

Sinnington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting 6th March 2023

PRESENT: Cllr Swinnerton, Cllr Stephens, Cllr Asquith, Cllr Nightingale, Cllr Morse and Alison Mitchell Parish Clerk.

67. **Apologies for absence:** No apologies for absence received.
68. **Declarations of interest:** No declarations of interest from members.
69. **Minutes of the last meeting:** Minutes of the last meeting held on the 23rd January 2023 (previously circulated) were approved.
70. **Public participation:** No members of the public were present although a statement was read out by the clerk from a resident who hoped that the cutting of the Riverbank could be put on the next council Agenda.
71. **To receive further information on ongoing issues and decide if further action to be taken.**
- i. Dark Lane Grit Bin – The council noted that the grit bin had been ordered with North Yorkshire County Council and would be installed within the next few weeks.
 - ii. Streetlight on School Lane – The council were informed that the headteacher of the Primary school had met with a representative from North Yorkshire County Council and identified a black-spot down the lane. The council **resolved** that at the present time they could not proceed with installing a new light as they had no response from NYCC regarding installation, maintenance and running costs for a new light but would support the school if they approached NYCC regarding a new installation.
 - iii. Tree work – The council were informed that North York Moors National Park would be carrying out tree work on the Stripe and that the Parish council would need to obtain permission from both the parks and Ryedale District council to carry out the tree work identified in the last inspection report. Two contractors had been contacted but only one had replied and will be sending a quote to the Parish as soon as they can. The council **resolved** to start the applications to NYM National Park and Ryedale District council for the Parish tree work to be undertaken.
72. **Planning Application** – 23/000159/CAT.
- i. The council **resolved** that it had no objections to this application.
73. **Planning Decisions** – The council noted that applications 22/01074/LBC and 22/01073/HOUSE had both been approved.
74. **Matter requested by Councillors:**
- i. Cleaning village Maypole - Councillor Nightingale offered to seek a quote for hiring a cherry picker to get to the top of the pole for cleaning and offered to undertake this if the quote was acceptable. She will report back to the council when a quote is obtained.
 - ii. Car Parking and Grant application – The clerk informed the council that there was no news on whether the grant application had been successful. The council **resolved** to wait until they hear about this before submitting a planning application. In the meantime, councillors would look into different surfaces that may be suitable for the job and may cost significantly less than the Grasscrete, in case the grant application was unsuccessful.
75. **Financial matters:**
- i. The council noted that income of £60 had been received and that there was no expenditure to the 28th February 2023.
 - ii. The council **resolved** to pay the invoice from NYCC for £105.00 including VAT.
76. **Laptop Security** – The council **resolved** to allow the clerk to install Norton 360 Delux Anti-virus on the Parish laptop.
77. **Online Banking** – The council **resolved** to apply for internet banking and add the clerk to the account to allow processing of online payments.
78. **Clerk Training** – The council **resolved** to allow the clerk to attend a YLCA training course for new clerks.
79. **Draft Parish Charter** – The council **resolved** that it will not respond to the consultation on the draft document.

80. **Employment matters**

- i. The council **resolved** to exclude members of the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the nature of the following business to be transacted being prejudicial to the public interest.
- ii. The council **resolved** to accept the clerk's new contract and job description and to increase the clerk's salary to spinal column point 15.

81. The council noted that the next meeting Annual Parish meeting to be held on Monday 17th April 2023.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.