**KNAYTON CUM BRAWITH PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**on Monday 6 September 2021**

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

**Clerk:** Liz Foster

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|  | Dave Grainger, Dog Warden – the Chair welcomed Mr Grainger to the meeting.  **Dogs on a lead -** this cannot be enforced as the law requires dogs to be under control, not on a lead. If a dog is dangerously out of control or worrying sheep then this is a police matter.  **Dogs fouling -** agricultural land is exempt under the dog fouling act although if the landowner knows who the culprit is, the dog warden would visit the offender to educate them but in the eyes of the law they are doing nothing wrong; dog warden has responded to complaints of dog fouling in Knayton by speaking to those responsible – 90% of the time this is sufficient to stop it; fixed penalty notices can be issued and reoffenders would go straight to court; the majority of dog owners do pick up dog waste as evidenced by the fact that dog bins are full; residents can be the ‘eyes and ears’ for this and the dog warden will respond; dog owners who hang dog bags on fences, hedges etc. are committing a littering offence with even bigger fines.  **Signs –** there are quite a few in the village; the dog warden brought a variety of signs to the meeting for Council use; he is quite happy to supply more and put the signs up; he stressed that signs cannot be put on private property/land other than by the land owner.  Comments from villagers: 2 villagers were present.  **Swan Lane –** resident asked who was responsible for cutting the trees at the triangle at the bottom of Swan Lane; at the recent site meeting, Highways had suggested that it is not their land. The top of the gully at the turning point appears to be broken.  **Action:** **Cllr Smith will speak to Highways and Highways England and will clarify the broken gully prior to report being made by the clerk to Highways.**  **Access to public footpaths and access through stiles:** email received requesting the Parish Council discuss these matters (see minute 21.73 below)  **Grass Cutting:** email received (see minute 21.73 below)  **Allerton Wath Road Closure:** email received asking Highways to account for their actions in not doing this when the road was last closed.  **Action:** **clerk forward email to Cllr Dadd.** |
| 21.67 | To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence: none received. |
| 21.68 | To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2 August 2021 as a true and correct record  Minutes agreed as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chair. |
| 21.69 | To Receive report from Cllr Dadd  **Local Government Reorganisation:** Cllr Daddsummarised the current position. Under a unitary authority there will be one councillor to support the Parish Council rather than two from 01/04/2023.  The next election of parish councillors is due May 2023; Cllr Dadd asked how councillors would feel about elections being brought forward to May 2022 to tie in with the election of the new unitary authority councilors meaning that each councillor would serve a 5 year term – no objections to this suggestion.  ***Questions:*** the new warding arrangements and number of councillors – Cllr Dadd clarified this matter; circa 90 councillors will be proposed along with new wards – this is not a full boundary commission review.  To Receive Report from Cllr Robinson: nothing to report  **Foxhall**: Cllr Robinson asked that reference to an update on this is removed from the agenda as there is a period of 9 months before planning condition can be enforced.  **Local Government Reorganisation:** Knayton will be part of the White Horse Ward.  ***Questions:***  *How is staff morale at HDC:* staff do not appear to be worried about the future; the majority will be  tuped over to the unitary authority. |
| 21.70 | Financial Matters  **a. To receive bank balances to 11 August 2021:**  **Community A/C:** £1978.45  **Business A/C:** £8012.90 (includes £0.07 interest and restricted funds £2816.57 - anonymous deposit; CIL; John Brown Charity)  **b. GDPR/Data Protection Act 2018 fee renewal:** chq 383 raised for £40.  **c. Changes to HSBC accounts from November 2021:** implications of this change were discussed – free banking will cease; Community A/C will cost £8 per month with additional charges for transactions and the business account unless the Council can show that it is a charitable or not for profit organisation.  **Agreed:** the Council will challenge this decision on the basis that it is a not for profit organisation and if HSBC do not look favourably at exemption then the Council will move the account to another bank.  **Action:** the Chair will write to HSBC |
