**KNAYTON CUM BRAWITH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held in Knayton Village Hall**

**on Monday 2 August 2021**

**Present**: Cllrs B. Scott, K. Smith, J. Peckitt, Weastell and Cllr A. Robinson (HDC)

**Clerk:** Liz Foster

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|  | Comments from villagers: 2 villagers were present.   1. **Swan Lane –** resident noted that gully had been cleaned and vegetation cut back. 2. **Sign about proposed egg factory –** request that this is removed; cllr agreed with this request.   **ACTION:** **clerk notify Highways**   1. **Tree root on Cleveland Rein:** this is getting worse and is hazard for cyclists.   **ACTION: clerk notify Highways**   1. **Cars making 3 point turns when picking up children from Knayton school:** causing danger to children and pedestrians.   **ACTION: clerk ask Knayton School to ask parents to drive safely and take care when leaving school** |
| 21.58 | To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence: Cllr Gibbon – reason for absence approved; Cllr Dadd had hoped to attend but last-minute emergency prevented this. |
| 21.59 | To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5 July 2021 as a true and correct record  Minutes agreed as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chair. |
| 21.60 | To Receive Report from Cllr Robinson  **Foxhall**: HDC are monitoring this development; demolition must start within 3 mths of occupation of new dwelling and must be demolished completely within 9 mths. Demolition must start 19/08/2021.  **Local Government Reorganisation:** Elections of Cllrs will take place May 2022; elected Cllrs will shadow District Cllrs and take over 2023.  **HDC:** applied for £500,000 grant from the football foundation.  **Thirsk Crematorium:** completion will now be Jan/Feb 2022.  **New fleet of electrically operated refuse vehicles:** confirmation that the back hoist is the only electrical part.  ***Questions:***  *Any movement on the proposed egg factory:* has not come to planning committee yet.  *How can HDC justify paying £150K to an agency to employ a chief financial officer having turned down an offer of help from NYCC to access support at reduced cost:* The decision was taken by the cabinet and ratified by full council and cannot be overturned; an interim appointment has been made pending local government reorganisation. It was suggested by Cllr Weastell that capacity for NYCC to provide the dedicated officer HDC requires may have been a factor in the decision to decline NYCC’s offer of help.  **Agreed:** to ask Cllr Robinson to let HDC know that Knayton Parish Cllrs do not support the action of HDC believing that HDC are playing politics. |
| 21.61 | Financial Matters  **a. To receive bank balances to 11 July 2021:**  **Community A/C:** £2006.45 (£2215.67 has been transferred to Business A/C as these are restricted funds)  **Business A/C:** £8012.83 (includes £0.06 interest and restricted funds: £600.90 anonymous deposit; 2215.67 CIL and John Brown Charity) |
| 21.62 | To Consider and Decide Upon the Following Planning Applications  21/01648/FUL and 21/01649/LBC: proposed home gym in back garden of existing dwelling, The Cottage, Moor Road.  **Agreed:** No objections  **Action:** clerk inform HDC |
| 21.63 | To Receive the Following Planning Decisions  Springs, Foxhall Farm: granted |
| 21.64 | To Receive Information on the Following Ongoing Issues and Decide Further Action Where Necessary   1. **Signs for Back Lane:** Dave Granger, dog warden, HDC has advised that agricultural land is exempt under the dog fouling act; he has offered to give a short talk at a parish council meeting and to help where he can. Cllr Peckitt referred to signs that the NFU are making available. Cllrs had considered the signs the clerk had sourced from the internet.   **Agreed:** invite Dave Granger to attend the Sep 2021 meeting of the Council.  **Action:** clerk contact Dave Granger; Cllr Peckitt provide further information about signs from NFU at Sep meeting   1. **Blocked Gullies:** a successful meeting had taken place between Highways, Cllr Dadd and members of the Parish Council. 