

SNANTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 11th March 2019 in the Reading Room commencing at 7.30pm.

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

Apologies for absence: - Cllr P. Mainprize;

Absent: - no-one

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

824 Minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2019 were presented and were agreed as a true record.

825 Matters arising: None

826 Declarations of interest: None

827 Police report: - The report was received and it was pleasing that PCSO C Richman was able to attend and discuss issues arising from the report. They asked for any concerns that the Parish Council were aware of, and advised that there was a steady increase in e-fraud, which, so far as they are concerned is simply theft facilitated by the digital era, and that residents should be cautious and report any dubious activity to "Action Fraud" the team set up for this purpose.

828 Report by County & Borough Councillors –

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

- He has spoken with the business in Barker's Lane about resident's concerns over parking, etc. and the site is certainly improved, with roads being swept and a general tidying up.
- He has advised Highways (Area 3 Whitby) about the drains on the A170, and that the north side seems to have been cleaned, but not the south side.
- He was involved in continuing discussions about the changes to Health & Social care, including the loss of oncology services at Scarborough Hospital.
- Election 'Purdah' starts on 14th March.
- A new Housing Association has been formed named "Beyond Housing", a name which members and residents considered somewhat droll, from Scarborough combining with Redcar & Cleveland Housing Associations
- The NYCC Budget has been approved.

829 Open Forum

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

- i) The bench by the cemetery entrance needs repair or replacement.
- ii) The framed certificates that are stored in the rear room ought to be brought out and displayed.
- iii) The various village signs need sprucing up, vegetation clearing, and cleaning the signs. There was some enthusiasm for the provision of bespoke Snainton signs.
- iv) The issue of the provision of a full size snooker table, which has been offered free of charge was considered again. The consensus of the meeting was that there was no known demand for such an installation which would materially change the Reading Room. It was recommended that the resident who was keen should undertake some 'market research' to determine if there was a genuine demand. It was noted that the Snooker Shield was last awarded in 1923, almost 100 years ago.
- v) Concern was expressed about the difficulties for pedestrians and traffic with the temporary traffic lights on the A170 by the Hallders site.

- vi) There was some interest expressed in restarting a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, if someone can be encouraged to take the lead role.

830 Planning Applications; None received

831 Highways

The issues reported recently have largely been resolved

832 Reading Room

There was no-one present from the Library group, so no report has been received.

The Vale Players group gave their presentation and estimate on the works they should like to undertake at their expense to the rear room. *The Council resolved to grant permission to the group to undertake the works as scheduled. The Council further resolved to meet the cost of decorating the rear room subsequent to the works.* The Clerk will arrange for a gas safety certificate to be secured once the gas fire has been replaced by the contractor.

833 Parish

The Clerk gave a verbal report on the latest response from NYCC suggesting a site visit and the Council agreed that this would be beneficial. The Clerk would arrange this between NYCC (Whitby Office, Area 3) and Cllr P. Mainprize, and additionally invite Cllr Jeffels to the site visit. The Clerk reported on the damaged bench by the cemetery entrance, and whether it could be repaired, or will have to be replaced. *The Council resolved to try to repair it in the first instance and if uneconomic to do so, further resolved to authorise the Clerk to purchase a replacement to a maximum of £800 (+ VAT) within the Council's 2019/2020 budget.*

834 Financial Matters

The Council resolved to approve the routine payments for February 2019

i) Administration etc.	£	469.54
ii) Reading Room (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£	962.68
iii) Parish (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£	775.00
iv) Cemetery (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£	0.00
v) Grants & Donations	£	0.00
vi) Loan repayment	£	0.00

Non-routine accounts for authorisation & payment: -

The Council considered a request from the Defibrillator group for a contribution to the anticipated £215 cost of replacing the battery, due in Oct 2019. *The Council resolved to fund the whole cost of the battery as and when replacement is needed.*

The Council considered a request from the Village Hall Committee for financial support to meet the anticipated cost of c. £5,000 to replace rotting floor joists with steel in order to preserve the structural integrity of the Village Hall. The Village Hall has received a formal estimate of £5,120 from a local contractor. *The Council, mindful that the Village Hall is a significant village asset, resolved to make a grant of £3,000 towards the cost of the works.*

835 Administration

The Clerk reported on the briefing session they had attended held by Scarborough Borough Council. One key issue was that if the Parish Council is a contested Election the Borough Council would recharge its costs of holding the election to the Parish Council. These are estimated to be around £500. The Clerk confirmed that there was sufficient budget provision to meet this should an election be necessary. They also advised that the closing date for nominations is 3rd April.

The Clerk reported that they would be attending a day training seminar held by the SLCC on Saturday 30th March in Helmsley. Topics to be covered will include, post-election processes, and the application of VAT

836 Matters raised by Councillors which may be considered at a future meeting: - None

837 Date and time of next meeting; - Monday 8th April 2019 at 7:30 pm