**KNAYTON CUM BRAWITH PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**on Monday 4 September 2023**

**Present**: Cllrs B. Scott, K. Smith, J. Peckitt, C Cook

**Clerk:** Liz Foster

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|  | **Comments from villagers – 4 present:**   * Thanks expressed to resident who has cut the grass verges again * Is the farmer who has put up a ‘no dogs’ sign on his field able to do this? – see agenda item 23.82 d below |
| 23.75 | To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence: Cllr Alyson Baker; apologies received from Cllr Croisdale after the meeting as he was delayed returning home. |
| 23.76 | To Confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 7 August 2023 as a true and correct record: minutes agreed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair. |
| 23.77 | To Receive Report from Cllr Baker:  Whitby swing bridge will be shut on Monday, October 2, lasting for two weeks. The road will be closed to traffic and pedestrians, with a shuttle bus service transporting passengers to the other side of the town. It will remain open for boats to pass in and out of the harbour.  There is still some money left in the localities budget; it was suggested it could be used for the village noticeboard/HRAP |
| 23.78 | Financial Matters  **a. To receive bank balances to 11 August 2023:**  **Business Current Account:** £3014.99  **Payments** chq 416 £33.04 Hyams plants; chq 418 £8.99 Scott auditor gift; chq 420 £1000 HRAP;bank charges £8  **Business Money Manager Account:** £8225.01 (includes £11.84 interest)  **b.** **GDPR:** payment received and new expiry date of 16/09/2024  **c. Website:** updates as recommended by LCN support team: approved update PHP version; provision of  SSL certificate; refund of £97.15 on existing plan; the new plan will cost £150+ VAT for one year or £280+ VAT for two years.  **ACTION: clerk inform LCN; make payment and request reimbursement at the October 2023 meeting.** |
| 23.79 | To consider and decide upon any planning applications:  **22/00509/MRC** **Foxhall Farm**; Senior Planning Enforcement Officer is aware that the owner of the property has amended the Airbnb listing to state that the dwelling is still being used by the family. He has requested a site visit with the owner to see this arrangement in practice and to ascertain if there is still a breach of planning control in regard to the site. The Council will be provided with an update once the site visit has taken place.  It was noted that an application has been made to remove planning condition 4; the Council had been unable to find which planning condition this refers to.  **ACTION: clerk will contact the senior panning enforcement officer for advice** |
| 23.80 | To receive the following planning decisions/information:  Appeal Ref: APP/G2713/W/23/3316706: Land east of Pillrigg Lane Track and south east of Moor Lane, Thornton Le Beans: appeal has been dismissed |
| 23.81 | To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action:  **a. Access to footpaths:** no furtherupdate from NYC concerning issues reported in June/July  **b. Water leaks, Moor Road:** NY Highways report that the problem is not the responsibility of Highways or Yorkshire Water; councillors disagree. The drains near the village hall have all been jetted; the drain opposite the post box is blocked by tree roots and highways will need to investigate further using a camera and then decide on how to solve the problem once the extent of the problem is known; Highways unable to say when this will happen.  **ACTION: clerk will ask Highways Officer to contact Cllr Janet Peckitt to arrange a meeting on site**  **c. Planted Christmas tree on the village green:** no further update  **d. Overhanging trees Swan Lane:** resident reports that a new transformer is going to be installed and that the contractor has said that they will look at the trees; there is no timescale for this  **ACTION: clerk will ask new Highways Officer to look into this**  **e. Information board for village green:** no progress  **f. Speeding concerns:** trees covering signs reported and work to remedy this has taken place; Terry Bland acknowledged his agreement with notes provided after the August meeting; Cllr Keane Duncan has passed the Council’s concerns to the traffic officer responsible for this area.  **ACTION: clerk to ask Terry Bland to provide the form for reporting a near miss and for an update on action taken by Knayton Academy at the start of the autumn term 2023**  A resident asked how far the Council had got in investigating a speed matrix: Chair confirmed that advice had been sought by the Council from Raskelf PC and it had been agreed that the costs were prohibitive.  It was agreed that the Council should continue to raise the profile and monitor steps taken by NYC and the Police both in respect to speeding and driving behaviours outside Knayton school and speeding along Moor Road. |
| 23.82 | To note correspondence received and decide action where necessary:  **a.Boxes of books in the bus shelter:** concern was expressed that the shelter was being used as a dumping ground for old books and magazines; it was agreed that villagers still use this facility and that it should remain.  **ACTION:** Sue Hyams will monitor the books and remove any old books and magazines to keep this resource for the village; thanks were expressed.  **b. NYC:** an update from Cllr Keane concerning speed limits in villages had been emailed to councillors and posted on the Council website  **c. YLCA:** all communications sent weekly to Cllrs  **d: Footpath issues:** email from Knayton resident re loose, unstable and dangerous plank over beck has been reported to NYC; query re legality of notice stating ‘no dogs’ posted by farmer on his land – NYC advised that the farmer can put up such a notice but that it cannot be enforced; farmers can require all dogs to be kept on a short lead and for all dog mess to be picked up. If the farmer does try to enforce the no dogs sign then this should be reported to NYC.  **ACTION FOR RESIDENTS (to be posted on the council’s website): NYC recommends that any person concerned about the condition of footpaths/stiles etc report the concerns to NYC using the online reporting tool adding photos wherever possible alongside details of the exact location of the problem. The Parish Council is not responsible for rights of way.**  NYC’s responsibilities include protecting the rights on the network and ensuring that landowners’ responsibilities are met, ensuring rights of way are signposted from the roadside and waymarked where necessary along the route, and maintaining the surface of the path. They are also responsible for most bridges, stepping-stones and fords on the network.  Maintenance tasks that fall under their responsibility are taken care of by their officers and a team of over 100 volunteers e.g. installing signposts and waymarks; repair and replace bridges; maintain path surfaces and clear undergrowth from the path surface; clear vegetation around stiles, gates, gaps, signposts and bridges; improve accessibility where funding is made available; liaise with landowners to ensure they meet their duties and responsibilities.  NYC’s website gives clear information about the duties and responsibilities of landowners and farmers including:   * never keep an animal known to be aggressive (including any bull of whatever breed) in a field to which the public has any access * cut back vegetation from the sides and from above (but not from the surface) so that it does not inconvenience the public or prevent the line of the right of way being apparent on the ground: allowing a minimum of three metres (ten feet) headroom on bridleways, restricted byways and byways open to all traffic * keep rights of way clear of any obstructions such as padlocked gates, rubbish, barbed wire, slurry, manure, electric fences, hedgerows and chained or loose dogs, and warn users of potential dangers (e.g. slurry lagoons, cliffs) near rights of way * maintain stiles and gates in a safe condition |
| 23.83 | To Confirm the Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting  Monday 2 October at 7.15pm at Knayton Village Hall – small room |

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.57. *Minutes prepared by the clerk 05/09/2023*