

## SNANTON PARISH COUNCIL

James Ingham CPFA  
Clerk to the Parish Council  
Telephone 07711 659373; 01723 859283  
Email [Snainton.pc@btinternet.com](mailto:Snainton.pc@btinternet.com)

The Doubles, Main St.  
Allerston  
Pickering  
YO18 7PG

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in the Reading Room commencing at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllr T.P. Abbey (Chairman); 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:** - none

**Absent:** - no-one

807 Cllr Terry Abbey opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance. He specifically thanked Cllr Neil Binks for taking on the role of Chairman so ably during the Chairman's hospitalisation and recovery.

808 Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were presented and were agreed as a true record.

809 Matters arising:

- The Clerk reported that work was being undertaken to control mole activity in the cemetery, and on The Orchard.
- Stencils for dog waste awareness are being ordered.

810 Declarations of interest: None

811 Police report: - The report was received and it was pleasing that PC Graham Bilton was able to attend and discuss issues arising from the report. One issue was an increase in off road riding and accordingly off road patrols were being undertaken and would continue through to the summer. Schools visits were also being done to warn of 'stranger and internet dangers'. There are hopes that a second PCSO will be secured, possibly from the Scarborough Team by the early summer. The resident's concern about HCV damage to verges in Barker's Lane was raised and discussed, and it was noted that the Borough Council's Inconsiderate Parking Team and NYCC Highways Office have also been informed.

812 Report by County & Borough Councillors –

Cllr Jeffels reported on matters within NYCC and these included: -

- NYCC are setting their budget, still facing further cuts, but managing to maintain frontline services. Social Care now takes some £153m which is a significant proportion of the budget.
- It is pleasing to note that schools continue to achieve good examination results.
- The rollout of locally managed, including funding, VAS schemes continues with a live date possibly from April 2019. (N.B. Snainton's VAS contract with NYCC expires 31/3/2020)

Cllr Phillips reported on Scarborough BC included the following: -

- In the light of the forthcoming Local Elections the Borough Council are holding 'Information' Sessions for prospective councillors.
- Schools are being encouraged to look at and consider environmental issues.
- Cabinet on 12<sup>th</sup> Feb will be considering changes to the Cemeteries, and a review of operational systems.
- The Budget will be set on 1<sup>st</sup> March and an increase of 2.99% is being proposed.
- The increase from the Police & Fire Authority has been rejected and will need to be resubmitted.

### 813 Open Forum

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

- i) The key for the glass cupboard in the Reading Room cannot be found. The Clerk advised that they would seek the help of the locksmith in Pickering, and in the meantime perhaps the key will 'turn up'.
- ii) It is anticipated that work will be starting on the problem high voltage power cables in the High St, at the Hallders site.
- iii) The Village Hall is seeking new Trustees.
- iv) A parishioner suggested that the Council should consider the purchase and installation of a full size snooker/billiards table, referencing the plaque showing this had been a popular activity, though the last entry on the plaque was 1933. They offered to look into the costs of purchasing such a table. It was pointed out that the Reading Room was now largely committed to a library function with fairly static shelving.
- v) The door of the Reading Room was sticking. (N.B. now repaired)

### 814 Planning Applications;

18/02752/HS; proposed single storey side extension at 15 The Orchard, Snainton; YO13 9AU

*The Council has no objections to this application.*

The Council considered the report from the Clerk, together with the advice note from YLCA on the way to treat applications received between formal Council Meetings, specifically where the Planning Authority (Scarborough BC) requests response to meet a 21 day deadline which falls before the next Council Meeting. *The Council resolved that unless the particular application was 'material' in a planning sense, that it would receive and consider planning applications in its own cycle of meetings, irrespective of the 21 days deadline for a response sought by the Planning Authority. It would respond after its own meeting within 7 calendar days of its meeting. Where the application could be considered material, the Chairman may elect to call an extraordinary meeting to consider the application, but no other business.*

### 815 Highways

The Clerk reported that they had received advice on the lawful funding of locally managed VAS equipment, something the Council is planning to undertake from April 2020 when the present 'leased' arrangement through NYCC ends. *It was noted by the Council that their proposed funding arrangements for the planned installation were considered to be lawful.*

The Clerk confirmed that they had contacted NYCC to request that the VAS equipment signs be realigned to be effective and this had been done.

### 816 Reading Room

The Library group gave a verbal report stating that there continues to be a regular clientele for books and jigsaws each week, and that children's books were taking an increasing amount of space. They requested that the Council agree to purchase an additional pier of shelving at an estimated cost of c. £200, using the same provider to ensure consistency of appearance etc. *The Council resolved to authorise the group to order an extra set of shelving which the Council would fund to a maximum of £250.*

## 817 Parish

The Clerk gave a verbal report on the response from NYCC and their stipulations for the remedial work to the A170 footpath between Snainton and Brompton. Given this latest setback, the Council is minded to abandon its plans and just leave the footpath to continue its inexorable decline, and ask the County Council to undertake remedial work when it can at its convenience.

The Clerk reported that Whitby Town Council will be key coordinator for the forthcoming Yorkshire Day celebrations on August 1<sup>st</sup> and have asked if Snainton Parish Council wish to be involved. *The Council resolved to leave this matter to be determined by the new Council as it will be taking place after the Local Elections on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

The Clerk gave a verbal report on the advice received from the arboriculture expert (ex Ryedale DC) which suggested that the best course of action for the specific problem Beech tree was that it should be removed. The Council considered that a quote should be sought from a professional tree removal expert. *The Council resolved to authorise the Clerk to negotiate with Scarborough BC and, if appropriate, others, to secure the best value contract to remove the tree. It was further resolved that this could, if appropriate, include a certain amount of sculpting to provide a form of seating utilising the remaining trunk and bole of the tree.*

## 818 Financial Matters

Routine Payments January 2019

i) Administration etc.	£	1,002.41
ii) Reading Room (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£	3,091.20
iii) Parish (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£	1,481.40
iv) Cemetery (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£	0.00
v) Grants & Donations	£	0.00
vi) Loan repayment	£	0.00

Non-routine accounts for authorisation & payment: -None

## 819 Administration

The Clerk reported on new information in respect of a Review of Standards in Public Life (the Nolan Principles) by the Committee on Standards in Public Life, and its recommendations. This will be revisited in May with the new Council.

*The Council resolved to approve the attendance of the Clerk at a "Responsible Financial Officer / Finance and Year End Training" event on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, and to reimburse necessary travelling expenses etc.*

## 820 Attendance at outside meetings:

Report back; Cllr Terry Abbey and the Clerk gave a brief report on the recent YLCA Scarborough Branch meeting they had attended. The presentation by NY Police Traffic division was extremely interesting, and made the meeting much more than the sum of its parts.

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

- The Council asked the Clerk to prepare some advertising material to try to engage parishioners and encourage them to stand in May 2019 as Councillors to the Parish Council.
- The Council, considering that the climate is leading to milder, if wetter, winters considered the continuing need for grit to be available in the grit bins, and equally pertinently the issue of refilling the grit bins and the price sought by NYCC for their fill and refill during the winter months. The Clerk advised that they could source a 1 tonne bag of salt for around £110 compared to the £375 sought by NYCC. *The Council resolved that it would consider managing the supply of grit to the bins itself next year and therefore the Clerk was asked to note this for inclusion on the Agenda for the October or November 2019 meeting.*
- There is a definite need to schedule external painting of the Reading Room in the spring/early summer.

## 822 Date and time of next meeting; - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7:30 pm