2. **Litter Signs:** none received as yet   **Action:** clerk chase this up   1. **Water Leaks:** Cllr Peckitt and the clerk met with a representative from North Yorkshire Water to discuss leaks. Crooksbarn has been fixed but the reinstatement is not level. The leak near to Low Moor Farm could be caused by a blocked ditch and culvert; North Yorkshire Water and Highways have suggested that the Council contact the landowner to ask if the ditch could be cleared and then as a gesture of goodwill Highways will jet the drain.   **Action:** Cllr Weastell will discuss with landowner’s son in law in the first instance.   1. **Proposed Free Range Egg Farm:** no further updates 2. **Village Book:** 2 people have said that they will join the meeting organised by Cllr Gibbon. 3. **CIL consultation:** 2 responses received to date; both in favour of contribution to HRAP play equipment. 4. **Grass Cutting:** Cllr Smith has clarified responsibilities with all parties involved in maintaining village areas and says that any confusion has now been resolved: Miles Simpson has been asked to ensure a 3 weekly cut and Cllr Smith is monitoring this this will also include responsibility for cutting the grass triangle at Swan Lane. 5. **HRAP play equipment:** Cllr Peckitt reported that they are waiting for ROSPA inspection and hope that the play equipment will not be decommissioned; any piece of equipment with a wooden post in the ground has a 15yr lifespan – the fact that HRAP are actively looking for funding is important. |
| 21.65 | **To note correspondence received and decide action where necessary**:   1. **Purchase of a strimmer for volunteer grass cutters to use:** Cllr Smith requested that this decision be looked at again stressing the importance of giving the volunteers the tools to do the job. The clerk is waiting for further information from BHIB insurers; interim advice is that unless the people involved are experienced they shouldn’t be using a strimmer. Cllr Robinson advised that liability for any damage/injury would rest with the Parish Council and that this is a minefield with so much red tape. If strimmers were used, there would have to be a risk assessment – the risk assessment for the ride on lawnmower cost £100, training, insurance and this could all prove costly as well as posing significant risk. Cllrs are mindful of the need to support volunteers whilst at the same time being mindful of risk. It was suggested that Miles Simpson should be asked to strim the village green where necessary.   **Agreed:** Cllr Smith will discuss this further with the volunteers and express the Council’s concern about liability involved.  The clerk notified Cllrs that the existing signed form with respect to the use of the ride on lawn mower needs to be updated and signed by the current volunteers.  **Action:** Chair will locate the risk assessment for the ride on lawn mower; Clerk will provide Cllr Smith with the necessary paperwork for the current volunteers to sign. Cllr Smith will ask volunteers to read the risk assessment and sign the form.   1. **Guide for Affordable Housing:** noted 2. **Request for information from Borrowby PC re odours from sewage works:** this is not an issue in Knayton 3. **HDC weekly briefing:** forwarded to Cllrs 4. **Auto Link:** notification of works to A19 received 5. **NYCC local government reorganisation:** a unitary authority has been chosen by the Secretary of state 6. **Dangerous footbridge on land beyond Kennel Farm Cottage:** this had been reported to NYCC in April 2021 and no response received; clerk had tried to establish whose land the footbridge is on; Mr C Cook, present at the meeting, stated that he had removed the tree that had fallen over the footbridge and that the handrail was broken; he owns land to one side of the beck and Mr Furness the other side.   **Action:** clerk to contact NYCC.   1. **NYCC minerals and waste joint plan:** noted 2. **YLCA report Rural North Yorkshire:** The Way Forward: noted 3. **Oak Tree Bank development:** reserved matters planning submitted 26/07/21 to include plenty of off-street parking; applicants willing to attend Council meeting if necessary.   **Agreed:** Cllrs didn't think it necessary for the applicants to attend a meeting to explain their application. |
| 21.66 | To Confirm the Date, Time and Location of the Next Meeting  **The next meeting will be on Monday 6 September 2021 at 7.15pm at Knayton Village Hall** |

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.30pm *Minutes prepared: 03/08/2021*