

**STILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

**ON WEDNESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Christine Cookman (Chairman), Robin Conway & Graham Taylor

**ALSO PRESENT:** Nigel Knapton (Clerk)

District Cllr Di Watkins  
3 members of the public

**22/15 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Malcolm Rowe, Tim Drew & Robert Churton and the reasons were accepted. Apologies were also received from County Council Patmore. There were no declarations of interests.

**22/16 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 JANUARY 2022**

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

**22/17 CO-OPTION**

Cllr Tracy Sinclair was co-opted onto the Council and welcomed by the Chairman. Cllr Sinclair signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

**22/18 WILDFLOWER SEEDING**

A report on potential wildflower seeding in the village was given by Helen Stainsby. It was agreed to investigate wildflower seeding on the top green and discuss this with the grass cutting contractor.

**22/19 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

No questions were asked.

**22/20 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

- a. County Councillor Caroline Patmore was not present.
- b. District Councillor Watkins reported on the latest Local Government review position.

**22/21 CLERK'S REPORT**

- a. The quotation from English Trees of £600 was accepted.
- b. The planning application for the work on the willow tree at the pond was ongoing.
- c. North Yorkshire Highways were looking into the ownership of the concrete layby on Easingwold Road. They also required a map showing the proposed location of the avenue of trees. Cllr Robin Conway would plot this.
- d. The Jubilee tree proposed location on York Road had been reported to Hambleton DC.
- e. Some repairs had been done to the potholes on North Back Lane.

Approved ..... Chairman

- f. NYCC Highways had reported that no work was planned on the bridge on Brandsby Road due to budget constraints.
- g. NYCC Highways had reported that a pedestrian crossing across Main Street would not be provided due to a lack of evidence of need.
- h. The overgrown hedge on York Road had been reported to Thirteen Housing Association.

**22/22 SPEED WATCH**

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

**22/23 YORK ROAD FLOODING MEETING**

A meeting had taken place between the Parish Council, Yorkshire water, NYCC Highways, landowners and a prospective developer. Yorkshire Water agreed to survey and clear out the main sewer on York Road. This would be done in the next month.

**22/24 VILLAGE, CHURCHYARD & HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE**

Matthew Gilmore as part of his Duke of Edinburgh award had been undertaking maintenance on the bus shelter and paths. A letter of thanks from the Council would be sent.

**22/25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED**

The planning applications considered are attached.

**22/26 HAMBLETON DC - PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS**

The planning decisions received are attached.

**22/27 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a. The receipts and payment, actuals vs. budget and bank balances were noted.
- b. The attached payments were agreed.
- c. The Clerk's contract of employment was signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Council.
- d. The Clerk would liaise with the Internal Auditor Martin Chapman on the current financial arrangements.

**22/28 CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence that had not been dealt with on the agenda.

**22/29 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA**

Wildflower seeding  
Visit by Truvelo, VASS specialists.

**22/30 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next full council meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 March 2022 at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.03pm.

**Payments**

19/01/2022	J T Atkinson	Pond Fencing	£2,418.72
02/02/2022	Farm & Land Services Ltd	Grasscutting	£1,751.20
02/02/2022	North Yorkshire County Council	Salt bins	£180.00
			£4,349.92

Approved ..... Chairman