

MEETING OF STILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD

ON WEDNESDAY 4 AUGUST 2021 AT 7.00PM IN STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL.

THESE MINUTES WERE RATIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. None

PRESENT CLLRS Drew, Conway, Rowe, Taylor, Churton, Chairman CLLR Cookman, Clerk Mrs Midgley.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 7 JULY 2021 Agreed Proposed by CLLR Conwy, Seconded CLLR Drew

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None

4. PUBLIC FORUM No members of public present

5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY CLLRS REPORTS None

6. MATTERS ARISING

6.1 Village grass cutting Members very disappointed with minimal grass cuts to date; request further cut as soon as possible & to seek meeting when contractor is next in the village

6.2 Churchyard headstones Church faculty now received for headstone repairs. Mr Moorey to meet Cllr Rowe to finalise work required. The damaged headstone in the new churchyard will be assessed & cost agreed with PCC Treasurer.

6.3 Churchyard trees Three trees identified for pruning: copper beech (branches extending over neighbouring property & footpath) ; cypress (re-shape & make safe) & ash tree (branches growing around electricity lines) . Permission for works to trees in conservation area will be requested from Hambleton. Electricity board will be asked to deal with the ash tree. Second quote requested for the tree work.

6.4 Townend pond fencing Village residents have generously offered to assist with the pond fencing. Members accepted the quote received for the bird's mouth posts, rails and metal straps. Majority vote by members to retain the fence painted white rather than natural wood. Timber quote may need to be revised. Contractors who have already quoted will be contacted in due course.

6.5 Townend pond willow trees Await Hambleton DC survey & decision. Cllr Watkins asked for update.

6.6 Townend pond gateway No progress; review in 6 months

6.7 School gate access No progress: review in 6 months

6.8 New lamp post for Village Hall corner No progress; review in 6 months

6.9 Bus Stop repair Await assessment & quote for repair to gable ends only

6.10 Village Hall sign Await quote for new sign

6.11 Village Hall tree Members agreed to purchase tree replacement: re-stake all three trees in front of the Village Hall and the new tree on the top green. Cllr Conway offers to do the work.

6.11 South Back Lane tree on verge Resident to contact NYCC for permission to fell & replant with new tree further from road edge.

6.12 Appointment of new Clerk No formal applications had been received. Chair and Clerk to meet prospective candidate this week.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND NOTIFICATION.

7.1 REF 21/00513/FUL Change of use of agricultural land for the purpose of stationing touring caravans Fox Covert Sand Lane Huby Granted.

7.2 REF 21/01266/CAT Works to tree in conservation area- removal of Holly tree. Glebe Cottage Main Street Stillington Granted.

8. SPEED WATCH No sessions since last meeting

9. VILLAGE/PARISH MAINTENANCE

9.1 Members had reviewed their chosen areas for maintenance and any action required. General state of footpaths and kerb repairs to be chased up with NYCC (see below)

9.2 Mill Lane footpath will receive top surface dressing once current house building is completed. Subsidence of the southern edge of Mill Lane roadside is worsening & will eventually need major repair. Check the drainage pit area connecting to the new houses is kept safe for workers & pedestrians.

9.3 Landowner has provided the new footpath gate at the bottom of the Jenny Wren

9.4 Unsightly building sites noted on South Back Lane to rear of the Bay Tree & on North Back Lane adjacent to old churchyard.

9.5 Work to tidy up trees along the roadside verges to be arranged for the autumn

9.6 Condition of Parkfield pedestrian snicket noted and concern over ongoing maintenance. Ownership of garden border to be confirmed.

10. HIGHWAYS

10.1 Highways request to move 30 mph speed sign on Mill Lane beyond Home Farm entrance as one of the planning conditions agreed for the five new houses. Majority agreed as outlined.

10.2 Agreed to contact NYCC re deteriorating state of village footpaths and damaged kerbs particularly along Main Street and High Street. High Street paths have been marked up twice for resurface work but still no action. Requested village meeting to view and discuss where we are in priority list of works. Copy to Cllr Patmore.

11. CLERKS REPORT. Nothing to report

12. REPORTS OF FINANCIAL MATTERS. Nothing to report. Balances agreed.

13. CORRESPONDENCE. None

14. MATTERS FOR REPORTING.

14.1 Agreed request for new stone house sign at pondside lane entrance for Owlwood, The Hawthorns & Ash Trees

14.2 The two village stone plant troughs on Brandsby Road and York Road together with the strip borders at the cemetery gates have been planted & maintained by Dave Green for the past five or six years. Dave will retire this autumn and the village will be seeking willing volunteers to take on these tasks. The colours and well-maintained plants make such a visible difference for both residents and travellers passing through.

14.3 Grass cutting machinery damaged the churchyard oil tank pipe a while ago. Whilst the tank is double banded, protective corner posts will be considered to help avoid another knock.

14.4 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – ideas wanted for the June 2022 celebrations.

15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

Wednesday 1st September 2021 in Stillington Village Hall at 7.00pm
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