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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17th May 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); Cllr H Phillips (SBC). J Ingham CPFA (Clerk).

Apologies for absence: - Cllr H Tyson;

Absent: - no-one

1072 Cllr Terry Abbey opened the meeting and thanked members present for their attendance.

1073 Cllr Terry Abbey was elected Chairman for 2021/2022. The Chairman made it explicit that this would be their final year as Chairman, having done so for many years, and considered it time for the role to be undertaken by someone else.

1074 Cllr Neil Binks was elected Vice-Chairman for 2021/2022

1075 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.*

1076 Declarations of interest: All Cllrs present declared an interest in so far as they are all personally acquainted with the applicants submitting a planning application in respect of Peartree House Snainton. It was resolved that this was a personal interest and the councillors remained in the meeting for that item.

1077 Minutes of the meeting held on 12th April 2021 were presented and were agreed as a true record.

1078 Matters arising: none raised

1079 The Council considered a proposal from the Clerk that the Council meet 8 times a year, in blocks of 4 sequential months: - on the 2nd Monday in each of the following months: - March, April, May, June, and then September, October, November, December. March to June will facilitate the year end and new year processes, including formal approval of the AGAR (Annual Governance & Accountability Return) and meet the legislative requirement for the Council to have its Annual Meeting in May. September to December will facilitate the budgetary process, leading to the determination of the Council's precept. If there is a need, such as a contentious planning issue, or something similar, the Council can be summonsed to meet in any of the other months. *The Council resolved to adopt this schedule of meetings for the 2021/2022 year.*

1080 *The Council resolved to appoint the following representatives to various bodies as scheduled: -*

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| i) Snainton Playing Field and Village Hall Association | Chairman |
| ii) Yorkshire Local Councils Association | Chairman (& Clerk) |
| iii) North York Moors National Park Authority | "as required" |
| iv) Northern Area Parish Councils Community and Police Liaison Group | Cllr P Mainprize |
| v) Snainton Common Rights Charity Trust | "as required" |
| vi) North Yorkshire County Council - Coast and Moors Area Committee | "as required" |
| vii) Campaign to Protect Rural England | Chairman |

1081 The Police report having been circulated to members was discussed, some incidents specifically, and the report was noted.

1082 The Borough and County Councillors present gave a report summarising current matters at their Authorities. The following are some specific points: -

Cllr Jeffels (NYCC & SBC)

- Cllr Jeffels has met the new Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC), who has a set of priorities including, inter alia, improving response times to 101 calls to the 40 second standard; tackling drug abuse, notably the 'county lines' issue; strengthening the rural crime teams, as 20% of all crime is identified as due to cross border 'n'er to do wells'; and has asked to attend District Council meetings.
- In respect of the unitarisation of North Yorkshire, it is anticipated that a decision will be announced mid-July close to the rising of Parliament.
- There continues to be improvement in the Covid-19 pandemic situation with good local performance in vaccinations; Snainton & Ayton are at 69.5% against a national level of 56.9%, NY overall 68%
- Cllr Jeffels has been able to use his locality budget to provide £500 for laptops to Snainton School, and £750 to Snainton Parish Council towards their VAS scheme.
- SBC have provided £132m Covid-19 grants to 30,000 business'

Cllr Phillips (SBC)

- The new PFCC understand the public's concern with speeding issues and Cllr Phillips will be pressing him for action in areas that often are overlooked.
- Cllr Phillips had attended a briefing session for all Borough Councillors with Cllr Jeffels on the emerging worry over Mental Health issues arising from the Covid-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, only 10 of 56 Cllrs were present.
- Cllr Phillips recognised that Snainton is not a 'service' village and consequently has a distinct lack of services and facilities that would or could support much more housing development.

1083 Community Speed Watch Scheme (CSW); The clerk reported that the Headmaster of the School has written to NYPolice outlining a case for a CSW in Snainton, and a reply has not yet been received. Volunteers are being recruited to form the nucleus of a group to deliver a CSW scheme once approved by NY Police. There was a strong view that even if the group does not receive formal approval that it would wish to undertake some form of CSW even if the sanctions arising from motorists being identified as speeding do not exist.

1084 The Council consider a report from the clerk subsequent to a request from Cllr H Tyson to create an extra section of footpath at the junction of Barker's Lane and the A170. The proposed footpath would link the A170 footpath (south side) between the pedestrian crossing and the parking area outside the Village Hall. This is a well-used 'path', evidenced by the clearly identifiable track, and would enable pedestrians to safely move from the crossing to the parking area, which is extensively used by parents of children attending the school. The Council fully supported the request and proposal. The Council asked the Clerk to seek some idea of costs, and to approach NYCC Highways to advise them of the Council's wishes. The Clerk was asked to report back at a future meeting.

1085 Planning applications: -

21/00843/HS; Erection of a two-storey extension, single storey domestic outbuilding, single storey horse wash shed, new open sided 4 bay barn and an amended highway access with associated landscaping at Pear Tree House, 96 High St. Snainton YO13 9AJ

The Council considered the application and resolved that it had no objections to the proposals and supported the application.

1086 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 Annual Parish Assembly had had a lively discussion on the possible future uses of the land, but with no clear conclusion as to the best option(s). It was clear that those present at the Assembly considered that community consultation was essential to secure community 'buy-in' to any scheme and development.
 - ❖ The Members were asked to give serious thought and consider what form of local consultation should be used to determine how the land should be used, managed, developed in the future. This is important as applications for loans from the PWLB are now expected to show that there is community support for any project that funds are being sought for.
- VAS speed matrix signs; progress report by the Clerk
 - ❖ Progress to date noted, and the equipment order is in. Cllr D Jeffels has made an offer of 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'.

1087 Financial Matters

The Clerk presented the Internal Audit Report which was formally received, considered and noted.

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

The Council resolved to approve the schedule of cheque payments for May 2021:-

i) Administration etc.	£	1,847.76
ii) Reading Room (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£	0.00
iii) Parish (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£	1,276.40
iv) Cemetery (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£	0.00
v) Grants & Donations	£	0.00

Non-routine accounts for authorisation & payment: -None

1088 Date and time of next Council Meeting; - Monday 13th September 2021 at 7:30pm
Monday 11th October 2021 at 7:30pm