

NORTH DUFFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd February 2023 Chapel Schoolroom, North Duffield

Part 1

23014. In attendance: Cllrs R Hemingway (Chairman), M Patten, L Richardson, M Walton, B Wells and D Wint. S Look (Clerk). Members of the public. Apologies: Cllrs S Brown and R Arrand.

23015. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 5th January 2023 were proposed by Cllr Walton, seconded by Cllr Patten and unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record.

23016. Matters arising from the last meeting:

- i. Items on the village 'to do list' have been updated. Chair to distribute the updated list.
- ii. Cllr Topping sent an update on the proposed footpath to link up North Duffield to Skipwith Common. Unfortunately, he has been unable to secure funding from SDC for the project as it has been allocated to social housing projects. Resolved to add the footpath proposals to the agenda for the Annual Meeting to see if a community group in the village would like to take this forward and investigate external grant funding.

23017. Public time:

- i. Member of the public present spoke about planning application 2021/1353/FUL. Cllrs reiterated that they support the application as the development plans include much needed two-bedroom starter homes. Clerk to contact SDC planning department to re-confirm support from the PC.
- ii. Member of the public requested information on hire terms for the PC marquee. Resolved to consider at the March PC meeting.

23018. Receive Ward/ District Councillor reports:

- i. Ward/District Cllrs not present. Cllr Buckle from SDC sent a response to the concerns raised by the PC about shop closures in Selby town centre. Councillors were disappointed that the response did not address the question adequately and would like to know what action SDC are taking to deal with the matter.

23019. Highways:

- i. The Community Speedwatch programme has been approved for York Road and the A163. Councillors considered purchasing the equipment required. It was RESOLVED to purchase one radar, 9 high-vis waistcoats and two signs. Training to be organised when the equipment arrives.
- ii. Nothing further to report on the Highways concerns raised at the January meeting.
- iii. Bubwith Bridge still remains closed to HGV's. This cannot be made permanent as it is an 'A road'.
- iv. Cllr Wint gave an update on the statistics from the new VAS Sign on the A163. There has been no significant change to the stats. The direction of the sign has now been alternated to face the opposite direction. To be rotated quarterly.
- v. A request has been made to NYCC to clear the drains along the A163 leading into the village which are blocked with weeds, leaves and other debris but this has still not been done.
- vi. Damaged streetlight on Sunnyside. Awaiting resolution from Certas despite contacting them several times they have not responded. NYCC have confirmed the estimate for repair is £1400 (exc VAT). Resolved to contact the Parish Councils insurance company to help resolve this issue.
- vii. Clerk confirmed that the repair costs to the faulty streetlight on Main Street (LP26) will be £36 (exc VAT). Order has been placed with NYCC. Awaiting repair.
- viii. It has been reported that the boundary fence at the allotments is in need of repair. Cllr Wint to look at repairing it on this occasion. Resolved to revisit the Allotment contract when the three-year term of agreement is nearing expiry.

23020. Planning Applications

- i. No new applications received.

23021. Planning Decisions:

- i. 2022/0722/FUL. Oakwood Lodges Greengate Lane South Duffield. Erection of a reception building (retrospective). Permission granted.

23022. Financial matters:

- i. Finance report forwarded to councillors. Transactions considered for approval and payment:

		Current Account	Savings Account

a.	Account balances as at 20th December 2022:	£4456.47	£22,065.06
b.	Transactions made since last meeting (approved at the last meeting):		
	R Arrand; Containers for the Christmas lights	-£75.96	
	S Look; Clerks December expenses	-£52.28	
	Western Wolds Men in Sheds; book library	-£300.00	
	Autela Payroll Services; Oct- Dec payroll	-£66.27	
	JA Massey; Village Maintenance 2022	-£3430.00	
	North Duffield Methodist Church; Room hire	-£154.00	
	North Duffield Village Hall; Room hire	-£21.00	
c.	Payments made since the last meeting under clerks delegated powers:		
	Nil		
d.	Receipts since the last meeting:		
	Donation towards the replacement Cherry tree	£90.00	
	Savings account interest		£75.95
e.	Account balances as at 26th January 2023	£4366.09	£18,141.01
f.	To approve the following payments:		
	S Look; Clerks January salary	-£as agreed	
	S Look; Clerks January expenses	-£54.61	
	Skipwith & North Duffield 60 Club; donation	-£200.00	
	Emma Squires Kemp – chocolate lollies for light switch on	-£19.37	

It was resolved to accept and approve the payments and transactions as stated.

23023. Village Green:

- i. An update was given on the vandalism / damage to the pond drainage system by the Chair. NYCC and the Drainage Board met with the Chair and Clerk to assess the damage. The Drainage Board have attempted to reattach the syphon fitting but this was unsuccessful as the vandals had also smashed the pipe end off and this is encased into the brick headwall. NYCC and the Drainage Board outlined the responsibility for this structure is that of the PC however the drainage board, as a goodwill gesture, undertake the repair if the PC covers the costs of the materials only of which is not like to exceed £100.00. This repair needs doing ASAP due to risk of blockages from the debris in the pond. It was RESOLVED to ask the drainage board to go ahead with the repairs on behalf of the PC.
- ii. No further update on the pond. Defer until the Spring.
- iii. A representative from the 'village green working group' has contacted Mires Beck. They are going to get the plants ready and suggest that we plant them in April or May. To arrange a work party with waders/boat. They will provide plants from the list in suitable numbers to a total of 100 as root trainers. The primroses only come in pots at £2 each. A few primroses to be added to the order.
- iv. No further progress with obtaining a quote for renewing the electrics that serve the village green.
- v. Tree work on the green has been delayed due to heavy winds. Lewis' have now scheduled the work in for 23rd February.
- vi. No progress has been made on rehoming some of the ducks on the pond due to the ongoing bird flu restrictions.
- vii. No further update on the pond developments / installation of a pump. To defer until the Spring.

23024. Correspondence:

- i. YLCA White Rose Update and training dates noted.
- ii. NYCC draft Parish Charter consultation noted.

23025. Meeting closure to members of the public:

- i. The date for the next monthly meeting to be held at 7pm on Thursday 2nd March 2023 in the Schoolroom of North Duffield Methodist Chapel.
- ii. Meeting closed at 20.00hrs.

Signed:
(Chairman)
Date: