

SNANTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 12th November 2018 in the Reading Room commencing at 7.30pm.

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

Apologies for absence: - Cllr T.P. Abbey (Chairman).

Absent: - no-one

757 Cllr Neil Binks opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance. He advised that the Chairman would not be able to attend Council meetings until Jan 2019 at the earliest to allow sufficient recovery time following major surgery. In the interim the Vice-Chairman would continue as Chairman. Members were reminded that with the current vacancy it was vital that all members attended each meeting for the meeting to be quorate until the Chairman returned and/or a co-opted member could be found. The clerk reminded members that there was a Parish election due on May 2nd 2019

758 Minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2018 were presented and were agreed as a true record.

759 Matters arising:

The Clerk reported that despite their expectations, and apparently in contravention of its own rules, the Post Office has replaced the post box in Station Rd.

The Clerk reported that the vegetation, hedge restricting the entrance to the Cemetery has been cut back.

760 Declarations of interest: Cllr N Binks declared a personal interest in the Planning Application and was advised that it was permissible to stay participate in the debate.

761 Police report: - The report was received and it was a pleasure to note that Snainton was crime free in October.

762 Open Forum

A number of fascinating and wide ranging matters were raised: -

- i) There was universal approval of the new WW1 commemorative bench installed by the Council at the War Memorial, and for the inclusion of the school in the Service of Remembrance.
- ii) A representative of the Vale players advised that the Drama Group was on the cusp of winding up, primarily due to the paucity of participative thespians in the Parish. It was looking to dispose of its assets, and use any remaining funds for the benefit of the Parish.
- iii) The Council was asked about its forward plan over the next 10 years for the Reading Room. The concern and interest was to improve the whole ambience of the premises, including the kitchen (now being improved), the Back room, and the toilet facilities. Parishioners were advised that the Council's view was that the lack of any dedicated car parking spaces was a real issue with the premises, when compared to the Village Hall.
- iv) One parishioner commented that they considered that the range of books provided in the outreach library had little to offer male readers.
- v) Concern continues to be raised over the Shepherd's Huts off West Lane and any potential planning issues about their placement and use.
- vi) There continues to be concern with the non-action / activity with the Hallders site on the High St.

vii) A parishioner raised an interesting suggestion that horse riders should pay a 'nominal' fee of, say, £10 as a contribution to the costs of cleaning up their equine deposits. The Clerk reminded the Council, the meeting, and the individual that the Council has no powers to instigate such a fee.

viii) The issue of the perceived lack of maintenance to grounds, etc. in the village continues to be of interest with the idea of a 'Friends of Snainton' group being organised, along the lines of a similar one in Seamer, and other communities.

763 Report by County & Borough Councillors –

Cllr Phillips gave a verbal report on activity at Scarborough Borough Council, the highlight of which was the complete walk out by the opposition at the last full Council meeting. The Council was still helping residents through its continued support for the Local Council Tax rebate other points included the following: -

- They had received a briefing through the CCG on the local health services and the crisis with the local NHS trust, operating in Scarborough. Members were due to receive a further briefing with the Trust Chief Executive, particularly to counter the misinformation spreading through the perniciousness of social media. The local hospital will be retaining a full A&E function, though the vacancy rates for senior medical staff is at 20% (some 16 staff), and the overall staff shortage rate is high too, (at c.50%). In their view one problem is the lack of any private hospital facilities in Scarborough, which, paradoxically, attracts senior medical staff to the area.
- Locally the Open Air Theatre is proving very successful, securing superstars such as Kylie Minogue and Sir Cliff Richards.

764 Planning Applications

18/02460/FL; use of a building as a 2 bedroom dwellinghouse to be used for holiday use; Windyridge, Cross Lane, Snainton YO13 9BA

The Council formally confirmed that it had no objections to this application, and ratified the response already made by the Clerk on behalf of the Council which had been submitted to comply with consultation deadlines following electronic correspondence between Councillors and the Clerk.

765 Highways

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received reporting that NYCC Highways are scheduling work to Cliff Lane, Snainton in the next couple of months. Although non-specific it is expected and presumed that this should work to address the problem of spoil cascading onto the A170 in severe inclement weather.

766 Reading Room

An estimate for works to the kitchen from Kevin Pickard was approved. The overriding issue for the Group project managing the kitchen project is ensuring that the works by Stockill's to the external door, wall etc., and the internal works are managed to minimise disruption and that the works flow seamlessly. *It was resolved that the two projects, internal kitchen, and the external weatherproofing be managed by one individual, and Mr C. Proctor agreed to undertake this role.* The Clerk advised that the main contractor has been advised of this and suitable authorisation has been agreed.

767 Parish

The Council resolved to accept the offer of a WW1 Commemorative tree and approved the choice of a Copper Beech to be placed on the Millennium Green where an apple tree had recently been blown down.

The Council resolved to approve the quotation for works to the Bus Shelter in Brompton on Snainton Parish Council land, and the Clerk was authorised to make suitable arrangements for the works.

The Clerk reported on the Scarborough BC review of Polling Districts and Polling Stations. There was no impact for Snainton.

768 Financial Matters

The Clerk presented and explained the DRAFT 2019/2020 budget.

Routine Payments October 2018

i) Administration etc.	£	651.10
ii) Reading Room (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£	28.29
iii) Parish (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£	2,044.00
iv) Cemetery (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£	470.40
v) Grants & Donations	£	500.00
vi) Loan repayment	£	0.00

Non-routine accounts for authorisation & payment: - *The Council resolved to make a donation to the Royal British Legion of £150.*

769 Administration

The Council resolved to authorise current and future payment by Direct Debit for its Data Protection Registration.

Website renewal; the Clerk gave a report on progress with the replacement website.

770 Attendance at outside meetings:

Report Back

The Clerk reported back on the benefits and insight gained from their attendance at the SLCC National Conference, specifically on emerging issues for cemeteries arising from DEFRA.

Scheduled: - none

771 Matters raised by Councillors which may be considered at a future meeting: -

- The Reading Room Clock is, apparently 'two-faced' telling different times on each of its two faces. It was agreed that Mr S Pearson would be asked to 'fix it'.

772 Date and time of next meeting; - Monday 10th December 2018 at 7:30 pm