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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in the Reading Room commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr T.P. Abbey (Chairman); Cllr P Mainprize; Cllr H Tyson; Cllr J Harber;

Cllr D. Jeffels (NYCC & SBC); Cllr H Phillips (SBC). J Ingham CPFA (Clerk & RFO).

Also present: Police Support Volunteer (PSV) T Collings

Apologies for absence: - Cllr N Binks (vice-Chairman);

Absent: - no-one

- 1130 Cllr Terry Abbey opened the meeting and thanked members present for their attendance.
- 1131 Apologies and the reason for absence provided by Cllr N. Binks had been received prior to the meeting. The apologies were noted, and the reasons for absence were formally accepted by the Council.
- 1132 Declarations of interest: None declared
- 1133 Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were presented and were agreed as a true record.
- 1134 Matters arising: None.
- 1135 The Police report was presented by Police Support Volunteer (PSV) T. Collings who gave a comprehensive summary of the report. The report was noted, though concern was expressed over the continuing high level of reports of violence against the person. It was explained that this was still predominantly due to activity at one particular establishment. Reports also included theft, possibly committed by more ne'er-do-wells, though this time believed to be from areas south of North Yorkshire.
- 1136 Open Forum:-Residents raised a number of issues, including the following: -
  - The brambles and the state of the the land at Wydale Rise, continues to be a matter of concern. Residents also voiced concern that the trees planted last year are pretty much neglected and are in a sorry state, with quite a few being lost/died. The Council reiterated its position that the land was in the ownership, and hence control/management of Beyond Housing so any issues need to be directed to them.
  - 2 street lights are out in Barker's Lane. (Cllr Jeffels sent an email to NYCC during the meeting, and their response is that these are being attended to.)
  - Concern was expressed with the Parish Council's website, and the Clerk agreed that this
    would be considered as a priority issue to be resolved. (The Clerk has now attended a
    Website user session, provided by the Council's Website developers, on 24<sup>th</sup> November.)
- 1137 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 will be meeting NYCC Highways representative tomorrow (Tue 9<sup>th</sup> Nov.) and will mention the street lights in Barker's Lane.

- As chair of the Scrutiny Cttee, the Cttee is looking at allotment provision, as there is a waiting list of some 150.
- It was suggested that the new NY Moors National Park Plan would have an impact on surrounding villages, even if they are not actually in the NYNPA area. Snainton has a very small area that falls within the National Park.
- He advised that he had been assisting with a resident's concerns over parking practices
  on the A170 through Snainton conflicting with the need for access / egress for properties
  at 11 High St. and reported that there was no substantive progress; NYCC weren't really
  interested, and perhaps some 'considerate parking' notices may have some effect.
- Cllr Jeffels had received numerous positive comments on the work done to improve the A170 footpath by Hutton Buscel, and complimented Cllr J Harber who had undertaken the work.

## Cllr Phillips (SBC)

- Cllr Phillips advised on changes in the NY Moors Planning design and brief, noting that it
  was moving from 'local occupancy' to local residents' being a priority in the future. It was
  noted that the average price of a house in the National Park was now £298,000. It was
  commented that this was pretty much way beyond the reach of young local families to
  purchase.
- 1138 Planning applications: -

21/02313/HS; Erection of two storey rear extension, single storey rear extension, conversion of garage into habitable space and erection of detached garage: West Leigh, West Lane, Snainton YO13 9AR

The Council resolved that it has no objections to this application.

1139 The Council received a verbal report from the Clerk outlining current knowledge about the creation of the North Yorkshire Council (Unitary Council) from 1st April 2023 may cause. Specifically: -

The Clerk reported that they had seen a DRAFT copy of the SCO (Structural Change Order) and it contained the reference, as expected, for the Parish elections to be brought forward by a year to May 2022. The SCO will be formally published in early 2022. The impact of this, if it happens is that this present Council will end in May 2022, next year, and a new Council elected which would then run for 5 years.

