

Minutes of the Meeting and Annual General Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Osmotherley on Thursday 14th May 2024

1. **Present:** Mr P Howlett (Vice-Chairman), C Nozedar, Mr N Ward, Mr M Laverick, Mr M Read, Mrs M Kay, Mr T Wood, Mrs A Atkinson and NYC Representative Cllr D Hugill

Apologies were received from: Mr B Robinson for work related issues.

2. The Annual General Meeting convened and the business of the election for Chairman concluded with Barrie Robinson being proposed by PH and seconded by NW. Paul Howlett was proposed by NW and seconded by CN for the role of Vice Chairperson.
3. **Minutes of the meeting of 18th April 2024 were approved and signed by the Vice-Chairman**
4. **Public Forum**
One resident attended

5. Matters arising:

5.1 Items not on the agenda

The Clerk updated the council on the following items not on the agenda:

- The water leak from field at Westfields causing damage to road surface – Highways will need to arrange for this site to be inspected to ascertain if there is any actionable damage. We are also awaiting Savills to undertake work to maintain the drainage ditch and DH offered to contact Savills to help.
- The water leak from fields along Cuddly Lane – Highways have apologised for not looking into this and the Highway Officer will check the site to ensure works have been carried out to order correctly.
- The water leak on South End – this site is currently being monitored but is not considered safety critical.
- The yellow line replacement on South End – unfortunately due to current demand for service Highways currently have a significant backlog of non-urgent lining orders.
- The Clerk confirmed that the oak tree, offered by a resident, was not a suitable tree for the position in the village. The PC confirmed the decision to plant on North End at a suitable time.
- The picnic tables were removed from the parking bay in front of the Three Tuns after RH consulting with a resident and the owner. The PC confirmed its grateful thanks to all those involved in bringing this kind offer to a satisfactory conclusion. The tables are now in the children's play areas of Osmotherley and Hutton Rugby.

5.2 Police matters

The police report from 1st April to 30th April 2024 was circulated to all councillors to discuss the following incidents:

Auto crime/SMV: 1
Violence Against the Person: 2
Other crimes: 1

5.3 Highways

PH reported that a disabled person had commented on their ability to enter the village hall via the access points from the road. The Clerk and the Vice Chairman examined the footpath post meeting and would contact the Caretaker to improve the size of the footpath.

5.4 NYC & NYMNP

DH reported that the planning committee of the NYM would be recommending refusing two of the village applications. The PC expressed concern at the reasons for refusal (Refused as visually intrusive and overly suburban in appearance, therefore resulting in a harmful visual impact on the surrounding open landscape), which we disagreed with, concerned more with the access road.

DH reported that a new project at the park, called Active Travel, to encourage greater multi-use of tracks was launched recently. CN expressed concerns that these needed to reflect horse use too.

At the recent SWAG meeting the issue of the Public Space Protection Order's expiring was of concern to the PC as it reduced the powers of the police to stop safety issues being exploited on the moors near Sheepwash. It was also noted that the National Trust were considering charging for car parking at Sheepwash.

5.5 Village Assets

The Clerk updated the PC on the progress made with the consultants approached to undertake the project of the toilet refurbishment. A meeting was held with all contractors to discuss finalising the estimates for all the work necessary. It is likely that the work will not commence until the summer.

The Clerk also reported a blockage in the drainage at the toilets which would need to be addressed at some cost to the council.

PH confirmed that the new windows and doors would be fitted to the Village Hall in the coming weeks.

5.6 Constituent Reports

Members from the other areas in the Parish were asked to raise any issues pertinent to their areas.

Osmotherley – The Clerk updated the PC on the replacement process for the two councillor vacancies in the village. The initial stage of asking for village interest in an election expired on the 14th May, with no requests, therefore the next stage of advertising the vacancies and co-opting to fill the vacancies. The Clerk confirmed this would likely take until July to confirm the appointments.

6. Correspondence

Most correspondence is now electronic and is forwarded when received so Members can therefore raise concerns or comments by email to the Clerk should it need to be an agenda item. These items will only be minuted if they are discussed at a meeting.

The Clerk circulated an email from NYM regarding the proposal to undertake further NYM funded feasibility studies into the need for a village car park. Prior to any planning application further consultation will take place with residents in the village. The Clerk reminded the PC that the impact on parking for residents and visitors in the village will be dramatically revised and reduced, with more yellow lines and street furniture and therefore the outcome of any new car park will need to be carefully considered with all the pros and cons outlined clearly for residents to appraise.

DH also commented that the parks were looking to maximise funding opportunities, of which car parking revenue is seen as one.

7. Planning.

a) Applications

7.1 Green Croft, Clack Lane Ends, Osmotherley - Application for erection of garden room/shed for a temporary period (retrospective) – **No Objection**

7.2 Highfield, Sowerby under Cotcliffe - Application for Removal of conditions 2(materials) & 4(cross sections) and Variation of Condition 6 (approved plans) following Grant of Planning Permission 23/00541/FUL - **Support**

7.3 34 South End, Osmotherley - Application for erection of canopy to front elevation, construction of dormer window, alterations to exterior finish of dwelling and erection of decking with glazed balustrading together with creation of new vehicular access (revised scheme following withdrawal of NYM/2023/0583) - **Support**

b) Decisions

8. a, b, c Accounts

The Clerk reported the up to date financial position of the council updating the accounts from the last meeting in April. The monthly bank reconciliation was agreed and supported.

Income reported at last meeting		£0.00	
a) Receipts in the period:			
Honesty Box	£81.00		
Burial Fees - Blythe Family	£3,300.00		
Vat Refund from 2023/24 Exp	£690.72		
NYC - Precept	<u>£7,800.00</u>		
Total income for the period		<u>£11,871.72</u>	
Revised 2024/25 income to 30th April 2024			£11,871.72
Expenditure reported to last meeting		£0.00	
b) Payments in the period:			
Osmotherley Village Hall	£10.00		
Printroom - April Messenger	£117.00		
YLCA Membership	£344.00		
TP Jones - Payroll Fee in arrears	£85.92		
Marcus Pearson - Grasscutting & Pinfold Ivy	£770.00		
Maureen Hague - Internal Audit Fee	£30.00		
Holly Enisz - Toilet cleaning March 2024	£104.00		
Scottish Water	£3.00		
Web Hosting Fee	<u>£12.00</u>		
Total expenditure for the period		<u>£1,475.92</u>	
Revised 2024/25 expenditure to 30th April 2024			£1,475.92
c) Funds:			
Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)		£10,395.80	
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting		<u>£48,608.55</u>	
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting		£59,004.35	
Represented by:			
Balance of Unity Trust a/c 30th April 2024			£59,004.35

