

STILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 2nd May 2018

PRESENT Chairman M Rowe
 B Smith R Conway P Swiers M Turvey G Hill
Apologies R Brown C Cookman C Patmore
In Attendance R Pearse M Law R Mitchinson D Mitchinson
 G Richardson C Simm H Tomlinson M Taylor
 A Buskin

Comments from the Floor

- R Pearse asked if grass cutting contractors could delay cutting down the daffodils on the banks.
M Rowe to advise contractors
- G Richardson informed the Parish Council that copies of The History of Stillington have been published and were available by contacting Mr Richardson.
Cllr P Swiers thanked Mr Richardson for his work on the book and proposed that any donations be made to a charity of Mr Richardsons' choice. All agreed.
- A letter from Mr C Simm had been forwarded to all Parish Councillors prior to the meeting with reference to the history of trees around the Village and all the work he had carried out over a number of years (50).
M Rowe thanked Mr Simm for his work around the Village.

Planning

No new planning applications

Finance

Bus shelter – day/night sensor - £19.80

Zurich Insurance - £ 293.99

Landscape Contractors - part payment - £8500.00

The Minutes of the last meeting held on the 4th April 2018 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

1) **Emergency Community Plan**

Agreed to remove from the Minutes until later in the year.

2) **Cold Calling**

M Rowe advised that all statements and information had been sent to Trading Standards. Awaiting a reply.

3) **Development South Back Lane**

No further reports. Agreed to remove from the Minutes

4). **York Road Drain Junction with South Back Lane**

Awaiting work to be carried out.

5) **Community Speed Watch**

M Rowe reported that the Speed Watch is going well and new sites had been proposed.

6) **White Fencing and Posts**

Main Street and High Street – waiting for work to commence
Parish Council to follow up.

7) **Crabtree Cottage. The Green Stillington**

A delay on ownership of land.
Highways to report back to Parish Council.

8) **Road around the Green and Vicarage Drive Area**

Potholes filled at a cost of £500.
A more permanent repair will be needed to Vicarage Drive area at a possible cost of £2000. Highways have no budget for this work in 2018.

9) **CPR & Defibrillator Training**
Cllr R Conway reported that training to be arranged for August /
September for 1-2 hours in the Village Hall. Expenses for trainer.

10) **Mill Lane**
Potholes have been marked up for repair.
BT trench has also been marked up for repair.

11) **Brandsby Road Drain**
B Smith to check the drain has been cleaned

12) **Notes from C Patmore**
None

Agenda Matters

1) **Landscaping and Fencing Village Hall Green**

The chairman introduced the item to the meeting by outlining correspondence which had come from two Stillington residents expressing their concerns and observations with regard to the Village Hall fencing. These had been circulated to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. Members of the public had an opportunity to ask questions. Points raised were about the height of the fence and parking. The Chairman, P Swiers and B Smith responded to their questions.

The Chairman asked for further comments

Councillor Hill confirmed that a post size of 5inch x 4inch was not available to the contractor and it was explained 4inch x 4inch had been used as an acceptable alternative. There was assurance that the timber used was tannalised even though it was not green in colour.

Several questions from residents concerned the height of the Fence in front of the Hall, This had been determined by the designer of the Project by reference to other village fence heights and the wish to keep this unified around the village. The small discrepancy to the 700mm was due to ground levels and the requirement of the fence to be visually level whilst following the general ground contours. The fence along the side of Mill Lane was deliberately installed at a lower height to indicate its subservience to that around the Hall itself.

Further discussion took place on the footpath between the Hall entrance and the road. The kerb at this point is not dropped and should therefore not be transgressed by vehicles. It was explained by Councillor Smith, this entrance has been in place for several years and there was a problem with vehicles mounting the kerb and parking on the grass. Along the frontage of the Hall there is very little cover of soil as underneath lies rubble, brick and stone which easily gets churned up in wet weather causing unsightly tracks and ruts in the grass.

A new ramped path to allow better disabled access is to be laid from the car park to the Hall entrance. Councillor Smith felt the new means of access from the car park will also be beneficial to people using a trolley to transport heavy items into the Hall.

The item came to a natural close. No proposals were made to this item.

A response to both Stillington residents would be e-mailed.

All who spoke were thanked and the item was closed for discussion.

2) **Neighbourhood Watch**

Item sent in by C Cookman with reference to a Talk on Scams and Frauds in North Yorkshire to be held on Monday 14th May in Easingwold Methodist Church.

3) **Facebook**

Communication from C Cookman with reference to reintroducing Village Facebook. Two Stillington residents have offered to organise this.

This item to be on the agenda for next meeting.

Any other Business

A working party of volunteers to be organised to clean up the village bench seats.

Next Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on

Wednesday 23rd May 2018 at 7.00pm.

A monthly meeting will follow the AGM at 8.00pm

There will be **no meeting in June**