

NORTH DUFFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Part 1

23026. In attendance: Cllrs R Arrand, S Brown, R Hemingway (Chairman), M Patten, L Richardson, M Walton, B Wells and D Wint. S Look (Clerk). Members of the public. Apologies: Cllr Arthur.

23027. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 2nd February 2023 were proposed by Cllr Walton, seconded by Cllr Patten and unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record.

23028. Matters arising from the last meeting:

- i. Councillors considered a response to the Parish Charter consultation. Final response to be decided at the April Parish Council meeting. Deadline for comments on the consultation is 12th April.
- ii. Kings Coronation celebrations to be held on the village green. Vintage tea party to be on Sunday 7th May with some games. Clerk to get some quotes for a half round tree bench and a bench to go Priest Lane at the end nearest the village hall if possible. Clerk to speak to highways to see if this would be allowed. Samples of Coronation merchandise presented to councillors. It was resolved to order pin badges for all the children at the pre school and school with some additional badges for secondary school children if requested. To order 20 more than last year. Clerk to arrange for the village hanging baskets to be done in red, white and blue like last year.

23029. Public time:

- i. Member of the public clarified details on planning application 2023/0139/REMM. Land at The Paddocks, North Duffield.

23030. Receive Ward/ District Councillor reports:

- i. No Ward/ District Councillor reports.

23031. Highways:

- i. The Community Speedwatch equipment has now been delivered. Training dates considered. Clerk to contact trainer to arrange.
- ii. Cllr Wint reported on the VAS stats. There has been a decrease in cars speeding. To change sign round later this month.
- iii. Request has been made to clear the drains along the A163 leading into the village which are blocked with weeds, leaves and other debris to prevent flooding issues.
- iv. Repair to the damaged streetlight (LP40) outside Sunnyside is progressing. Estimate received for repair is £1,400:00 + Vat. The costs is for the removal of the old column, erect and wire of the new 6m column and NPG cost, the old lantern has been salvaged and can be reused. Certas insurance has now paid us for the streetlight repair. Waiting for NYCC to reinstall it. Clerk to follow up.
- v. Report from resident of blocked drains on Green Lane next to the village green and York Road from the playing fields. NYCC highways have reported that the gullies are cleaned on a cyclic schedule and unless they are presenting blockage by ponding onto the carriageway for extended spells after periods of moderate rainfall these will be cleaned on their cyclic schedules.
- vi. NYCC also reported that with regards the potholes, Highways will look at these when next in the area but have recently repaired some, a lot of the photographs provided show potholes that are not at intervention for repair, however they will repair any that they feel are going to develop quickly. Highways will not action a separate dayworks visit for resource and budgetary reasons.
- vii. Report of road condition problems on Oak Road, Westfield Road, Manor Drive. Highways have marked out Westfield Road for repair and repaired Broadmanor already. Westfield Close sign has been replaced. Cllr Wint reported that the quickest way to report issues is on www.fixmystreet.com.
- viii. Cllr Hemingway to follow up with Highways getting the 'School Slow' markings painted on the road outside the school.
- ix. A request has been made for a pedestrian crossing sign on the A163 near the Methodist Chapel. Clerk has contacted Highways.

23032. Planning Applications

- i. 2023/0088/HPA. 9 Willow Drive, North Duffield. Erection of single storey rear extension to form garden room. No comments raised.
- ii. 2022/1414/S73. Springfield House Farm, Green Lane, North Duffield. Section 73 application to vary condition 03 (carriageway/private drive) of approval 2018/1050/FUL Section 73 application to vary

conditions 02 (drawings), 04, (surface water from non-highway areas) 05 (access) and 09 (landscaping) of approval 2017/0687/FUL for proposed erection of 4 no. detached bungalows with integral garages. Councillors raised concerns regarding the current plans no longer including the installation of a footpath to an adoptable standard. The painted footway is inadequate due to the width and does not provide adequate drainage. Drawing a painted line on the road instead of installing a path is not in keeping with any other footways in the parish. It is also considered to be a safety issue as vehicles can drive over it easily when turning into the road making it extremely dangerous for pedestrians. In time the line will fade and will become difficult to see especially in the dark. It could also potentially encourage cars parking on the footway making it difficult for pedestrians to get past. Councillors therefore OBJECT to this application.

- iii. 2023/0139/REMM. Land at The Paddocks, North Duffield. Reserved matters application including appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of approval 2018/1344/OUTM Outline application including access (all other matters reserved) for erection of dwellings and construction of access from York Road. No comments raised.
- iv. 2023/0158/TPO. 6 The Paddocks, North Duffield. Application for consent to remove deadwood and crown reduce by 1m to 1No Ash tree covered by TPO 3/2019. No comments raised.

23033. Planning Decisions:

- i. No new planning decisions received prior to the agenda being issued.

23034. Financial matters:

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

		Current Account	Savings Account
a.	Account balances as at 26th January 2023:	£4366.09	£18,141.01
b.	Transactions made since last meeting (approved at the last meeting):		
	S Look; Clerks January salary	-£	
	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	
c.	Payments made since the last meeting under clerks delegated powers:		
	Next Generation Clothing; High Vis waistcoats for Community Speedwatch volunteers	-£162.00	
	Allsigns; 'Community Speedwatch in Operation' signs x 2	-£309.86	
	S Look; Speed Radar and batteries for Community Speedwatch	-£205.04	
d.	Receipts since the last meeting:		
	HMRC VAT refund		£2317.76
	Community Funding from Cllr Toppings budget		£750.00
	Zurich; insurance refund for damaged streetlight	£1400.00	
e.	Account balances as at 23rd February 2023	£4313.77	£21208.77
f.	To approve the following payments:		
	S Look; Clerks February salary	-£	
	S Look; Clerks February expenses	-£59.84	
	JRB Enterprise Ltd; Dog bin bag	-£130.26	
	North Duffield & Skipwith PFA; insurance contribution	-£612.45	
	Lewis Tree Surgery; Village Green work	-£751.20	

It was resolved to accept and approve the payments and transactions as stated with the exception of Lewis Tree Surgery payment until concerns raised about their recent work are rectified.

23035. Village Green and village maintenance:

- i. Items on the village 'to do' list have been updated by Cllr Hemingway. All tasks to be done in Spring apart from the hedge work which is scheduled for March. Cllr Wint to coordinate volunteers for a date towards the end of March for other tasks. It was noted that other residents in the village are

welcome to get involved so that these tasks are not just left for Parish Councillors to do. Cllr Patten to follow up on the Bee House installation and look at options.

- ii. Update from the 'village green working group'; A request to purchase more bulbs has made by the working group which will be planted in September. It was agreed to allow this and fund it. Cllr Richardson to report costings back at the next meeting.
- iii. Date for planting the island plants to be set later this month. It is recommended that they are planted April/May.
- iv. No further update on electrical check of the mains electrics that serve the pond. Still awaiting the plan in order to get a quote. Cllr Richardson to chase up contractor for the plan that he has previously drawn up.
- v. Update on the tree maintenance on the village green given. Work has been carried out but concern raised that the tree over the pond has not been cut back as much as agreed. Lewis' are going to revisit to have a look at the work that has been done. To pay the invoice once resolved.
- vi. Ducks on the green. To consider any further action to reduce the numbers at a later date as Bird Flu prevention orders are still in place.
- vii. Cllr Wint to have a look at the allotment fence to see what needs to be done to rectify it.
- viii. A request has been made to cut the trees back on School/Priest Lane. Clerk has contacted the contractor.

23036. Correspondence:

- i. YLCA White Rose Update and training dates noted.
- ii. NALC briefing on CIL noted.
- iii. NALC Parliamentary Briefing - Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill noted.
- iv. North Yorkshire County Council Climate Change Strategy consultation (deadline 7th April 2023) noted.
- v. York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership. Clerk to express an interest in applying for funding for the potential footpath from North Duffield to Skipwith.

23037. Meeting closure to members of the public:

- i. The date for the next monthly meeting to be held at 7pm on Thursday 6th April 2023 in the Schoolroom of North Duffield Methodist Chapel.

Part 2

23038. Meeting closure to members of the public: Confidential business: To consider and resolve whether to exclude the Public and Press on the grounds that matters for discussion affect individual staff matters / procedures / legal / financial issues.

23039. To receive an update on the grass cutting contract: It was confirmed that the contractor will be carrying out a Pesticides (approved for use in Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry) course later this month.

23040. Marquee hire: Terms and conditions to be agreed by councillors at next meeting.

23041. Community assets in the Parish: It was reported that the current tenants at the Kings Arms will be moving on. The Kings Arms is listed as a Community Asset but this expires in September 2023. Clerk to investigate renewing the community asset status. Cllr Hemingway to arrange a meeting with Punch to discuss future concerns.

Meeting closed at 20.30hrs.

Signed:
(Chairman)
Date: