**KNAYTON CUM BRAWITH PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**on Monday 6 December 2021**

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

**Clerk:** Liz Foster

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|  | Comments from villagers: 3 villagers present.   * What is happening with Woundales Bridge repair? – Cllr Dadd will chase this up. * One of the street lights is not working on A19 bridge – residents can report this online <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/report-street-light-problem> with the number of the street light concerned. * Footpath from Knayton school to the bridge is covered with leaves and is being encroached upon by vegetation.   **ACTION:** Cllr Smith will ask village caretaker to remove the leaves; clerk to report problems with footpath via NYCC online portal and Cllr Dadd will also follow this up.   * The village hall committee were congratulated for the beautiful Christmas tree. * Road closures following fallen tree on Oaktree Bank and water on Allerton Wath Road were noted. |
| 21.94 | To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence: no apologies |
| 21.95 | To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1 November 2021 as a true and correct record  Minutes agreed as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chair. |
| 21.96 | To Receive Report from Cllr Dadd  **Covid:** infections in NYorks are below national average; most cases involve young people; although number of infections are similar to the same period in 2020, numbers of seriously ill are way below last year; the vaccine is working; only 9 care staff in NYCC homes have refused the vaccine; NYCC have plans to attract people into the caring services as staff levels are causing problems.  **Council Tax:** will rise between 0% and 4.5% with %age increase undecided as yet.  **HRAP:** Cllrs Dadd and Baker have found £2k each to help with repairs to play equipment.  **QUESTIONS:**  *Have county cllrs awarded themselves a pay rise?* An independent panel have recommended a pay rise and the recommendation has been approved; cllrs are able to take a personal view on any pay rise; Cllr Dadd has not accepted any pay rise since he first took up office.  *What is NYCC’s view of the U-turn on the HS2 link between Manchester and Leeds?* Disappointed but recognise spending on transport infrastructure including improvements to the East Coast mainline and East/West connectivity.  To Receive Report from Cllr Robinson  **Updates on LGR:** Cllr Robinson has forwarded these to the clerk for distribution to cllrs.  **Thirsk Rural Arts:** success in receiving a £45K grant.  **Oakdene, Woundales:** planning application approved (Borrowby Parish Council).  **Thornton-le-Beans:** precept increased form £2K to £22K in anticipation of further planning application for egg factory; Cllr Robinson advised Knayton PC that they could increase the precept to fund repairs to the HRAP.  **Free parking 01 Dec – 04 Jan in all HDC run car parks:** NB parking remains time restricted and residents should check the information on the pay meters.  **QUESTIONS:**  *When will the Northallerton link road linking the Darlington Road with the Stokesley Road be open?* Early 2022. |
| 21.97 | Financial Matters  **a.** To receive bank balances to 11 November 2021:  Business Current Account (NB change of name):£3116.55  Business Money Manager Account: £8013.11 (includes £0.07 interest and restricted funds £2816.57 - anonymous deposit; CIL; John Brown Charity)  **b.** Payment for fuel for mower approved: John Dredge: £28  **c.** HDC notified of change to precept to cover cost of bank charges (£100 per year) |
| 21.98 | To Consider and Decide Upon the Following Planning Applications:  Swan Lane Cottage: works to fell tree in conservation area: no objection  **ACTION:** clerk notify HDC |
| 21.99 | To Receive the Following Planning Decisions: none received |
| 21.100 | To Receive Information on the Following Ongoing Issues and Decide Further Action Where Necessary  **Foxhall Farm:** HDC planning department have informed the Council that the new dwelling has been occupied for a period longer than three months (planning condition 4) and therefore correspondence has been sent to the owner advising that works should commence on the demolition of the property with the existing property to be removed by no later than the 29 March 2022. HDC will continue to monitor the situation to ensure that the existing residential property is removed by this date. Cllrs were happy with this response from HDC.  **Broken Stile, Back Lane:** the footpaths officer has reviewed the condition of the stile from photo/video provided by the Parish Council and has determined that: *While it seems like the stile could certainly be improved, I’m not convinced that it is sufficiently out of repair to require the landowner to repair it. I will record it as an improvement request and if resources allow we will look into working with the landowner to improve It.* The Chair had also checked the stile again and reported that it is not broken but is too high and another step would improve it. The footpaths officer had also mentioned that NYCC can enable Parish Councils in setting up volunteer groups to improve their local paths and carry out improvements where it wouldn’t necessarily be appropriate for the County Council to use its enforcement powers. Cllr Robinson advised that NYCC can provide funding for improvements.  **ACTION:** clerk to email the landowner about the improvements needed and his willingness to assist; clerk to contact NYCC and request a visit from the volunteer footpaths coordinator to the Feb/March 2022 parish council meeting so that the Council can decide whether and how to take this initiative forward and build on the informal work done by local residents.  **HRAP Play Equipment:** Cllr Peckitt reported that the donation from Cllrs Dadd and Baker was welcomed alongside support from Knayton village hall committee; application to the Hambleton Making a Difference Fund has been made; there has been a good response from locals to help maintain equipment (Facebook page); Cllr Peckitt was not sure of the shortfall once any grants have been received. |
| 21.101 | **To note correspondence received and decide action where necessary**:  **HDC: The Queen’s Green Canopy:** tree planting initiative to mark the Jubilee – Cllr Robinson confirmed that following the application process for a tree in his ward, the tree will be situated on South Kilvington village green.  **YLCA weekly bulletins:** forwarded to cllrs by email  **Action Network.Org:** 20s Plenty update forwarded to cllrs  **NYCC LGR briefings and update:** forwarded to cllrs by email  **Cllr Robinson John Brown Charity:** info forwarded to cllrs  **ACTION:** clerk to cut and paste this information and send to Cllr Gibbon so that she can forward to the Knayton history group.  **YLCA:** update on Bilsdale transmitter received; some residents continue to have problems; Cllr Scott advised that following an engineer’s visit, she had been informed that the engineer has to ensure that channels 1-5 work on one TV set in the household. |
| 21.102 | To Confirm the Date, Time and Location of the Next Meeting  **The next meeting will be on Monday 10 January 2022 at 7.15pm at Knayton Village Hall** |

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.22pm *Minutes prepared: 07/12/2021*