| 21.71 | To Consider and Decide Upon the Following Planning Applications  **Pear Tree Cottage:** replacement of existing wooden front porch door with a composite wood door.  **Penhill House:** Listed Building Consent for replacement hardwood windows (1no gable, 6no rear and 5no  front) and the back door with hardwood bespoke slimline double glazing.  **Oaktree Bank:** email from applicant to confirm that amended plans have plenty of off-street parking and  Highways have ‘passed’ the new entrance.  **Agreed:** No objections to any of the above applications  **Action:** clerk inform HDC |
| 21.72 | To Receive the Following Planning Decisions  Proposed home gym in back garden of existing dwelling, The Cottage, Moor Road: granted. |
| 21.73 | To Receive Information on the Following Ongoing Issues and Decide Further Action Where Necessary   1. **Signs for Back Lane:** Cllr Peckitt shared signs from the NFU that are more educational. Cllrs noted the dog warden’s advice that the Parish Council are unable to erect signs on private land.   **Action:** the Chair will contact landowners and let them know that the Council have signs that may be helpful in educating dog walkers.   1. **Stiles:** the stile in Back Lane has been repaired but still needs attention; the comments of a local resident about access to public footpaths and access through stiles were shared.   **Action:** clerk to contact the footpaths Officer, NYCC for advice.   1. **Litter Signs:** received; Cllr Smith will seek necessary permission before erecting the signs. 2. **Water Leaks:** a very detailed summary of the position at Moor Road had been received confirming that the water is from the adjacent land.   **Action:** Cllr Weastell will follow this up.   1. **Proposed Free Range Egg Farm:** sign at entrance to the village objecting to this development has been removed 2. **Village Book:** there is a meeting 08/09/2021; Cllr Gibbon confirmed that she and Cllr Smith are taking this matter forward and asked that an update is not requested at every meeting; the Council will be updated as and when necessary. 3. **CIL consultation:** 2 responses have been received and both are in favour of contribution to HRAP play equipment. Cllr Peckitt gave an update on the current situation – ROSPA inspection has taken place; new website and social media presence; meeting to look at fundraising 20/09/2021.   **Agreed:** £1000 of the CIL money available will be given to the HRAP; will review to see how the HRAP are doing and if they need further money.   1. **Tree Root, Cleveland Rein:** Highways have inspected and this does not meet their criteria for repair. 2. **Parking, Knayton School:** email sent to headteacher. 3. **Grass Cutting:** email received from local residents was discussed. The caretaker is doing the job he has been asked to do.   **Action:** the chair will respond to the email.   1. **A19 resuracing:** work is now complete. 2. **Dangerous footbridge:** the shrubbery has gone but the rotten plank and broken handrail   remain.  **Action:** clerk to notify footpaths officer, NYCC |
| 21.74 | **To note correspondence received and decide action where necessary**:  **a. £150 million Community Ownership:** to help take ownership of assets and amenities at risk of closure; runs for 4 years; at least 8 bidding rounds; 1st bidding round closed 13/08/21  **b. Parking issues**: resident would like H markings at the entrance to his property; aware that he would have to pay for this and that such markings are not enforceable. **c. Hambleton Stages Rally:** postponed to May or June 2023  **d. Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner:** [**three-month consultation**](https://northyorkshire-pfcc.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5d117293e0ca442e8f1a9dfda&id=8f38ff9663&e=38a6cb6bb7) **on the people’s priorities for policing, fire and rescue and victims’ services: the chair will display posters.**  **e. YLCA:** Charitable Trusts and Parish/Town Councils Webinar Session  **f. Allerton Wath Bridge** – road closure notification - painting and parapet repairs at Allerton Wath Bridge on 13/09/2021 and last for 4 weeks  **g.** **NY National Bus Strategy & Bus Service Improvement Plan Engagement**: questionnaire  **h. From Cllr Robinson:** **warding arrangements** for the new Council: number of Councillors proposed by NYCC (90) is towards the upper end of what they feel is appropriate - thoughts by 10th September  **i. Allerton Wath Road:** Cllr Smith notified clerk of water on road: reported to Highways  **j.** **Interest from resident in vacancy for parish councillor** – there are currently no vacancies.  **k. Dumping of animal waste:** Lane End Cottage.  **Action:** the Chair will ask the people at Lane End Cottage if they know anything about it. |
| 21.75 | To Confirm the Date, Time and Location of the Next Meeting  **The next meeting will be on Monday 4 October 2021 at 7.15pm at Knayton Village Hall:** Cllr Gibbon requested that the small meeting room should be used to improve acoustics. This would need to comply with Covid guidelines. |

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm *Minutes prepared: 07/08/2021*