**KNAYTON CUM BRAWITH PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**on Monday 4 October 2021**

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

**Clerk:** Liz Foster

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|  | Comments from villagers: 3 villagers were present.  **Neighbourhood Watch:** Cllr Gibbon gave details; Knayton Facebook page exists and could be useful.  **Action:** Cllr Gibbon will speak to the person who set up the Facebook page.  **What is NYCC’s policy on road repairs:** resident referred to the practice of filling potholes rather than longer term solutions. Cllr Dadd replied that NYCC has a budget of £1/2million for road repairs – it is estimated that £1/2billion would be required to repair roads properly. NYCC roads fare very well compared with other places in the UK. |
| 21.76 | To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence: Cllr Weastell’s absence was approved. Cllr Weastell was willing to join via Zoom but the Chair confirmed that meetings could now take place in person only. |
| 21.77 | To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6 September 2021 as a true and correct record  Minutes agreed as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chair. |
| 21.78 | To Receive report from Cllr Dadd  **Local Government Reorganisation:** Cllr Daddsummarised the current position: warding arrangements, elections for councilors for the unitary authority will be May 2022, parish council elections will probably be May 2022 with elected councilors serving for 5 years; new unitary will not charge for contested elections, new council will probably be ‘North Yorkshire Council’, there will be a proposal for an elected mayor attracting funding of £30million per year.  **Covid:** rates are going up in rural areas; hospitalisations are steady and low; booster programme has started; vaccinations programme in North Yorkshire commended as excellent.  ***Questions:*** *was ‘North Riding of North Yorkshire’ considered as a name for the unitary* *authority* – yes, it was but would not be acceptable to all districts.  To Receive Report from Cllr Robinson:  **Local Government Reorganisation:** Cllr Robinson had circulated an update from the interim executive board.  **Making a Difference Grant:** this will go ahead again this Autumn; HRAP could apply for funding for one item of equipment especially of they could show matched funding.  ***Questions:***  *HRAP had applied for the making a difference grant last year and had been unsuccessful, why would an application this year be looked on favourably:*  Cllr Robinson advised that HRAP should apply for less than they did; the grant is always oversubscribed. |
| 21.79 | Financial Matters  **a. Bank balances** to 11 September 2021:  Community A/C:£1978.45  Business A/C: £8012.97 (includes £0.07 interest and restricted funds £2816.57 - anonymous deposit; CIL; John Brown Charity)  **b.** Payment of NFU agricultural vehicle renewal £193.98 due 20.10.2021 approved – chq 384  **c.** Payment of invoice from Miles Simpson for grass cutting March – 1 Oct 2021 £435 approved – chq 385  **c. Banking arrangements** following changes to HSBC bank accounts from November: cllrs considered views of 8 parish councils; rejected alternatives with charges including internet banking option.  **Agreed**: approach Barclays and Lloyds who currently offer accounts free of charge and close the account with HSBC.  **Action: Chair**  **d.** **Parish Precept 2022-23**: Clerk prepared outline of historic spend and precepted amounts; planned expenditure for 22-23 also considered including provision for celebrating the Queen’s jubilee, support for HRAP. Cllr Robinson advised the Council not to be afraid to put up the precept as the existing precept is very low compared to other parish councils. The Chair advised that the current precept just covers existing costs and that there is no spare should the Council lose the services of the volunteer clerk.  **Agreed:** increase parish precept by 5% for 2022/23 to meet planned expenditure and make provision for inflation – an increase of £161.31. Total precept to be requested: £3387.53  **Action:** clerk notify HDC.  Cllr Gibbon wanted to know how much CIL money was left to spend. Once the HRAP have received £1000, there will be £504.80 available. Cllr Peckitt confirmed that all CIL money received in the past had been spent as reconciliation had shown. |
| 21.80 | To Consider and Decide Upon the Following Planning Applications  **Thrift House:** to fell four trees in conservation area.  **Agreed:** No objections  **Action:** clerk inform HDC |
| 21.81 | To Receive the Following Planning Decisions  None received. |
| 21.82 | To Receive Information on the Following Ongoing Issues and Decide Further Action Where Necessary   1. **Highways Matters, Swan Lane:** brokengullyhas not been repaired 2. **Allerton Wath Road:** repairs now complete 3. **Dog fouling signs and landowners:** the Chair has not had a chance to contact landowners yet; she will also put some of the signs in the bus shelter and offer them to owners of caravan parks. 4. **Broken stiles and footbridge:** no further update available 5. **Litter Signs:** thanks expressed to Cllr Smith for putting up the signs; he will look to site the sign on the entrance to the village in a more prominent position 6. **Water Leak, Moor Road:** the landowner has cleaned out the gutter and field gate; it is hoped that this will resolve the issue of standing water 7. **The Proposed Free-Range Egg Farm at Thornton le Beans:** Cllr Robinson hadno further update – likely to be considered by planning committee after Christmas. 8. **Meeting re the Village Book:** Cllr Gibbon reported that the meeting took place and that a 2nd one is planned as an open day/afternoon for people to share photos and for copies to be taken. Cllr Robinson suggested that stories from local characters are very interesting. 9. **HRAP Play Equipment:** payment of CIL monies of £1000 to wait until HRAP are ready to use the money; Cllr Peckitt said that HRAP Facebook page and website have been launched; a recent request for help to maintain play equipment has had a good response; steps taken to help people donate easily and to make people aware that the HRAP is not funded by HDC. 10. **Grass cutting:** the Chair has contacted the local resident who had complained about grass cutting in the village; Cllr Smith reported that Miles Simpson had tidied up and strimmed areas well; he confirmed that although Mr Simpson was late in carrying out his work this year, all work had been done. Cllr Smith will coordinate ‘sowers with reapers’ next year when the wildflowers are planted on the village green ensuring that that area is not strimmed. 11. **Animal Waste:** the Chair had looked into this and has no further information on who is responsible for dumping the waste. The chair had been told that 4 people had been seen in Back Lane at 3am one morning. 12. **Knayton school parking:** Cllr Robinson said that parking is far worse now that it had been possibly as a result of the end to staggered starting and finishing times used during the pandemic. Borrowby PC have considered the matter and have written to the new Police Commissioner. |
| 21.83 | **To note correspondence received and decide action where necessary**:  Meeting of Thirsk and Malton Area Constituency Committee on Friday 1st October via Microsoft Teamswas noted. |
| 21.84 | To Confirm the Date, Time and Location of the Next Meeting  **The next meeting will be on Monday 1 November 2021 at 7.15pm at Knayton Village Hall** |

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm *Minutes prepared: 05/10/2021*