

SNANTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 10th December 2018 in the Reading Room commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr N Binks (Vice-Chairman); Cllr P. Mainprize; Cllr L. Backhouse. J Ingham CPFA (clerk).

Apologies for absence: - Cllr T.P. Abbey (Chairman); Cllr D. Jeffels (NYCC & SBC); Cllr H Phillips (SBC).

Absent: - no-one

773 Cllr Neil Binks opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

774 Minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2018 were presented and were agreed as a true record.

775 Matters arising: none reported

776 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.

777 Police report: - The report was received and it was disappointing that there had been an increase in reported crime, particularly in violence against persons.

778 Report by County & Borough Councillors –

The Clerk reported that a report had been received and forwarded to Councillors.

779 Open Forum

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

- i) The Council were advised by a parishioner that they were taking legal action against NYCC to require the County Council to undertake an appropriate level of repair and maintenance to unclassified roads U769 Troutsdale Brow, and U771 Cockmoor Rd. There had been temporary TRO (Traffic Regulation Orders) which expire in 2019. Additionally work was required on the Bridleway and RUPP (Road used as a public path).
- ii) Concern was expressed that the Fuel Station, Grocery and Post Office are closing on 31st December 2018, with little prospect of these facilities being replaced elsewhere in the village. The Council was asked if it would be able to provide any form of assistance to ameliorate the situation.
- iii) A manhole cover on Nettledale Lane just north of 7 Acres was reported as being in a dangerous state, and a parishioner offered to undertake to report this to NYCC through their Highways Portal.
- iv) Also on Nettledale Lane the Grit Bin just by the Old Prison has a broken lid.

780 Planning Applications

18/02660/HS; Erection of a single storey side and rear extensions; Marfield, West Lane, Snainton YO13 9AR.

The Council formally confirmed that it had no objections to this application.

781 Highways

The issue of roadside, and footpath parking at the eastern end of the village was discussed and Cllr L Backhouse and Cllr D Jeffels have both reported this to NYCC highways, and it was pleasing to note that new plastic bollards have been installed and cars are now parking on the A170 outside the houses.

782 Reading Room

The Library group gave a verbal report stating that there were about 30 books being issued each week, many to the schoolchildren attending the library.

In respect of the works to the kitchen; the door has now been repaired and made watertight, works in the kitchen itself are progressing and the group advised that they have 3 boxes of bric a brac to dispose of. *The Council resolved that the group dispose of these as they see fit.*

783 Parish

Cllr P Mainprize reported on the contact he has had with JJ Harrison to undertake works to test clear a section of footpath between Snainton and Brompton by Sawdon. The general consensus was to undertake some works in the New Year. The contractor did raise the issue of where liability would rest if there were a claim for personal damages subsequent to the work being done. The Clerk was asked to investigate with the Council's insurer, and possibly NYCC. The underlying issue is that responsibility for maintenance of footpaths rests with NYCC and if the Council undertake works would they then become responsible if there were any subsequent claim for damages. It was also suggested that there may be moneys available from Cllr D Jeffels Locality budget for these works.

The Clerk reported on the trees on the Millennium Green and their current state. It was considered that the old apple tree, now deceased should be removed and a suite of cordon apples be planted to provide a continuation of the 'Orchard'. *The Council resolved to authorise the Clerk to work with appropriate individuals to determine the most suitable course of action, and execute that.*

The Clerk also advised members of the latest information from YLCA which suggested, following a recent court case that a tree management strategy and framework needs to be established and implemented. The approach cannot be blanket. In terms of timetables, and inspection frequencies, these will need to be flexible enough to reflect relevant risk. Where necessary Parish Councils should seek the advice and support of suitably qualified arboricultural experts.

The Clerk reported on the Hanging Garden on Nettledale Lane where the retaining wall is showing signs that it will need repairs in the New Year. *The Council resolved to authorise the Clerk to work with appropriate individuals to prepare a budgeted plan of works and to bring that back to the Council for approval.*

784 Financial Matters

The Clerk presented and explained the 2019/2020 budget. *The Council resolved to approve the Budget and set a precept of £21,500, the same as in 2018/2019.*

Routine Payments November 2018

i) Administration etc.	£ 2,117.93
ii) Reading Room (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£ 45.31
iii) Parish (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£ 2,031.33
iv) Cemetery (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£ 48.00
v) Grants & Donations	£ 150.00
vi) Loan repayment	£ 1,059.81

785 Administration

The Council resolved to authorise attendance by the Clerk at the YLCA training seminar on Planning to be held on 13th March at Solberge Hall, nr. Northallerton. The Seminar fee and travel expenses would be met from the training budget.

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

786 Attendance at outside meetings:

Report Back

Scheduled: - Scarborough & Whitby Area Committee on 12th December

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

- The Council asked the Clerk to arrange an ex gratia award to Mr Proctor in recognition of the work undertaken by him in managing the improvements in the Reading Room kitchen etc.
- The Clerk was asked to work towards getting a suitable 'dog mess' stencil in time for the spring when it could be used on the footpaths in the village.
- There is an increasing amount of 'greenery' on the footpaths alongside the A170, the main street through the village

788 Date and time of next meeting; - Monday 14th January 2019 at 7:30 pm

789 *The Council resolved to exclude the public to discuss the Clerk's remuneration.*

790 The Council received and considered a report from the Clerk. *The Council resolved that with effect from 1st December 2018 to increase the Clerk's hours to an average 9 hours per week and to pay at Spinal Column Point 27.*