

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9th December 2024 in the Reading Room commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr P Mainprize (Chairman); Cllr M Stockill; Cllr N White; Cllr D Jeffels (NYC)
J Ingham CPFA (Clerk & RFO).

Apologies for absence: - Cllr H Tyson;

Absent: -

1510 Cllr Paul Mainprize opened the meeting and thanked members present for their attendance.

1511 Apologies for absence from Cllr H Tyson were received and the reasons for absence approved.

1512 Minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2024, were presented and were agreed as a true record.

1513 Matters arising: None

1514 Declaration of Interest; None

1515 Open Forum –matters raised: -

- ❖ A parishioner reported on their work with the new clock for the Reading Room. The old clock has been removed and is with Douglas & Warwick who are refurbishing it at no cost to the Council. The new clock should be installed in this next week or so. After that the remaining tasks will be to set up the electrics, and make good the internal wall of the Reading Room.

- ❖ A parishioner reported on the 33 new and refurbished grips in Nettledale Lane. They have filmed them and the video is available on YouTube. This is terrific progress and presents the Council with a 'clean slate' from which to ensure proper maintenance is carried out in a timely manner to aid in preventing excess rainwater becoming flood water in the village. It was noted that 33 grips would hold something like 50 cu ft of water each, say some 10,000 gallons in total. In fact, these have proved effective managing the deluge of Storm Darragh so that the excess rainwater was controlled.

The Council resolved that it would like to formally thank Andy Bowden for taking the lead and proving so effective in getting action with and from North Yorkshire Council.

The next task is finding a way to get some volunteers to help with maintenance assisted by funding, where needed from the Parish Council.

- ❖ Generally favourable compliments were made on the Christmas tree placed outside the Reading Room

1516 The Police report was received, and noted. A van has been identified being used for the transportation of off-road motorcycles, and the attendant risk of anti-social behaviour by them. Drink-driving checks in Snainton stopped 8 vehicles, with only one driver being over the legal limit.

1517 North Yorkshire Council Member report: -

- ❖ Cllr Jeffels reported that he is working with the Ryedale Flood Prevention Group, and that there is some £20,000 available for works, not just in Snainton but also in Ebberston, Thornton Le Dale and other parishes. However, these moneys must be spent by 31st March 2025. At the moment the proposal is that the funds will be lodged with Ebberston PC. It is vital that the Council works up a project and bids for some of the moneys available.

1518 Village Maintenance (incl. Biodiversity duty)

- a) The Chairman and Cllr M Stockill gave an update on the Village Gateway project. The 'gates' are made, await painting. Cllr Mainprize reaffirmed that he will arrange installation by himself and Mr H Stockill, and other volunteers, once found
- b) Reading Room Clock; The Chairman, Cllr Mainprize reaffirmed that the old clock was possibly to be sold at auction, but for the present time would stay in the Reading Room in the upper storage room.
- c) The Council had agreed the purchase of an Orderly Barrow. The purchase is 'on-hold' pending finding a suitable storage location, and developing arrangements for its use. This could possibly be part of the £20,000 funds available, together with hand tools for maintenance of the grips.
- d) The Clerk reported on the action taken in refilling existing grit bins. *The Council resolved to decline the offer from NY Council for their refilling service.* It was noted that the bin in Nettledale Lane adjacent to the old Goal was completely 'knackered' and urgently needs replacement. Cllr Mainprize advised that he knew of one available and would endeavour to obtain it.

1519 Planning applications : -

ZF24/01820/FL; conversion of stable block to form 1no. dwelling at South Lodge Farm, Green Lane, Snainton YO13 9BL

The Council considered this application, and the parishioners present participated in a lively discussion, after which the Council resolved that it had fundamental objections to the application and could not possibly support it. The Clerk was asked to write in accordance with the resolved view of the Council to the planning authority..

1520 Reading Room

The Clerk reported that the present cover of the gas meter is broken and been lost in recent storms. Cllr Mainprize suggested that he may have access to one.

The issues with the heating have been traced to a faulty thermostat and a new one is to be installed, probably in the New Year 2025.

1521 Financial Matters

The Clerk reported on feedback and participation by the public at the 'meet the Parish Council, incorporating discussion on the budget and precept' they had held in the Village Hall over three separate occasions, including the previous weekend. The Clerk presented the DRAFT budget for consideration and to enable Councillors to set the precept. The Councillors considered alternative amounts for the precept, taking cognisance of the, now certain, knowledge that the £6,000 or so Model Agreement moneys would not be given to the Council after this next year (2025/2026) whose precept was being determined.

The Council resolved to approve the Budget and set a precept for 2025/2026 of £27,000.

This is an increase of £1,000 and will be a 2.51% increase (£1.76 for the year) in actual Council Tax for a Band D property, and will show as such in the 2025/2026 Council Tax bill.

The Council further resolved to accept the offer of £6,315 Model Agreement moneys for 2025/2026

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The Clerk presented the Schedules of cheque payments for December 2024.

- *The Council resolved to approve the schedules of cheque payments for December 2024:-*

i) Administration etc.	£ 895.00
ii) Reading Room (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£ 201.50
iii) Parish (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£ 1,396.15
iv) Cemetery (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£ 393.00
v) Grants & Donations	£ 0.00

1522 Correspondence

- Website contact emails;
 - *The Clerk's action in arranging a meeting with a potential grass cutting contractor was endorsed.*
 - None other received

1523 Training;

- ❖ The Clerk will be participating in the regular on-line Clerk's discussion forum and participating in the NYC Parish Councils Liaison group.

1524 Attendance at Outside meetings: -

- Report Back:
 - ❖ Flooding; 14th November Site meeting in Snainton at the top of Cliff Lane - *Clerk was authorised to attend and the outcome has been extensively discussed and reported to Council.*

1525 Matters raised by Councillors for consideration at future Council meetings: - none raised

Date and time of next meetings:

Monday	January 13 th 2025	7:30 pm
Monday	March 10 th	7:30 pm
Monday	April 14 th	7:30 pm
Monday	May 12 th	7:30 pm

Annual Meeting of the Council

following the Annual Parish Assembly at 6:30 pm