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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 12th April 2021 in the Reading Room commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr T.P. Abbey (Chairman); Cllr N Binks (vice-Chairman); Cllr J Harber; Cllr P Mainprize;
Cllr D. Jeffels (NYCC & SBC); J Ingham CPFA (Clerk).

Apologies for absence: - Cllr H Tyson; Cllr H Phillips (SBC).

Absent: - no-one

1058 Cllr Terry Abbey opened the meeting and thanked members present for their attendance.

1059 The Council stood for a minute's silence to mark the death of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh.

1060 Apologies and the reasons for absence by Cllr H Tyson had been received prior to the meeting. *The apologies were noted, and the reasons for absence were formally approved by the Council.* The apologies tendered by Cllr H Phillips (SBC) were noted.

1061 Minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2021 were presented and after a lively discussion whether the minutes correctly reflected the consideration by the Council of planning application in respect of the Shepherd's Huts at 90-91 High St. were agreed as a true record.

1062 Matters arising: none raised

1063 Declarations of interest: Cllr N Binks declared an interest in so far as they are a close neighbour of the applicants submitting a planning appeal in respect of The Old Hall, Snainton. It was *resolved* that this was a personal interest and the councillor remained in the meeting for that item.

1064 Planning applications: -

The Council *noted* that an appeal has been made in respect of the Shepherd's Huts (ref 19/02909/FL – APL/00001/21) at The Old Hall, West Lane, Snainton. The Council observed that Scarborough BC had an extensive set of reasons for not allowing the proposed development, with numerous documents. The Council's view was that it was willing to accept the present three units but continued to be opposed to any further development, and was concerned that the prior land use had been, in fact, horticultural, rather than agricultural

The Council *considered and noted* the concerns raised within the community in respect of the application at Aqua Vista (Ref 21/00144/FL) at Middle Lane. The Council had understood that there had been some agreement between the owners of the proposed development and their immediate neighbours, but that Scarborough BC as planning authority were insistent on the original plans being applied. To the Parish Council this appears to be madness.

1065 The Clerk reported on their discussion with Beyond Housing (BH) in respect of the Council acquiring control of the land at Wydale Rise, and advised the Council of the offer made by BH. *The Council resolved to accept the offer made by Beyond Housing.* The Clerk was authorised to continue the dialogue with beyond Housing with the Council's support and authority.

1066 The Council received a report from the Clerk outlining progress made with various projects, and grounds maintenance works in the village: -

- The Land at Wydale Rise, and liaison with Beyond Housing; report by the Clerk.
 - ❖ The Council has received a response from Beyond Housing, minute 1065 above.
 - ❖ The Members were asked to give serious thought and local consultation as to how the land should be used, managed, developed in the future.
- VAS speed matrix signs; progress report by the Clerk
 - ❖ Progress to date noted, and the equipment order is in. Cllr D Jeffels has made a contribution of £750 to the cost from his Locality Budget for 2021/2022.
- Various Grounds Maintenance works, incl. Cemetery, War Memorial, Hanging Garden, and the Millennium Green; progress report by the Clerk
 - ❖ The Clerk brought members up to date with the progress with various works of grounds maintenance in the Parish. The report was noted.
 - ❖ In respect of the Hanging Garden. work is progressing with the overgrowing ivy at the jail, but it is likely that some further works may be required to keep the building 'sound'.

1067 The Council considered the issue of traffic speeding along the A170 through the village. Whilst speeds in the centre are 'managed' by the use of resident's parking their vehicles, the issue is the two ends, east and west, particularly early mornings. The school is pushing for a CSW (Community Speed Watch) scheme, and have registered one. However, historically, there has been no support from NY Police for such a scheme on the A170.

Members raised several concerns with the present Police camera van: namely: -

- The times that the van is deployed,
- The locations used,
- That there is a perception that their principal use is for revenue creation, not changing driver's habits,
- The Council would like to see a 20mph limit around the school,
- The Council would like to see a more frequent presence of a marked police vehicle.

1068 Administration

The Clerk reminded members that there were regulations (SI2020 No 392) which enable the Council to meet remotely using tele or video conferencing will end at midnight 6th May 2021. The Council considered a report from the Clerk re the strong likelihood that from 7th May Councils will be required to recommence 'normal' council meetings, when the present permission to hold them by remote (video and / or telephone) conferencing expires. At the moment there is extensive lobbying and a High Court case in progress to seek to extend that ability sine die.

1069 The Council considered a report from the Clerk bring members up to date with the latest proposals for the reorganisation (Unitarisation) of North Yorkshire. The Council noted the report, and the two options being proposed, and the closing date for consultation of 19th April. The Council considers that a single unitary Council, plus the City of York, is probably the likely outcome.

1070 Financial Matters

The Clerk presented the DRAFT Financial Accounts for 2020/2021. *The Council considered these and resolved to approve them, subject to their audit.*

The Clerk presented the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) 2020/2021.

The Council considered and resolved, after reviewing the individual assertions to approve the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1). The Annual Governance Statement was signed by the Chairman of the Council and the Clerk.

The Council then considered and resolved to approve the Accounting Statements (Section 2).

The Accounting Statements was signed by the Chairman of the Council and the Clerk.

The Clerk presented the Schedules of cheque payments for the April 2021.

The Council resolved to approve the schedules of cheque payments for April 2021:-

i) Administration etc.	£	1,335.19
ii) Reading Room (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£	0.00
iii) Parish (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£	200.00
iv) Cemetery (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£	180.00
v) Grants & Donations	£	0.00

Non-routine accounts for authorisation & payment: -None

1071 Date and time of next formal Public Meeting; - Monday 17th May 2021 at 7:30pm following the Annual Parish Assembly at 7:00pm