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Minutes of the meeting held in Knayton Village Hall at 7.15pm on December 16th 2019.

This meeting took the place of the planned December 2nd meeting which was not quorate because of Cllr. Cowton's illness and Cllr. Smith's train being delayed

Present. Cllr. B. Scott, Cllr. K. Smith, Cllr. L. Gibbon. District Councillor A. Robinson.

19.143 Six members of the public attended the meeting. Disappointment at the poor standard of the recent re-surfacing work was expressed to the extent that it was felt that the NYCC should not pay for it. Complaints about speeding traffic on Main Street had been received and a request for speed monitoring would be placed in the New Year. Residents were asked to take the registration number and the description of offending vehicles and report them to the Parish Council.

19.144 Apologies for absence due to illness were received and accepted from Cllr. M. Cowton.

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

19.146 The minutes from the Ordinary Meeting of the Council on November 4th were approved and signed.

19.147 District Councillor A. Robinson reported that the first enforcement notice for the former Transport Café site had been lodged in 2012 and has been ongoing ever since. 2020 may see changes in its status.

He reported that there would be a reduction in Council Tax for some, from April 2020.

Members of the public should be aware of the large number of spam telephone calls and emails.

A new Chief Planning Officer was being recruited. The recent Planning Training Sessions for Parish Councillors had been very successful.

Fly tipping had been problematic in 2019. Litter bin provision will be reviewed in 2020. Garden waste green bin registration fee would increase to £40 in 2020.

Council Tax discount on empty homes would be changed from April 2020.

19.148 There was no NYCC report from Cllr. G. Dadd, as he did not attend the meeting or send a report.

19.149 Clerk's Report and Correspondence. See below.

19.150 Financial Matters. a. Community Account Balance as 11 November 2019, £2545.45

b. Deposit Interest Business Account. 0.98p October/November 2019.

c. Business Account Balance as 11 November 2019, £5790.13 (of which £1,523.62 is Restricted Funds.)

d. Payments. IC de Wet. Q3 Wage £323.43 Oct-Dec. Cheque 100339. Approved.

IC de Wet. Travelling. Cheque 100340 £25.80. (includes ½ travel to Stonecross) Approved.

IC de Wet. Clerk's Annual Expenses. £120.00. Cheque 100341. Approved.

HRAP. Play Area Maintenance £200.00. Cheque 100342. Approved.

HMRC Q3 £81.00 Cheque 100343. Approved.

IC de Wet. Expenses. £30.00. Cheque 100344. Approved.

e. Budget Preparation for 2020/2021. Councillors discussed the significant shortfall between the precept and running costs of the Council and noted that the Parish

Precept of £2985.00 was small compared to many other similar sized Parish Councils, especially as the Council needed to pay the Village Caretaker and the Clerk, with all the associated costs of employment. A 5% increase would be requested from 1st April 2020. £3132.25.

19.151 **New Applications.** - Confirmation of work to be done on trees at Old Hall. Further to additional information received PC wishes to see the application approved.

-19/02429/MRC Modification of condition 2 to previously approved application – Alterations to toilet block at Holiday Park land north of Beckstead Grange. Wish to see approved.

Decisions. 19/02230/CAT Work to trees at Old Hall. Approved.

19.152 There was no updated report from the Village Caretaker and Cllr. Smith offered to contact him.

19.153 J. Francis and J. Dredge have kindly offered to mow the Village Green in 2020.

Storage of the mower in a locked space in the vicinity of the Green was presenting a challenge. J. Dredge would be thanked for his work in repairing the damage to Green and repainting the bollards.

19.154 The Chairman reported a useful HDC Planning Meeting on 18th November. On line use of the Planning Portal was being encouraged. Copies of the training slides would be made available in due course. A useful document on extensions had been given to each attendee.

19.155 The Clerk had notified the Chairman of her intention to resign by the end of the Financial Year, allowing time for the accounts to be ready for audit and for a proper handover to the new Clerk to take place. The present Clerk would not attend the Council meeting on 6th April 2020.

19.156 Adverts inviting candidates for the appointment of a new Clerk would be placed locally and in the local press.

19.157 Adverts would be placed inviting the co-option of another Councillor to fill the vacancy.

19.158 There had been mention of the possibility of requesting repairs to an uneven pavement in the vicinity of Old Hall. Investigation had found that the pavement itself did not present problems, but the overhanging hedge at the side of the narrow pavement was an issue. The householder would be asked if the hedge could be cut back.

CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE.

19/02059/FUL Construction of an agricultural building for sheep, storage of hay and agricultural equipment such as sheep trailers at Black Hill Barn. Applicant's concern at Council response.

RDC and HDC Election Notices. Posted on Notice Board.

Friends of the Earth, Thirsk Area Local Lane Litter Picking.

NYCC Area 2. Notice of roadworks on Fanny Lane from 16th December until 21st December between 07.00 and 17.30 hrs. Agreement from Area 2 that standing water problem outside Ardmore will be investigated. *Works actually took place nearly a week earlier.*

NALC/YLCA Updated Grievance and Complaint Procedures. *Circulated.*

NALC Chief Executives Bulletin. *Circulated.*

Area 2. Response re Woundales Bridge. *NYCC were unable to provide a workforce to move the blocks back into position because of lack of resources.*

Cllr. Smith and a member of the public would check the grit bins to ensure that the contents were useable.