

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

PATRICK BROMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12th JANUARY 2021

Present

Cllr G Shepherd (Chairman)
Cllr B Whitehead (Vice Chairman)
Cllr D Chapman
Cllr R Darbshire
Cllr D Stratton
District Cllr R Ormston
County Cllr K Sedgwick

J MacNamara (Clerk)
3 Members of the Public

Cllr Shepherd welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Cllr Shepherd particularly welcomed County Councillor Karin Sedgwick to the meeting.

1. To receive and note apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Ormston hoped to be able to join the meeting but was attending the Richmondshire District Council (RDC) Corporate Board.

2. To receive ‘Declarations of Interest’ in items on the agenda

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. To approve the **minutes of the meeting held on the:**

Ordinary Meeting on 10th November 2020 and the Extraordinary Meeting on 25th November 2020 were approved.

As part of matters pertaining to the meeting it was raised that drains across the Village had been cleaned and there was a small improvement.

Cllr Chapman commended the Clerk for the letter of support he had constructed to RDC planning department for the Green Tree Public House application.

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4. Budget & Precept Setting 2021/22

Cllr Shepherd went through some the annual fixed costs of the Parish Council: -

Clerk	£1,800
Insurance	£190.00
Grass Cutting	£800.00
Website	£175.00
Newsletters	£75.00
YLCA	£121.00
CPRE	£36.00

Cllr Shepherd outlined that based upon a precept of £3,836 it would leave the Council with resources of in the region of £4,500 as this would be combined with monies to be rolled over from this year and could be used towards further development of the Village Plan.

The Clerk outlined the state of the Council's finances. In the Clerk's opinion as Responsible Financial Officer the Council's finances remained in a robust position and a healthy level of reserves. The Clerk explained that some projects including an IT upgrade had been held back in the current year as a result of the pandemic.

A wide-ranging discussion was held with regards to potential increases in the precept to support proposed new initiatives. As part of that discussion Cllr Shepherd raised the prospect of capital works being undertaken at Manor Green and the potential of tarmacating the track at the Village Green.

The Council discussed the on-going issue of ownership of part of the track on the Village Green. Throughout the discussion the Council agreed to intensify its efforts to determine ownership of this part of the track.

In discussing the precept and whether an increase would be acceptable Cllr Darbshire proposed a 2% increase for the 2021/22 financial year.

Clarification was sort on whether the District and County Council's were likely to propose an increase. The Clerk outlined that the cap had been raised for the next financial year to allow Council's to raise Council Tax by 5% although Parish Council's were not subject to capping rules.

The Clerk also outlined that as the Council were keen to look at capital projects then they could consider them over a longer time frame and over 2 financial years allowing preparatory work to be undertaken in the first year and implementation in the second year.

Cllr Whitehead explained that he felt the increase should be higher and proposed a 5% increase. Cllr Shepherd floated a suggestion to compromise at 3.5%

Cllr Whitehead outlined that by nature some of the proposals in the Village Plan would require the Council to build up a greater level of reserves and once again proposed a 5% increase to give the Council flexibility to be able to build that into the planning process.

Cllr Shepherd summed up the discussion and put a precept freeze, a 2% increase and a 5% increase to the meeting.

Members passed a resolution to increase the precept by 5%.

The precept for the 2021/22 Financial Year was determined at £4,028.00.

**5. Village Plan
Bus Shelter Renovations**

Cllr Stratton reported that at the Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership Meeting a grant of a £1,000 had been approved towards repairing the Village Bus Shelter.

The Council were asked to consider the two quotes which had been obtained to undertake the work. One quote had been obtained for £1,590.00 and one quote for £1,300.00.

It was agreed to accept the £1,300.00 quote.

Cllr Sedgwick advised the meeting that she would be happy to support the shortfall of funding through her Locality Budget.

A discussion took place with regards to the process which needed to be undertaken to obtain the funding.

