Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 13th July 2015

Minutes

**1. Apologies** from Cllr. Val Arnold who had been due to address the council and from Cllr. Helen Browes.

**2**. **The Chairman** welcomed councillors and explained that recently-retired Councillor Ruth Wass would take notes as the Clerk was unable to be present. 4 Parish Councillors were present.

**3. Cllr. Tom Scaling was elected Vice- Chairman**

**4. Minutes** of the May 18th 2015. After agreement that the wording of  6 (c) should be amended to  —‘ Members present approved the document along with a proposal from Cllr Mike Swinnerton that the clerk keep copies which can be used by any person wanting to make a recording of proceedings’. —— Cllrs. approved minutes.

**5**. **Matters Arising**:-

(a)**Re No 12 AOB**   **Foot paths in Stables and Roffe Woods** – Chairman had written to Mark Feather – Woodland Trust – (WT) about problems in Stables and Roffe woods with overgrown paths and Interpretation board missing.  The reply was that WT had taken them and not replaced them.  Report to WT about blocked paths, boggy paths, sign demolished by fallen tree etc. Chair had offered help to WT in the form of a working party.  Mr Feathers’ response was that he and a WT contractor would look at the situation and report back within the month.  Cllr Baldwin suggested that WT be given an ultimatum that the village would do the work if no response had happened within a month.  Resolved to contact WT after a month                                     Action Chair

(b)**Honesty Box**:-£189. 72 collected during last two months, Cllr Hudson to collect for the next two months.(c)**Village Hall car park**:- NYMNPA Grant Application submitted. ( 3rd time of applying) Part of the application called for other users to write in support of the application; Pre-School have already done so. Grasscrete, who are the preferred suppliers, have offered to supply materials directly to the contractors to help keep costs down.

Planning permission for the **Village Hall extension** had been granted on June 10th  2015 but with conditions regarding type of stone, mortar and slate etc.  It had been hoped to get the work done during the summer but Chairman considered that this was an unlikely timescale.   A guesstimate of cost was in the region of £50,000.  Rural Action Yorkshire is to raise awareness of the project and a group of local people have agreed to help with the grant applications.

**(d) Parish Website and recording of meetings**. The web site is still under development. Guidance notes on recordings during meetings had been produced and were available to anyone wanting to record. It was proposed that a double-sided sheet with Guidance notes on one side and a form to sign on the reverse confirming that the person wanting to record had read the notes and agreed to abide by them, should be available.

**(e)Stripe Footpath**  This had been repaired by local volunteers and a Park Ranger and Apprentice. A permissive notice to be provided by the Park before October.

**(f)Slowing the Flow** Ex- Cllr Wass reported on two meetings that she had attended. Mrs Wass agreed to attend any meeting during the next year if informed of the meeting.

**(g) NYCC Grass Cutting** NYCC had contacted Cllr Hudson to ask if the PC would like to take responsibility for grass cutting along the A170. He had replied in the negative. The rest of the grass in the village had been cut either by RDC or by volunteers but it was reported that the circular paths around the village were very overgrown and it was proposed that the possibility of using a contractor be explored.  A complaint had been noted about leaving uncut the lower level grass beside the river for too long a period.  To be reviewed at the Annual open meeting.                                                              Action – Clerk

**(h) White Posts – Mr** D Simpson had been asked to paint these.

**(i) Street Lights – A** Light at the top of Moor Lane was causing obstruction to a contractor – they were negotiating with the Electric Board to move it. A Light near Fourth Cottage had not been repaired but one on Riverside East and one on Riverside West had both been repaired.

**(j) Parish Member for the** **Southern Area Parish Forum** had been elected: Mrs Ena Dent of Rosedale was the new member.

**6. Finance:-**

* £3867.0 in General account after current payments had been made.
* Insurance had been re-negotiated to a lower price of £290/year for a 3 year contract.
* RDC paid the annual rent of £10 for Chapel Garth
* Clerks Expenses and Voucher paid.

**7.Village Seat Repairs** Two seats, one west of the Village Hall with a damaged seat rail and one near the bus      shelter were to be repaired by Mr J Page who had provided a quotation of £38.07 for the work.

**8.Planning Applications**

(a) 15/00321/FUL Mr Shaun Pearson-Smith Building at Catter Bridge – Approved.

(b) 5/00468/CAT Mr Hobbs – Removal of tree – Approved

(c) 15/00428/House and 15/00429/LBC – both for Mr & Mrs M Wood – Withdrawn

(d) Phone Mast A pre-planning application and plans to site a mobile phone mast in Mr E Leng’s field adjacent to the A170.  It had been stated that the mast would be for all service providers.  Concern was expressed about the siting of the mast and it was felt that it could have been placed nearer to the existing Sewage works where it would have been less visually obtrusive.  A meeting to look at all options for siting of mast was called for. The Chairman to write to the provider on the matter.                                                                   Action Chair

(e) 15/00701/LBC Mr David Johnson.- Conversion & Alteration of Barn – Revised plans.  It was felt by Cllrs. that the plans were greatly altered with extra windows and the plans now showed North facing windows which overlooked neighbour’s gardens as clear, whereas previous plans had shown them as frosted. Concerns had been received from an adjacent property owner.   Cllrs.to ask RDC for a site meeting between all parties to discuss these issues.  The Chairman to write to RDC about the concerns.      Action Chair

1. **Meetings Report NYCC Highways area meeting 10th June 2015** PC had been informed that the Highways Agency was to be re-named as Highways England. Report that there was to be a 5 year programme to update the Hopgrove roundabout.

Chairman would like support from Highways to talk about the state of the roads and footpaths in our parish. Concern about lack of and broken, kerb edging, fencing at Friars Hill and potholes in various places.  These issues had been presented before with the usual response of ‘not actionable’.

**Parish Liaison Meeting 10th June  Transparency Code**  means that any expenditure over £100 has to be published on a website,  At the moment this is not enforced but could be at some time.

The Fire Brigade had given a presentation of the financial constraints on its services.

1. **AOB**
* Request from the village Newsletter Custodians for the Parish Council to ‘take ownership’ of the newsletter – not the day to day running. were of the opinion that the newsletter should be an entirely independent body so Chairman was asked to pass this on to the Custodians.                                                                 Action Chair
* Cllrs declined offer of Canine Watch stickers offered by a member of the public.
* Chair informed fellow Cllrs that there was to be a ‘Tidy Up’ morning this coming Sunday 19th. Suggested sites for attention were Pinfold, clearing of young trees grown up  at Friars Hill.
* Cllr Scaling asked if Highways could be asked to remove vegetation from the footpaths alongside the A170. Also to be asked to remove vegetation inside the Armco barriers at East end entrance to Sinnington as this was creating a serious safety hazard – visibility was poor in both directions. Chair to write to NYCC Highways.                                                                                                                                                                             Action Chair
* Silt was reported as building up below the bridge in the village.

The meeting closed at 9 45 pm.

Next meeting September 14th 2015 at 7 30pm.