

SNAINTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9th July 2018 in the Reading Room commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr T.P. Abbey (Chairman); Cllr N Binks (Vice-Chairman); Cllr L. Backhouse; Cllr P. Mainprize; Cllr D. Jeffels (NYCC & SBC). J Ingham CPFA (clerk).

Apologies for absence: - none.

Absent: - no-one

713 Cllr Terry Abbey opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

714 Minutes of the meeting held on 4th June 2018 were presented and were agreed as a true record.

715 Matters arising:

Foulbridge Lane, excess field waste on the highway. The Clerk had visited the site, and whilst it was now dry, it was clear that there was still a copious quantity of mud on the highway. It was agreed that the Clerk should bring this to the attention of NYCC highways to find out what progress they have made with the landowner and the parties responsible.

The Clerk suggested that some form of gift could be purchased for the parishioner who so generously provided the Holiday Cottage prize for the Tour de Yorkshire decorated house competition. *It was resolved that the Clerk was authorised to purchase an appropriate token to a maximum of £30.*

Dog Fouling Stencil; The Clerk was asked to acquire one either by borrowing from Ryedale DC or commissioning one for the Council, ideally in, for example, stainless steel that would last for a decent period.

716 Declarations of interest: none declared

717 Police report: - PC Nigel Horsley attended and gave the Council a brief resume of his career, and discussed the report with members. It was commented and discussed that there were continuing issues with poaching, and animal transport. There was a further discussion on the increasing use of drones, and the associated safety and privacy issues. The report was received and noted.

718 Report by County & Borough Councillors – the report has been circulated, and the proposal for the Armed Forces day in 2020 which would be a particularly large event was noted. Cllr Jeffels also advised that he had been informed that the drains in Snainton would be cleaned in the period 28th September to 1st October.

719 Open Forum

The following matters were raised: -

- i) Parishioners requested that the Reading Room windows needed cleaning on a regular basis.
- ii) An offer was made that the WI would knit poppies for the 100th Anniversary Remembrance Service in November.
- iii) It was commented that the planters needed attention to keep them looking 'decent' although the current extended hot spell has not been conducive to planters. Parishioners commented that it was a disappointment that local residents hadn't taken the initiative and watered the planters.

720 Planning Applications

18/01248/HS; Erection of a garage at 86 High St. Snainton, YO13 9AJ

18/01291/HS; Erection of two rear single storey extensions and detached garage at Acorn Cottage, West Lane, Snainton, YO13 9AR

The Council formally confirmed that it had no objections to these two applications, and ratified the responses already made by the Clerk on behalf of the Council which had been submitted following electronic correspondence between Councillors and the Clerk.

721 Highways

The Clerk gave an update on the current VAS review being undertaken by NYCC. It looks possible that NYCC may allow Parishes to purchase and maintain their own VAS possibly using NYCC street furniture.

The Council has received a request to extend its grass cutting contract to include a small piece of land outside the Coachman Cottages. The piece of land has the Coachman Inn sign on it and historically has always been cut by the management of the Coachman Inn. *The Council resolved to extend its contract to include this small piece of land, and the Clerk was authorised to approach the new owners of the Coachman to establish if they would resume their long standing responsibilities instead of the Council cutting the grass.*

722 Reading Room

The Council agreed to the windows being cleaned on a regular basis. *The Council resolved that the Library group be authorised to make the necessary arrangements with a suitable contractor.*

The Clerk reported that the wi-fi was still pending, citing their contractual hours having been taken by the Tour de Yorkshire works, and therefore the wi-fi should be installed over the summer.

The present state of the kitchen was discussed and it was agreed that some improvements were appropriate, though these should be modest to reflect the lack of use other than by the Library Group. Following discussion it was suggested that the sum required would be in the region of £2,000 to £2,500. *The Council resolved that, in principle, it would provide funding to improve the kitchen; the range and extent of improvements would be determined once a study and costed proposals have been put forward by the Library Group to a future meeting.*

The Clerk was asked to review the cleaning arrangements for the Reading Room

723 Financial Matters

Routine Payments June 2018

i) Administration etc.	£	914.03
ii) Reading Room (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£	216.58
iii) Parish (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£	1,136.00
iv) Cemetery (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£	235.20
v) Grants & Donations	£	0.00
vi) Loan repayment	£	0.00

Non-routine accounts for authorisation & payment: - none

The Clerk reported on the possibility of the Council investing some of its reserves with the CCLA, a specific body providing investment advice, and opportunities for Local Authorities. *The Council resolved that it would, in principle, be willing to invest some of the reserves, and the Clerk was asked to bring a report back to a later meeting.*

724 Attendance at outside meetings:

Report Back:

- i) Northern Villages CaP group; 13th June; 7pm Village Hall, Sawdon; No report;
Cllr L Backhouse reported that he had not been able to attend.

Scheduled: -

- i) YLCA Joint Annual Meeting; Sat 14th July; 2:00pm at The Bridge Hotel, Walshford, Wetherby;
Resolved - no representation
- ii) NY Moors National Park; Joint Area Parish Forum; Tue 17th July; 17:15 at Danby Castle;
Resolved - no representation.
- iii) Northern Villages CaP group; 12th September; 7pm, Seamer & Irton Village Hall, Cllr L
Backhouse

725 Date and time of next meeting; - Monday 9th July 2018 at 7:30 pm