Cllr Shepherd thanked Cllr Sedgwick for her support for the project.

It was agreed that once the request had been sent to Cllr Sedgewick then further engagement would be undertaken with the contractor about an appropriate time to start the work.

Cllr Shepherd said that at the March meeting of the Parish Council it would be important to have a thorough audit of the Village Plan as it was 2-years since the original survey had been undertaken.

It was agreed that the Village Plan be audited in March.

6. Memorial Bench

The Clerk reported that an e-mail had been received with a request to place a memorial bench in the Village in recognition of Billy Nevitt.

Cllr Shepherd explained the historical importance of Billy Nevitt and that he had won three Royal Derby's.

It was agreed that the offer be accepted as the bench next to the bus stop required replacing. It was also agreed that the plaque on the bench should explain the importance and heritage of the village and the Village's connection to Mr Nevitt.

7. Defibrillator Rota

February	Cllr G Shepherd
March	Cllr D Stratton
April	Cllr B Whitehead
May	Cllr D Chapman

Cllr Shepherd raised the prospect of cleaning and tidying the phone box. Cllr Chapman undertook to undertake the task.

8. Reports from other bodies including the District Council and the County Council

Cllr Ormston reported on the Area Partnership funding programme and the recent meeting. Cllr Ormston also reminded the Council that the final deadline for remaining monies from the Area Partnership was 22nd January 2020.

Cllr Whitehead also reported on the Area Partnership money and thanked Councillors for their support for the funding application for the bus shelter as originally the project had been not been deemed eligible for partnership funding.

Cllr Stratton informed the Council that the Newton-le-Willows and Patrick Brompton Village Hall had been operating some events prior to Christmas, but it was now once again closed as part of lockdown restrictions.

The meeting was also informed that a minor traffic accident with the RDC refuse collection vehicle had taken place and damaged the wall at the Village Hall.

Unfortunately, as a result of a discrepancy with the quotes for the wall RDC have asked for a further quote to be undertaken.

Cllr Shepherd reported that he was unable to attend the Atkinson and Clarke meeting prior to Christmas. It was however, reported that the grant funding application to the Area Partnership for a new carpet at the Old Schoolroom had been approved and work was due to start imminently.

Mrs Whitehead reported on the recent activities of the Community Events Committee and the Christmas Tree and Village participation on 5th December 2020. The next virtual meeting of the Community Events Committee would be taking place on 18th January 2021 to discuss a way forward through the ongoing lockdown.

Cllr Shepherd thanked the Community Events Committee for undertaking the Christmas Tree organisation for the second year running.

Cllr Shepherd said that future year's Christmas Tree's and lights should be costed and budget for as part of the work of the Village Plan.

9. Planning Matters

The Clerk reported that there were no current applications and there were no further updates on either Northfield Farm or the Green Tree Public House.

10. Finance

The Clerk circulated a copy of the Financial Statement. Only one transaction had been undertaken since the last meeting.

The bank accounts stood at: -

HSBC Account	£5,171.17
Skipton Building Society	£3,133.96

The Financial Statement is appended to the Minutes.

The Financial Statement was approved.

11. Community Support

Cllr Shepherd advised the meeting about the Covid-19 pandemic. He informed members that David Poole was managing the office at the vaccination centre at Tenants and that sadly one resident from the Village had died of Covid-19.

It was agreed that the Parish Council continue to support the Village throughout the lockdown period and in the aftermath of the pandemic.

A member of the public requested that Broadband be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr Whitehead gave an overview of the actions he had undertaken since the last meeting. These actions included contacting Hackforth Parish Council, contacting Don McKenzie from North Yorkshire County Council and contacting local MP Rishi Sunack.

Mr Sunack had agreed to contact North Yorkshire County Council on behalf of the Parish Council to put forward their case to be able to access superfast broadband.

12. Date & Time of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

The Meeting Closed at 20:50pm