**KNAYTON CUM BRAWITH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Remotely by Zoom**

**on Monday 1 March 2021**

**Present**: Cllrs B. Scott, L. Gibbon, K. Smith, J. Peckitt, G. Dadd, A. Robinson

**Clerk:** Liz Foster

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| **Min.No.** |  | **Action** |
|  | Comments from villagers:  Cllr Peckitt informed the Council that the HRAP have submitted a funding application to HDC’s Making a Difference Fund. Play equipment needs replacing/refurbishment and the committee would also like to improve access fro children with disabilities. Cllrs Dadd and Robinson both support this application. The Chair of the HRAP would like to know if the Parish council would be willing to contribute to the cost – approx. £30,000.  **Agreed:** To include this on the agenda for the April meeting.  It has been reported that the stiles at the Crosby’s Farm need attention.  **Agreed:** Mrs Crosby will be asked to assist. |  |
| 21.10 | To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence: received from Cllr Weastell and reasons for absence were approved. |  |
| 21.11 | To confirm the minutes of the meeting held remotely on Monday 1 February 2021 as a true and correct record  Minutes agreed as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chair. |  |
| 21.12 | To Receive Reports from Cllrs Dadd and Robinson  **Cllr Dadd:**   * **Council Tax:** a 3.5% rise has been approved * **Local Government Reorganisation:** formal consultation on the East/West and Unitary Authority has started – public can make their views known online * **COVID:** rates are below the national average although Hambleton is above the NY average; fixed penalty notices have been issued mainly in the Scarborough area with 11 notices in Hambleton for people travelling many miles into the area * **Highways:** the county’s roads are shocking following bad weather; there is a 24% cut in government funding to the maintenance programme; some work may need to be reprioritised   **Questions/Comments from Cllrs:**   * *Do why know why Northallerton has been a hotspot for Covid:* there have been outbreaks in business premises * *Is NYCC concerned about return to school:* no given the efforts by school staff to make schools safe; schools want the children back and headteachers are working positively and proactively. * *Will the repair to Woundales bridge still go ahead in April 2021:* we should just assume that it will go ahead.   Cllr Dadd left the meeting.  **Cllr Robinson:**   * **Community Charge:** frozen this year   **Questions/Comments from Cllrs:**   * *Why is HDC sitting on the fence as far as local government reorganisation is concerned:* HDC want to maintain the status quo and do not support a unitary authority or an East /West proposal |  |
| 21.13 | Financial Matters  *Chair and clerk have been empowered to ensure business continuity through prompt payment of bills (minute no. 20.052)*  **Bank balances to 11 February 2021:**  **Community A/C:** £3620.51  **Business A/C:** £5796.91 (includes £0.05 interest and £1523.62 restricted funds)  To agree clerk’s expenses for 20/21  **Agreed:** the clerk will receive £300 to be reviewed for 21/22. | **Clerk:** cheque to clerk for expenses |
| 21.14 | To Consider and Decide Upon the Following Planning Applications  **Hunton House:** Cllrs considered this resubmission including the contents of the letter to address the concerns of the planning officer when the application was first submitted. Cllrs continue to have no objection to this application. |  |
| 21.15 | To Receive the Following Planning Decisions  **Foxhall:** certificate of lawfulness for removal of agricultural occupancy restriction  granted - cllrs noted that this decision refers to a property in Felixkirk and not  Knayton. |  |
| 21.16 | To Receive Information on the Following Ongoing Issues and Decide Further Action Where Necessary   1. **CIL:** Cllrs approved the draft CIL process and policy and recommended that references to App1 in the draft were removed.   **Agreed:** Chair will write a letter to accompany the CIL process/policy explaining how CIL money has been used in the past and seeking the views of residents of priorities for the future. The letter will be hand delivered or posted to residents as appropriate. Policy/process to be added to the Council’s website..   1. **Planting of trees on the village green:** this will take place week commencing 8 March; 2 rowan trees will be planted, one by Knayton Angling Club in memory of a memberand one as a gift from the Chair of the Parish Council. Mr Miles Simpson, Thirsk Garden maintenance will assist. Cllrs thanked the Chair for her very kind donation. 2. **Mr Mike Cowton:** some thoughts have already been given for a fitting memorial for Mike Cowton and his support of the village. This will progress when current restrictions permit. 3. **Green Bins:** the Council needs to renew its license for the two green bins this month | **Chair and clerk:**  Send letter and policy/process to all residents; post on website  **Clerk:**  Renew green bin license |
| 21.17 | **To note correspondence received and decide action where necessary**:   1. All correspondence was noted. 2. **Email from a resident:** the Chair and clerk had received emails from a resident concerned about the amount of litter in and around the village. The resident had been invited to attend the Council meeting but he declined. Cllrs considered his proposed method for keeping Knayton free of litter and HDC’s information for voluntary litter picking groups. The Council are supportive of any individuals/groups wishing to organise litter picking and are aware that other villagers are keen to do their part to safely pick up litter. They thanked the resident for raising the issue. | **Clerk:**  Write to resident with the Council’s response to his proposal |
| 21.18 | NB due to public holidays in April and May, the dates of the Council meetings have been confirmed as follows:  Date of the Next Meetings are Tuesday 6 April 2021 and Tuesday 4 May 2021 both at 7.15pm and held remotely via Zoom video conferencing platform |  |

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.42pm *Minutes prepared: 02/03/2021*