

LITTLE RIBSTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Little Ribston Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday October 10th 2023

PRESENT: Cllr R. Sullivan, Cllr G. Spencer, Cllr. J. Dent, Cllr. A. Paraskos

IN ATTENDANCE: Melanie Spencer (Clerk and RFO), 4 Parishioners

2284 APOLOGIES

Cllr. J. Steele

Resolved: To note and approve apologies

2285 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 31 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT INTERESTS UNDER THE MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Resolved: To note that no interests were declared and no dispensations were requested.

2286 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 18th 2023 as a true and accurate record.

Resolved: To confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting held July 18th 2023 as a true and accurate record.

2287 Invoices

i) Invoices approved and paid

Grass cutting - £96

Wildflower report £94.02

Hedge report £109.69

Website maintenance £78.35

Clerk extra hours £54.85

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Invoices for approval

Grass cutting £96

Internal Audit £175

ii) Payments and receipts to September 30th 2023 were checked and noted.

Resolved: To note the invoices received and approve the payment of all outstanding invoices.

2288 To conduct internal checks and approve the bank reconciliation

Internal checks were carried out and noted.

Resolved: To note that the receipts and payment were checked, and that the bank reconciliation statement at September 30th 2023 is correct and approved.

2289 Planning Notice

Enforcement notice at The Willows- using Paddock land as a garden
Case officer still hasn't visited the site – awaiting update

Resolved: To note all planning decisions above

2290 To consider the Wildflower verge and boundary hedges.

The wildflower verge will be cut and the arisings removed by Cllr. J. Dent during the next fortnight. The hedges should now be maintained so that they do not extend beyond the property boundary. The Council approved a polite notice to be put on the noticeboard, Facebook and the website. The notice also asks residents to be considerate regarding parking on the pavement, picking up after their dogs and cycling on the pavements.

Resolved: To note the updates on the wildflower verge and boundary hedges and to approve the publication of a polite notice to be circulated regarding hedges. Parking, cycling and cleaning up after dogs.

2291 To consider questions from members of the public.

Speed activated sign

The possibility of a speed activated sign was suggested. The Council have been discussing the possibility of a speed activated sign for many years as documented in the minutes July 2023. The signs cost approximately £4000. We had secured an £1000 grant for the sign last

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year from Cllr. A. Paraskos but we had transferred that allocated grant to the defibrillator fund. The Parish Council could find 50% of the funds however if there is a demand for this in the village fundraising would need to take place for the remaining balance. The speed initiative organised by the Chairman had a poor response therefore there was some concern that fundraising events would not be successful and create a great deal of work. Two members of the Village Hall committee pointed out that the football fundraiser for the defibrillator did not make any profit even though it was a fun night and the HBC grant had funded the full installation costs.

Resolved: To note that villagers would need to be onboard with the purchase of a speed activated sign due to the excessive costs. Fundraising, sponsorships, grants or raising the precept would be possible options to consider at the next meeting.

2292 To consider and note correspondence received and decide action where necessary

Correspondence regarding possible Council support for a hedgehog highway.

We have been approached by a charity to support a wildlife project which is trying to stop the decline of our native hedgehogs.

Resolved: To note the Council actioned the Clerk to purchase a box of hedgehog highway signs at the wholesale cost and would offer them to residents for a donation of at least £3 (which will be given to a hedgehog sanctuary to provide winter feed for underweight babies). Any monies donated in excess of £3 will be added to the village speed sign fund. The hedgehog leaflet will be publicised via facebook, noticeboard and the website.

Correspondence regarding the defibrillator

Fiona Friday emailed regarding the grant provided for the defibrillator, it was confirmed that the full amount of £640 for the installation of the cabinet had been provided by Harrogate Borough Council (confirmed by two members of the village hall committee).

Cllr. A. Paraskos confirmed that he had provided a grant of £1000 earmarked for a speed sign to the Village Hall Committee which covered the full purchase of a defibrillator and cabinet from the Ambulance service.

Resolved: To note that the full cost of the defibrillator, cabinet and installation costs were provided by grants from Cllr. A. Paraskos and Harrogate Borough Council.

Correspondence regarding weeds damaging the pavement.

The Clerk completed a highway report asking for the pavement near the wildflower verge to be checked for damage. Highways have responded that the footpath is sound and is not being damaged by the weeds.

Resolved: To note the highways response that the footpath is sound.

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Correspondence regarding Parishioner spraying weedkiller on footpaths.

We have been informed that North Yorkshire County Council will be writing to the individual in question to express their concerns and explain the dangers to wildlife and other residents by unauthorised spraying.

Correspondence regarding potholes at the Knaresborough end of the village

A parishioner has asked for the Clerk to report potholes on the road going out of the village at the Knaresborough end.

Resolved: To action the clerk to report the matter to highways.

2293 To note items for the next agenda

Resolved: To note the following agenda items;

Speeding

2294 To approve and note the date for the next meeting.

Resolved: To note and approve January 9th 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall as the date for the next meeting

Meeting closed at 7.40pm

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