MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH & AGM MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24th MAY 2022

Present

Cllr G Shepherd (Chairman)
Cllr B Whitehead (Vice Chairman)
Cllr D Chapman
Cllr D Stratton

Cllr R Ormston
Cllr T Jones

J MacNamara (Clerk)
5 Members of the Public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Chairman's Annual Report

The Chairman gave his Annual Report, and the report is appended to the Minutes of the Meeting.

Election of Chairman

It was duly Proposed, and Seconded that Cllr Shepherd be nominated as Chairman for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

Cllr Shepherd was duly elected.

Election of Vice Chairman

It was duly Proposed, and Seconded that Cllr Whitehead be nominated as Vice Chairman for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

Cllr Whitehead was duly elected

Election/Appointment of Responsible Financial Officer

It was duly Proposed, and Seconded that Mr MacNamara be appointed as the Responsible Financial Officer for the coming municipal year.

Accounts 2021/22 (Provisional Outturn)

The Clerk reported that the accounts were being audited and would be formally presented at the next meeting of the Council.

Declarations of Interests

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The Clerk reported that as this was the start of a new Council term there was a requirement by all Councillors to complete a new Declaration of Interests form.

The Clerk advised that these would be distributed at the end of the meeting and would need to be returned to him.

Appointments to Outside Bodies

YLCA – Cllrs Chapman & Shepherd
Area Partnership – Cllr Whitehead + 1 to be selected.
Joint Village Hall – Cllr Stratton

It was reported that the returned vacancy following the recent local elections would aim to be filled by the next meeting.

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24th MAY 2022

1. To receive and note apologies for absence

The Clerk reported that there were no apologies for absence.

2. To receive **'Declarations of Interest'** in items on the agenda

There were no Declarations of Interest, but the Chairman reminded Members that as they discussed the Village Plan there maybe issues where Members felt it appropriate to declare an interest.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on: -

Tuesday 9 March 2022

The Minutes were approved.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda.

5. Village Plan Review

Cllr Shepherd opened the discussion on the Village Plan Review and went through the outstanding works and assigned the works accordingly:

Bus Shelter – Cllr Stratton
Phone Box – Cllr Shepherd
Review of Benches – Cllr Whitehead
Noticeboard – Cllr Chapman
Tree Survey – It was agreed Cllr Chapman would continue to lead on this matter.

A discussion took place with regards to potential work to one of the Lime Trees and it was agreed that Cllr Chapman would bring back a recommendation to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Cllr Shepherd outlined that there maybe a need to refresh the Village Plan going forward.

It was agreed that the Council look with a view to refreshing the Plan in early 2023 with once again undertaking the Village survey.

6. Improving our Environment

Bridge Works – work had been undertaken to improve the environment around the bridge. The Chairman thanked everyone who had helped with the project, he also asked for permission for a sum of £112.00 to be agreed retrospectively for topsoil which had not been budgeted.

The matter was agreed.

Waste Bins – a discussion took place with regards to the merits of purchasing two new waste bins for laybys on the edge of the Village. It was reported that the costs to the Parish Council would be £275 per bin.

Cllr Stratton felt that £550.00 was too expensive as there could be no guarantee that the bins would be used if purchased.

It was reported that the at the most recent litter pick some 9 bags of litter was collected.

A proposal was put to the meeting that the Council purchase one bin. On being put to the vote:-
There were 2 -votes in favour and there were 2-votes against the proposal.

In line with the Standing Orders of the Council the Chairman had a casting vote. The Chairman voted in favour of the proposal and the motion was carried 3-votes to 2-votes to purchase one waste bin.

Grass Cutting – it was agreed that a meeting be held with the current contractor with regards to the standards and quality of the grass cutting across the Village.

7.

Speeding

The Council had been requested by a member of the public to place the matter on the agenda.

A discussion took place with regards to speeding issues across the Village. It was reported that a Police motorbike had been in the Village as recently as the day of the meeting.

It was reported that a letter had been received from Darren Griffiths at North Yorkshire County Council with regards to the possibility of the Council purchasing a Vehicle Activated Sign with an agreement between the two Councils at a cost of £2,650 + VAT.

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Alternatively, it was outlined by Cllr Shepherd that the Council could pay for a 7-day speeding survey undertaken by the County Council at a cost of £110 + VAT.

It was agreed that an onsite visit with Mr Griffiths as well as purchasing the 7-day speeding survey.

Jubilee Celebrations 2022

It was reported that the Council would not be participating in the Queen's Tree Canopy, but that St Patrick's would be planting two rowan trees as part of the

9. Defibrillator Rota –

The Defibrillator Rota for the next three months was agreed: -

- June – Cllr Shepherd
- July – Cllr Whitehead

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

Cllr Stratton reported that he had attended a YLCA Emergency Planning briefing which had to be cut short as the trainer had unfortunately had to manage an emergency issue.

An update was provided with regards to the Joint Village Hall at Newton-le-Willows and the ongoing problem with heating at the Hall.

Cllr Shepherd welcomed Councillor Tom Jones to his first meeting following his election as the new County Councillor for Lower Wensleydale and Scotton ward.

Cllr Jones outlined that throughout the next 11-months the District Council would be working alongside the County Council before the new Unitary fully took over in April 2023.

The current term for County and Parish Councillors would be 5-years.

Cllr Jones explained that there were over 100 working groups as part of the transition and the Council were examining proposals to offer greater devolution which would involve passing more powers to Parish Councils although the work was ongoing.

Cllr Ormston reported that a new fund to support green initiatives had been established by the District Council with a £220,000 funding pot.

Cllr Shepherd reported on the latest meeting of the Atkinson Clarke Trust in which further grant awards had been made. It was reported that there were now on average 6 bookings per month at the School Room and a decision had been taken to increase room hire to £7 per hour or a ceiling of £30 for 4+ hours.

Cllr Shepherd also reported that the Trust were looking for a new caretaker.

A report was presented on behalf of the Community Events Committee. It was reported that in July the group were considering holding a 'Call my Bluff' wine tasting evening and that August 13th had been set as the date for the Village Show. This would be followed by a bar-b-que on the Village Green.

It was also reported that there would a quiz in the autumn.

It was requested that a Councillor be available to attend the next meeting of the Community Events Committee on 27th June 2022.

11. Planning Matters

The Clerk had circulated a planning application for Dalesend. The Council had no comment to make.

The Chairman reported that a discussion had been held with the owners of Oak View and that the owners were seeking to respect the Village Green.

The Chairman also reported that a decision with regards to Northfield Farm had still not being determined and whilst he was seeking to get further information from the planning department none had been received at this stage.

12. Correspondence

The Clerk reported his intention to leave post in the autumn. The Clerk had agreed to stay with the Council until the end of the pandemic and felt this would be an