1. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
2. In attendance: Chairman Roger Hudson, Cllr Baldwin, Cllr Browes, Cllr Swinnerton, Cllr Baxter, Alan Eves (Forestry Commission) and Clerk Faye Snowden.
3. Minutes of the last meeting held on the 12 November 2018 (previously circulated) were approved.

The actions from last meeting had been carried out and two carried forward:

**Action:** MS to paint the parking donation box stake.

**Action:** MB to request a drainage boundary map from the Rye Drainage Board .

The fallen branches in the river have still not been cleared by the Environment Agency.

**Action:** The Clerk to contact them again with the request.

1. Matters arising:
   1. Honesty box. MS to continue collecting. Total collected in the current financial year to date is £819.46. All present agreed that the PC would purchase a PVC ‘Visitor Parking’ sign to be attached to the post.

**Action:** The Chairman to purchase the sign costing £7.95 plus VAT and postage.

1. Finance – The following payments were authorised:

a) Christmas Tree donation chq 604 £50.00

b) Parking donations paid in £58.60

c) Clerks Salary Q3 £244.17 chq 605

d) Clerks Tax £61.20 chq 606

e) Autela payroll £30.00 chq 607

1. Parish Council Election.

The Local District and Parish Election will be held on Thursday 2 May 2019. RDC have not yet circulated the nomination papers. Nominations will open on Thursday 7th March and close 4pm on Wednesday 3rd April. More information on becoming a Councillor and the election will be placed in the noticeboard in due course.

**Action:** The Clerk to forward round the nomination papers when received from RDC.

**Action:** The Chairman to put a notice in the village newsletter encouraging residents to consider the role of Parish Councillor.

1. Flood Alleviation Group (FAG).

MB gave an update on FAG’s progress. A group tour of the village had taken place on the 20th September with Gareth Roberts, NYCC. FAG awaits the outcome and recommendations from the meeting. Once received, the group will meet to discuss the ideas to take forward.

Slowing the flow the future – Alan Eves, Forestry Commission attended the meeting to request permission to hold a public presentation, to give details on a new initiative. The trial initiative is to introduce beavers into an enclosed area on forestry commission land, as a natural measure against flooding. The project has secured the necessary licence and has received great support from partner authorities. The Forestry Commission wish to carry out public engagement and present the scientific facts to residents. The presentation, date to be confirmed, will last approximately 20 minutes with an opportunity for residents to ask questions. The presentation will be hosted by the PC and presented by the Forestry Commissions Ecologist. All residents are welcome to attend.

**Action:** Once the date is confirmed, the Clerk to put a notice in the village newsletter.

1. Village Green Works

Responding to residents comments, the PC propose to dig a 100sqm area where the parking is getting cut up and apply a geotextile layer with stone and re-soil to raise and reinstate the parking area. Estimated material cost would be around £400 plus VAT. The work could possibly be carried out by BB and volunteers.

**Action:** The Chairman and BB to put together a detailed proposal for the next meeting, to then present to residents at the open meeting in April.

1. Laptop

The Clerk had received a quote to have the PC laptop serviced by Computer FX in Malton. The quote is for £60 including backing up and restoring PC data.

**Action:** The Clerk to ask JRA in Kirkbymoorside for a quote and then have the laptop services by the overall best value service provider.

1. Planning Applications

None.

Planning Decisions:

18/01036/ful – Erection of a three bedroom dwelling with detached double garage and formation of vehicular access at Land At the Poplars, Main Street Sinnington – Withdrawn.

1. AOB
2. It was reported that a volunteer working on behalf of the North York Moors National Park Authority had been taking pictures of houses and going onto private property without prior consent. The volunteer did not appear to be wearing any identification.

**Action:** The Clerk to enquiry with NYMNPA as to if the work was genuine and the reason for taking the photographs.

1. It was reported that there are still some potholes around the village. All residents are encouraged to report them on line through the North Yorkshire County Council website.
2. It was reported that fireworks had been let off on the green, on Christmas day without prior permission. The responsible party apologised for any upset caused. This prompted a conversation regarding the need to include a health and safety brief in the hire contract for the village hall.

The meeting closed at 7:45pm

**Date of the next meeting: Monday 4 March 2019, in the meeting room 6:30pm.**