

STILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

ON WEDNESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2021 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillors: Christine Cookman (Chairman), Robert Churton, Tim Drew,
Robin Conway & Graham Taylor

ALSO PRESENT: Nigel Knapton (Clerk)

1 member of the public

21/180 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from District Councillor Watkins. There were no declarations of interests.

21/181 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 NOVEMBER 2021

Minutes previously circulated and these were amended, accepted and signed as a correct record.

21/182 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

- a. It was reported that the electrical box at the bus shelter would require an electrician as the key had been lost. The Clerk would contact an electrician.
- b. The cigarette box in the bus shelter needed emptying. A 3-4mm box spanner was needed. Cllr Drew would see to this.
- c. The popup bakery had requested use of the car park on Christmas Eve. This was refused as it would impact on the shop as it was not a Sunday as previously agreed.
- d. The parking on South Bank lane by bus passengers was highlighted as an issue.

21/183 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- a. County Councillor Caroline Patmore was not present.
- b. District Councillor Watkins was not present.

21/184 CLERK'S REPORT & MATTERS ARISING

- a. Councillors had met with Mr Downie, the grass cutting contractor, and it was agreed the greens only had 8 cuts this year due to staff shortages. Next year the greens would receive 10 cuts. It was also suggested the area under the trees opposite the village hall could be professionally rewilded and a 2-metre border be cut by Mr Downie. This is to be investigated. Cutting around the Brandsby Road sign would be added to the contract and the pond cuts amended to 5 cuts of a path width around the pond and 10 cuts along the roadside. A meeting would be held in June to assess whether these measures were appropriate. Mr Downie requested the churchyard hedge height is reduced for safe cutting. This will be initially discussed with neighbour at the Vicarage.
- b. English Trees to confirm a quote for the churchyard beech & cypress trees.
- c. The replacement tree outside the Village Hall had been planted and paid for.

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- d. The quote from Greg Milburn for £840 including VAT was accepted for the pruning the pond willow trees as specified as acceptable by Hambleton DC. He will now submit the planning application.
- e. No update had been received from the resident regarding the tree on the verge in South Back Lane.
- f. Dave Seavers, a planning enforcement officer from Hambleton DC, had inspected the vacant site adjacent to Navigator House on North Back Lane and the owner had been written to requesting it be tidied up within 28 days.
- g. A date was still awaited for the meeting with Yorkshire Water regarding the flooding at the south of the village. The Clerk would chase this up.
- h. A reply was still awaited from North Yorkshire Highways regarding the ownership of the layby on Easingwold Road in regard to the possibility of tree planting for the Jubilee. An avenue of trees on one side of the highway was also suggested and the Clerk would check this with Highways.
- i. As the Hambleton DC Making A Difference Grant Scheme required a project to be planned and approved before an application is made it was agreed that the application for funding for Vehicle Activated Signs not be made at this time.
- j. The cost of a replacement highway mirror on the Soutersfield side of South Back Lane would be in the order of £60 excluding fitting. This would have to be carried out and paid for by the residents concerned.
- k. Hambleton DC had reported that a road sweep of the village had taken place last week and the village was scheduled to be swept every 3 months.
- l. The cheque for the grant to the Village News of £100 had been prepared for signing at this meeting.
- m. A school student is carrying out village maintenance for his Duke of Edinburgh volunteer service.

21/185 SPEED WATCH

Cllr Rowe was not present to report on the speed watch.

21/186 30MPH ZONE

The extension of the 30mph zone on Mill Lane by North Yorkshire County Council was noted. The Clerk would enquire of Highways whether additional repeater signs would need to be fitted.

21/187 QUEEN'S JUBILEE

- a. The brochure detailing the beacon arrangement was passed to Cllr Drew.
- b. District Cllr Di Watkins had one Jubilee Tree available for planting in her Ward. It was agreed to ask her if this could be a Rowan Tree and planted on York Road.

21/188 VILLAGE, CHURCHYARD & HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

- a. A sewage leak from the York Road pumping station had been fixed. A new pump is required and will be fitted by Yorkshire Water.
- b. There are pot holes on North Back Lane at the north end near the green and also near the surgery. The Clerk would report these to Highways.
- c. The state of the bridge on the way to Brandsby was raised and the Clerk would enquire of Highways what the future maintenance plans for the bridge were.

21/189 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED**

The planning applications considered are attached.

21/190 **HAMBLETON DC - PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS**

The planning decisions received are attached.

21/191 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a. The receipts and payment, actuals vs. budget and bank balances were noted.
- b. The attached payments were agreed.
- c. The budget for 2022/23 was agreed.
- d. The precept for 2022/23 was agreed and set at £11,300.
- e. The details regarding the new bank mandate had been received from 3 Councillors.

21/192 **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter had been received from the Stillington Charity for Relief in Need requesting that the Parish Council nominates Adryenne Hope and Harold Tomlinson as the Council nominated trustees for the next four years. This was agreed.

21/193 **MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA**

Avenue of trees.

Additional flower troughs at village signs – August agenda.

21/194 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next full council meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 January 2021 at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.03pm.

Payments

01/12/2021	N Knapton	Stationery	£22.68
01/12/2021	Stillington News	Grant	£100.00
01/12/2021	Robert Churton	Plants	£24.34
01/12/2021	Harrison Signs	Village Hall sign	£168.00

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