**Sinnington Parish Council**

**Minutes of meeting Monday 11th January 2016**

All Councillors were present plus one Sinnington resident.

1. **Apologies** for absence – none
2. **The Chairman** welcomed all to the meeting.
3. **The Clerk**.

Councillors were reminded that the current Parish Clerk, Geoff Richardson, had declared his intention to stand down as minuted at the previous meeting. One resident, Mr Derek Waters, responded to the publicised request for a successor. All Councillors agreed for Mr. Waters to take over as Clerk. The Chairman thanked Geoff for his contribution and support to the Parish Council since his appointment in August 2009. Geoff said that he was willing to help Mr. Waters transition in to the post over the next few weeks.

1. **The minutes of the last meeting** held on the 9th November 2015 (previously circulated) were approved.
2. **Matters arising**:-

(a)Honesty Box. The amount collected was £9.04p. The next two months to be collected by Cllr. Swinnerton.

(b)Foot paths in Stables and Roffe Woods. No further progress. Cllr Baldwin yet to meet a woodlands officer.

(c)  Village hall extension and green parking. The Chairman reported that he had corresponded with the NYMNPA Planning Office to appeal to the Planning Inspectorate (PI) to seek a reduction in the cost of the required de-registration of the area of village green for the new extension. The PI responded that it did not have the authority to change the position. Subsequently, the Chairman wrote to the office of the Secretary of State to take a sympathetic view, however this too was unsuccessful. It was suggested by the Chairman that the issue could now be addressed to a review body at DEFRA. Legal advice was also being sought from the National Local Council Association. Also to consider was the Open Spaces Society and the Local MP for support. This issue would also be presented to an imminent meeting of the Village Hall Committee.

The Clerk had contacted Mr. Doughty re. the preparation of the car park sub base. Mr Doughty confirmed that the work should commence early in February and the Grasscrete could be laid soon afterwards.

(d)  Highways and salt bins.  The Chairman proposed that a detailed letter to highlight areas of roads and footpaths in need of maintenance be sent to NYCC Highways with a copy to Cllr. Val Arnold.                   *Action Chair and Clerk*

(e)Street lights. The lighting column on Moor Lane had been repositioned.

(f)   The PC Web site. The Chairman reported that the web site was up to date and included small items of village news.

1. **Finance**:-

(a)Precept for 2016/2017. The required precept was discussed and it was agreed by all Councillors that £1500 be requested from RDC. This figure considers the likely increased costs for village maintenance, salt bin servicing, additional Clerk duties, insurance and tree management.

(b)  Village green grass cutting invoice    (£120.00)

(c)   Rural Action Yorkshire invoice         (£35.00)

(d)  Yorkshire Local Council Association (£45.00)

         (e)   VAT Returns of £383.55p  received

**7*.* Planning applications**:-

(a) 15/00926/HOUSE Mr & Mrs Wood.  Erection of a detached 5 bay and garden store following the demolition of an existing detached Outbuilding Manor House, Lime Lane, Sinnington  YO62 6SN.                             *Approved*

(b) 15/00888/FUL  Alison Brown,    Erection of detached reception building to Include kitchen, washroom facilities and integral stabling and horse box garage, following demolition of existing stables, together with a 1no bay extension to covered riding area and formation of vehicular access.  Friars Hill Riding Stables, Friars Hill Road, Sinnington, YO62 6SJ.     Members had no objections.                                                                                 *Registered*

(c)  15/01372/HOUSE and 15/01373/LBC, Erection of single storey extension to north east elevation to form entrance hall, Willow Cottage, Main Street, Sinnington YO62 6SQ Members had no objections.                                                   *Registered*

(d) 15/01118/HOUSE  Mr & Mrs N B Hobbs, Erection of detached garage, erection of porch to  west elevation and window alterations to include roof lights to east and west facing slopes.  Chapel Garth, The Garth,  Sinnington, Members had no objections.         *Approved*

8.**December 2015 heavy rainfall**, surface water flooding, fallen trees in the river and condition of the river bank. A review of the surface water flooding after high rainfall concluded that flooding of the roads was mainly due to the drains being blocked with dead leaves and other matter. It was agreed that better co-ordination about the timing and frequency of drain clearing and road sweeping could minimise future similar events. More information to be obtained from NYCC and RDC.           *Action Clerk*

Two trees that had fallen into the swollen river had been removed.

1. **AOB**

It was acknowledged that residents at the South end of the village came out to clear blocked road drains and in particular, the efforts of Donald Simpson were noted. A letter of thanks and appreciation by the Parish Council to be sent to Mr. Simpson.                                                                                                    *Action Clerk*

An enquiry was received via the web site on grass cutting contract renewal.

Replacement sand bags were needed for storage at Riverside farm and Elmsall farm.                                                                                  *Action Clerk*

The poor state of the edge of the green caused by vehicles next to the Chapel was observed. This area to be considered for improvement after the wet weather.

The plastic matting that is to be removed from the village green car park to be stored for future use.

New neighbourhood watch street signs are to become available soon.

**10.** **Date of next meeting**: Monday 14th March 2016, 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.