The Clerk reported that an invitation for all to attend an online briefing from NYCC on 1st or 3rd December 2021 had been received and circulated to Councillors.

1140 Queen's Platinum Jubilee (QPJ) 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022

The treasurer of the QPJ group (and the Village Hall) gave a briefing outlining progress to date with fundraising; some £345 having been raised from individuals; £115 from an event at the Peacock Hotel; and £400 in advance advertising banner sales.

Cllr D Jeffels has offered a sum of £250 (to be confirmed) from his Locality Budget for the event.

The Parish Council <u>resolved</u> to make a donation of £500 towards the QPJ funds.

A dedicated email address has been set up; <u>teamsnaintonjubilee@outlook.com</u> and facebook page; @snaintonjubilee.

- 1141 The Council received a report from the Clerk outlining progress made with various projects, and grounds maintenance works in the village: -
  - Approx. 200m of footpath alongside the A170 has been cut back, and work will continue to make the footpath as accessible, and useable as possible.
  - The Land at Wydale Rise, and liaison with Beyond Housing; report by the Clerk. *No further news from Beyond Housing.*
  - Additional Footpath at the junction of Barker's Lane and the A170. The distance is
     c.10metres. No further news from NYCC or from Cllr Jeffels who had advised at a previous
     meeting that he believed that NYCC were 'adopting' this scheme and had been asked to
     verify with NYCC that they were planning to undertake, and fund this work.

[Subsequently NYCC have responded and have clearly misunderstood what was required, and the Clerk has responded to NYCC accordingly to clarify the Council's desired outcome, a simple footpath on the eastern side of Barker's Lane]

• The Clerk brought members up to date with the progress with various works of grounds maintenance in the Parish. The report was noted. The Clerk was <u>authorised</u> to seek a price for the remedial work to the eastern boundary of the cemetery.

## 1142 Reading Room

The Clerk presented a report outlining the works necessary to the lights in the rear room, following an examination by a qualified electrician, specifically the Mezzanine floor, which had been the cause of the problems with the light switches in the rear room. Additionally, the report and quote outlined a programme of a) light units' renewal to LED units (certain fluorescent lights are no longer replaceable) and b) the need for a EICR (Electrical Installation Condition Report) on the whole Reading Room.

After some discussion the Council <u>resolved</u> to replace the faulty light units in the Mezzanine floor, and undertake the EICR. Upon receipt of that EICR report the Council will consider the report and decide what works are required.

### 1143 Financial Matters

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

The Council <u>resolved</u> to approve the schedules of cheque payments for November 2021:-

| i) Administration     | etc.                           | £ | 681.25   |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---|----------|
| ii) Reading Room      | (incl. Services & Maintenance) | £ | 290.00   |
| iii) Parish           | (incl. Services & Maintenance) | £ | 1,426.40 |
| iv) Cemetery          | (incl. Services & Maintenance) | £ | 379.20   |
| v) Grants & Donations |                                | £ | 0.00     |

Non-routine accounts for authorisation & payment: - None

The Clerk presented a DRAFT budget for 2022/2023 taking account of various projects that may take place and anticipated price changes, especially in the supply of gas and electricity, as the Council's fixed price contract expires in July 2022. The budget was drafted based on the 2021/2022 Council Tax base, and will be amended once the revised Council Tax Base has been advised to the Clerk. It is anticipated that the precept will be set at December's Council meeting.

1144 The Chairman reminded Councillors to note that the Remembrance Day service will be held at the War Memorial at 11:00am Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

| 1145 | Date and time of next meetings: | Monday December 13 <sup>th</sup> | 7:30 pm |
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|      | Monday                          | March 14 <sup>th</sup> 2022      | 7:30 pm |
|      | Monday                          | April 11 <sup>th</sup>           | 7:30 pm |

Monday May 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Meeting 6:30 pm

Monday May 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Council following

Monday June 13<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm