

**MINUTES OF STILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 4th March 2020 AT 7.30PM**

THESE MINUTES WERE RATIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD.

1. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

CLLR Conway

PRESENT

County CCLR Patmore. District CLLR Watkins

Chairman CLLR Rowe, CCLRS Cookman, Pearse, Taylor, Dove

The Clerk MS Midgley

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th February 2020 were proved to be correct.

Agreed CLLR Pearse, CLLR Cookman

4. PUBLIC AND OPEN FORUM.

1 member of the Public attended.

4.1 We are now looking for a new site and person who can be contacted to look after the sandbags for emergency use in the village an advert will be placed in the Stillington News.

4.2 The owner of the Building Plot on South Back Lane will be contacted about the appearance/ state of site.

5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY CLLRS REPORT.

5.1 NYCC Council Tax will rise by 4.99%, 2.0% will be ring fenced for Social Care, 2.99% will be ring fenced for Council Care.

5.2 Hambleton's new Crematorium. The plans and information Boards are now on view at the district council offices at Civic Centre, Rotary Way, Stone Cross, Northallerton or you can complete the consultation online at HDC Website.

6. SPEED WATCH.

6.1 Will Continue to be operational.

7. PARISH MAINTENANCE.

7.1 The Closed Graveyard headstones are still awaiting a Faculty. Information has been passed to the Church Council. The headstones which are unsafe are taped and marked.

7.2 Pond Area after visit from Phil Lyth following his visit to the pond. His recommendations were accepted work will phase beginning with removal of leaf litter from the pond in September or October. Approval will be sought from the recommended work on the trees around the pond and the felling of two Birch Trees which have died and Phil Lyth pond survey & plan to be publicised in the Stillington Newsletter.

7.3 Final Parish Plan to be prepared for adoption.

7.4 It was agreed that evergreen shrubs will be planted by the Village Hall committee alongside the ramp behind the village hall to provide screening. It was decided that this was not in contradiction to the general wish expressed in the Village Plan consultations for the green to remain as it is. Village Hall committee will keep shrubs tidy.

8. HIGHWAY ISSUES AND NOTIFICATION.

8.1 Pathway repairs still on-going some patching has been done. Unfortunately, the problems still exist when walking or pushing a wheelchair along the path. The main problem is the pavement camber as materials & under surface disintegrate.

8.2 Potholes in the village are monitored monthly by the Highways.

8.3 Awaiting decision from NYCC for the decision on the new lamp post to be installed at the junction of the Village Hall and the B1363 road.

8.4 Drainage York Road South Back Lane Junction was reported to Area2 Thirsk.

8.5 A broken Footpath Sign was reported on the Vicars Walk to Ares 2 Thirsk and was repaired.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS.

9.1 REF19/02540/REM Application for approval of all reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, Layout and scale) for Plot 3 only following outline approval reference: 17/01102/OUT for the construction of up to 5 no dwellings have been withdrawn.

10. CLERKS REPORT

10.1 YLCA Website is now live. Log in details have been resent to CCLRS by the Parish Clerk

10.2 An appointment was made via telephone with HSBC Banking to make sure everything was in place for safeguarding on the account and found no problems.

10.3 CLLR Dove will prepare a website accessibility statement for the PC website. The website is to remain as it is without provision of a version for mobile phone use.

10.4 The possible case for CLLRS to use dedicated email addresses for Council business was discussed and varying views were expressed. No further action was taken.

11. REPORTS OF FINANCIAL MATTERS.

PKF Little John Will send the documents out for the audit on 23rd March.

Cheques Authorised Accepted by the Council. Signed by CLLR Pearse, CLLR Cookman.

11.1 Mr Dave Green £8.00 Fluorescent tubes Bus Shelter Lights.

12. CORRESPONDENCE.

12.1 An e-mail has been sent to the treasurer of Stillington Parish Church to see if we are any nearer to getting a faculty through on the Gravestones.

12.2 Important information for Households/Businesses with septic tanks or small sewage plants was inserted in Stillington News.

12.3 Gary Newman from Reliance Bus Service acknowledged the Parish survey comments about extending their service and this is being worked on and they hope to have more information later in the year.

12.4 Disability Facilities Grants availability information sent to Stillington News.

13. CO-OPTION TO PARISH COUNCIL.

13.1 There is currently still one vacancy on the Parish council.

14. STILLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

14.1 The Governors of Stillington Community Primary School, supported by the Local Authority, have been in constructive discussions with Foston and Terrington C of E Federation since October about the potential for a partnership, which could secure the future of education in Stillington. Since January, Foston and Terrington Federation have been providing school-to-school support for Stillington School, with a view to formal collaboration from September 2020.

The Governors believe this is a way forward for sustaining small rural schools, which play such a vital role in their communities. As a Federation of Church Schools, we see supporting communities as an important part of our vision. We feel this is an exciting and positive development for all three schools.

Stillington School received an Ofsted HMI monitoring inspection early in February, which records that leaders and managers are taking effective action towards the removal of special measures. Chair of Governors said we are pleased with this positive judgement which reflects the hard work and commitment of the whole school team, including parents who have continued to support the school. The HMIs report recognises the improvements made since the previous Ofsted Inspection in January 2019 and acknowledges the potential for more rapid improvement as the partnership with Foston and Terrington progresses.

15. MATTERS FOR REPORTING OR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDA.

15.1 For the 75th Anniversary of VE Day 8th May 2020, Archive Group hope to create an exhibition over the weekend; St Nicholas Church plan a celebratory service on Sunday afternoon followed by an afternoon tea.

15.2 A local food event was held in Village Hall Saturday 8th February 2020 10am-2pm, proved to be a great success.

15.3 A letter was sent to Hambleton Planning Department re the Daniel Gath advertising Boarding at the Sports and Social Club and is now been investigated by Hambleton District Council.

15.4 CLLR Conway attended the YLCA meeting on the 4th March at the Galtres Centre with CLLR Taylor and submitted a report on proceedings - key point was climate change; its consequences and what can be done locally. There was a brief discussion on the report, but no actions were taken at the time.

AOB

Thanks to everyone who helped with Stillington Parish Plan.

16. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

Wednesday 1st April at 2020 by email due to the Coronavirus.

The Clerk MS Midgley.