP re item for Play Area. Would prefer funds to complete fence.

Notice of vacancy at 4 Leake Garth. To be filled if possible by a local person.

Markets as usual but not 25th Dec or 1st Jan.

Free Parking in all HDC car parks every Thursday in December and every day 25th December – 1st January but time restrictions still apply.

Notice of NYCC Hambleton Area Committee. 4th December at 2pm at County Hall.

