**KNAYTON CUM BRAWITH PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**on Monday 10 January 2022**

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

**Clerk:** Liz Foster

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|  | Comments from villagers: 2 villagers present.   * Thanks expressed for the clearing of leaves in the village * Noted that roads were swept on an icy day so it did not make much difference |
| 22.01 | To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence: apologies received and reasons for absence approved for Cllrs Gibbon and Smith. |
| 22.02 | To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6 December 2021 as a true and correct record  Minutes agreed as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chair. |
| 22.03 | To Receive Report from Cllr Dadd  **Council Tax:** NYCC will meet in person to agree council tax for 2022/23 – an increase of between 3-4.5% is expected. It is expected that previous austerity measures will carry NYCC through the Covid period.  **QUESTIONS**  *What is NYCC’s view on impact of increased energy costs especially in relation to any agreed increase in council tax?* This is a national issue but NYCC is concerned and conscious of fuel poverty and rural communities.  *Is ‘Welcome to Yorkshire’ fit for purpose in its current form?* Cllr Dadd does not support a regional tourist board and acknowledged that the effect of Welcome to Yorkshire was tremendous on the wider economy. Work is going on to review this and Cllr Dadd hopes that the review will not ‘throw the baby out with the bath water’.  *Is there a reason why the cats eyes on Mount Grace Bank A19 were not reinstated after recent work?* Cllr Dadd suggested the council email Highways England to ask if they have any knowledge of this as the A19 is not within his remit.  **ACTION:** clerk  To Receive Report from Cllr Robinson  **Green bin licenses:** cost to remain the same as 21/22  **Crematorium at Thirsk:** completion early Feb 2022  **Football pitch at Sowerby Gate:** awarded a grant of £500,000  **HDC apprentice wage subsidy scheme:** 18 supported last year; target for this year is 30 by April 22  **Avian bird flu:** 12 cases in Hambleton; public finding a bird should report to DEFRA helpline  **Making a Difference Fund:** applications will be decided March 2022  **Queen’s tree:** village green, South Kilvington chosen as the site in Cllr Robinson’s ward.  **QUESTIONS:** there were no questions. |
| 22.04 | Financial Matters  **a.** To receive bank balances to 11 December 2021:  **Business Current Account**: £3092.55 (charges of £9 will be deducted in April 22)  **Business Money Manager Account:** £8013.18 (includes £0.07 interest and restricted funds £2816.57 - anonymous deposit; CIL; John Brown Charity)  **b. LCN web hosting:** price increase from 11/01/2022 which could affect renewal price: exact details of how not yet available. |
| 22.05 | To Consider and Decide Upon the Following Planning Applications: none received |
| 22.06 | To Receive the Following Planning Decisions:  Swan Lane Cottage: works to fell tree in conservation area: granted |
| 22.07 | To Receive Information on the Following Ongoing Issues and Decide Further Action Where Necessary  **Foxhall Farm:** no furtherupdate  **HRAP Play Equipment:** an application has been submitted to the Making a Difference Fund; the aim is to do the remedial works a bit at a time; no work started yet; it is likely that CCTV will be installed  **NYCC Path Keeper Scheme:** Arrietty Heath, Volunteer Coordinator, will attend meeting on 7 Feb 2022 to give public and councillors information about this scheme  **Woundales Bridge Repair:** Ian Summerson, Highways, had confirmed that the bridge was due to be done Spring 2021 but the change in NYCC contractors got in the way; the funds are there to carry out the repair; Mr Summerson will make it his personal target to get it done Spring 2022.  **Footpath from Knayton school to the bridge:** Cllr Smith has asked Miles Simpson to attend to the removal of leaves and this is in hand; Ian Summerson, Highways, had been out to look at the problem and agreed that the path is too narrow and, in some places, should be at least double in width; the work to resolve this is not deemed a priority and so is unlikely to be carried out until the new financial year.  **Improvements to Stile, Back Lane:** this will be discussed again at the February meeting when the volunteer coordinator for the NUYCC path keeper scheme is in attendance; the land owner has not replied to the email from the clerk concerning the need for improvements. The Chair noted that the improvement could be made by moving the top rail to assist accessibility.  **Email from resident re access to footpaths for people with disabilities:** the clerk had responded following the initial email concerning this matter on 06.12.2021 informing the resident that NYCC had been contacted for advice on this issue. NYCC had not responded.  **ACTION:** clerk email resident to say no response received and to let them know that the matter will be raised at the February 2022 meeting when the volunteer coordinator for the path keeper scheme will be present. |
| 22.08 | **To note correspondence received and decide action where necessary**:  **YLCA weekly bulletin 17 Dec 2021:** forwarded to cllrs by email  **Action Network.Org:** 20s Plenty next meeting 13.01.2022 at 7.30pm on zoom  **YLCA law and governance bulletin 23/12/2021**: omicron and what 3 clear days means forwarded to cllrs  **Thirsk Community Library:** cllrs resolved not to support the request for funds this year as they understand that the library is able to access funds form NYCC and others and does not rely on the contributions of Parish Councils. |
| 22.09 | To Confirm the Date, Time and Location of the Next Meeting  **The next meeting will be on Monday 7 February 2022 at 7.15pm at Knayton Village Hall** |

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45pm *Minutes prepared: 18/01/2022*