PATRICK BROMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 2019

Present

Councillor A Bull (Chairman)
Councillor J Allison
Councillor P Philpott
Councillor G Shepherd

J MacNamara (Clerk)
4 Parishioners were also present

115.2019 **Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Councillor R Ormston

116.2019 To receive **Declarations of Interest** in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

117.2019 To approve the **minutes** of the meeting held on the 16 January 2019.

The Minutes were Approved.

118.2019 **Village Plan Questionnaire**

The Clerk outlined that there had been 67 responses to the Village Plan Questionnaire and that represented a 52% return.

The Clerk went through the headline figures which had been circulated to Councillors and outlined that these were all matters which would be discussed further at an open evening event in May, which the Council had agreed as part of the Village Plan process.

A discussion was held with regard to the questionnaire and the headline figures. It was generally agreed that this had been a very worthwhile exercise and that the rate of return demonstrated the appetite in the Village to have a local plan

Cllr Shepherd said it was pleasing that there appeared a desire to develop a good neighbour scheme and that concerns with regards to public transport should be an important issue we look at further. Cllr Shepherd was concerned about some comments pertaining to the Village website and expressed a desire that these be explored further.

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It was agreed that the next stage of developing the Village Plan be taken forward following the forthcoming Parish elections.

119.2019 Lower Wensleydale Partnership Funding

Cllr Bull outlined that the Lower Wensleydale Partnership would soon be taking further funding bids for the new financial year.

It was agreed that the matter be explored further following the forthcoming elections and at the May meeting.

120.2019 St Patrick's Church Clock

The Clerk read a letter from St Patrick's Church with regards to repairs required to the church clock. Following an inspection it had been noticed that the fly fans were beginning to fracture. A quote had been sourced and it was estimated that the repairs would cost £750 + VAT.

It was also noted that the Community Events Committee had agreed to donate £150 towards the repairs. Following a discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council also contribute £150 towards the repairs.

121.2019 Defibrillator Rota

April – Cllr Philpott
May – Cllr Shepherd

122.2019 Updates

a) **Friarage Hospital**

Cllr Shepherd thanked the Clerk for placing the matter on the agenda. Cllr Shepherd outlined the on-going changes which were taking place at the Friarage Hospital which were giving rise to fuel concerns that the Hospital would be seriously downgraded or closed.

Cllr Shepherd outlined that a Save the Friarage Hospital group had been formed and that there was a public meeting taking place with Rishi Sunak MP in Northallerton on Friday 22 March. Cllr Shepherd felt that it was appropriate for the Parish Council to write to the Foundation Trust to register their objection about the planned changes to the Hospital.

There was an extensive discussion with regards to the proposed changes at the Friarage Hospital and the steps being taken to develop a new Richmondshire care campus at Catterick Garrison.

It was agreed that the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council write to the Trust outline their objection to the proposed changes at the Hospital.

b) **Good's Vehicles Operational License – Northfield Farm**

The Clerk outlined that a notice had been published in the paper with regards changes to the operator's license at Northfield Farm.

The Clerk informed members that the Parish Council that we were not a statutory consultee. Whilst we were not able to make representations directly to the Traffic Commissioner, we could make representations to the District Council with regards to the matter.

It was agreed that we should send a letter to the District Council to ensure that there were no significant changes to the conditions placed on the current operator's license.

123.2019 **Reports of previous month's meetings** etc. - to hear from Town/District/County Councillors on any meetings attended or other information of interest to the Parish Council

Cllr Bull Reported that he and Cllr Shepherd had attended the most recent meeting of the YLCA in February. Cllr Bull mentioned that the Police and Crime Commissioner, Mrs Julia Mulligan had failed to attend and that the officers of the YLCA had written to express their disappointment.

Cllr Bull also reported that the training lists from the YLCA had now been published, that there were plans being formulated to celebrate their 75th anniversary and that their next meeting would be taking place on 13 June at Patrick Brompton.

Cllr Allison reported on the most recent meeting of the Newton le Willows Village Hall Committee. Cllr Allison reported there had been further discussions with regards to the toilets and the kitchen, and that the hall had been the beneficiary of a £2,000 legacy payment.

Cllr Philpott reported that he had attended the Community Events Committee where two of the issues under discussion had been the Church clock and the forthcoming District and Parish Council elections.

124.2019 **Correspondence**

a) **The 2019 Parish & District Council Elections**

The Clerk outlined the timetable for the forthcoming elections. The Clerk informed the meeting that people who wished to be nominated to stand for election would have to complete Nomination Papers.

The Nomination Papers were available from Electoral Services at Mercury House and would have to be returned by 4pm on 3rd April. If there were more than 5 candidates

then an election would be held on Thursday 2nd May.

125.2019 Planning

a) There were no planning applications.

b) **Planning Updates**

There were no Planning updates.

126.2019 Finance

a) **Receipts and Payments**

Council **Resolved** to accept the bank reconciliation the community account balance standing at £3,411.67 and the savings account balance standing at £3,109.91. The Council resolved to accept the receipts and payments as set out in the Responsible Financial Officer's report and the Transactions are appended to the Minutes.

b) **Cheque Book Inspection**

As part of the signing of the cheques there was an inspection of the chequebook.

c) **Parish Council Insurance 2019/20**

The Clerk outlined that the insurance was due for renewal. The current policy was with Zurich and they had proposed pegging the price at £180.32 for the forthcoming financial year.

It was agreed to renew the insurance with Zurich.

d) **Appointment of Auditor**

It was agreed that the Council approach Mr B Whitfield to undertake the 2018/19 Audit.

Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th May at 7.30pm.

Closure

Prior to the meeting closing a member of the public raised two matters with regards to the delivery of Sunday newspapers once the shop at Crakehall closed and matters pertaining to community safety following the disappearance of oil in the Village.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.30pm