

## NORTH DUFFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Chapel Schoolroom, North Duffield

#### Part 1

**23042. In attendance:** Cllrs S Brown, R Hemingway (Chairman), M Patten, L Richardson, M Walton, B Wells and D Wint. S Look (Clerk). County Cllr Arthur. Apologies: Cllr R Arrand.

**23043. Minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 were proposed by Cllr Patten, seconded by Cllr Walton and unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record.

#### **23044. Matters arising from the last meeting:**

- i. Councillors considered a response to the Parish Charter consultation. Councillors would like more details to enable them to comment constructively. It was noted that the document is very vague and lacks any core information.
- ii. Kings Coronation celebrations to be held on the village green including a picnic on the green on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023.
- iii. Councillors considered commemorative bench options. The new bench will be sited on School Lane. It was resolved to apply for a license from North Yorkshire Council to install a Glasdon 'Lowther Seat' in dark brown with the Kings Coronation graphics and North Duffield Parish Council on the sides.
- iv. To apply to renew the Community Assets in September.

#### **23045. Public time:**

- i. No members of the public present.

#### **23046. Receive County Councillor report:**

- i. Cllr Arthur gave an update on Locality Budget funding available for 2023/24. Any application needs to be a partial contribution. Clerk to apply for funding for the Commemorative bench to be ordered. Applications can also be made for the Kings Coronation events, but they need to be submitted by 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

Cllr Arthur reported that the council tax has gone up by 2.99%. There is an increase of £30 per band D household. This is an increase over two years to be paid by homes that fall into the old Selby District council area as part of levelling up so that all households pay the same per council tax band across the new North Yorkshire council.

The green bin consultation has now ended which detailed that the charge for a green bin is going to be £43.50 per year if households wish to continue with the service.

Small planning developments will be decided on a local level at Selby with planning committee meetings limiting public speaking to 3 mins person now rather than 5.

The restructuring of the councils will commence later this year with cost savings to go into care, infrastructure and keeping the council tax down.

#### **23047. Highways:**

- i. The Community Speedwatch training has been done. Cllr Wells will be leading the group and coordinating the 10 volunteers. Locations to be monitored include Broadmanor, York Road and the A163. Any new volunteers can be trained locally by the existing volunteers who undertook the training.
- ii. Highways have replaced some signage in the village. Cllr Wint has reported flooding on Green Lane on 'Fix my street'.
- iii. Cllr Wint reported on the VAS stats. 3.8% of motorists were travelling at more than 45 mph over the last month. Signage to be switched to point in the other direction. Clerk to chase up TWM for the padlock key again.
- iv. Repair to the damaged streetlight (LP40) outside Sunnyside has not yet progressed. Cllr Arthur to follow this up with Highways on behalf of the Parish Council.
- v. A request has been made for a pedestrian crossing sign on the A163 near the Methodist Chapel. Clerk has contacted Highways who have confirmed they will install one, but this has not yet been done. Clerk to follow up again.

#### **23048. Planning Applications**

- i. 2023/0015/HPA. Poplar Cottage, Menthorpe Lane, North Duffield. 9 Willow Drive, North Duffield. Existing conservatory to rear of property removed and replaced with single storey extension. No comments raised.

**23049. Planning Decisions:**

- i. 2021/1353/FUL. Land Adjacent A163, Market Weighton Road, North Duffield. Erection of 5 dwellings and associated infrastructure. Permission granted. Noted.

**23050. Financial matters:**

- i. The annual accounting statement was noted in preparation for internal audit.  
 ii. Finance report forwarded to councillors. Transactions considered for approval and payment:

		Current Account	Savings Account
a.	<b>Account balances as at 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023:</b>	<b>£4313.77</b>	<b>£21208.77</b>
b.	Transactions made since last meeting (approved at the last meeting):		
	S Look; Clerks February salary	-£ as agreed	
	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	
c.	Payments made since the last meeting under clerks delegated powers:		
	S Look; Clerks March salary	-£ as agreed	
d.	Receipts since the last meeting:		
	Nil		
e.	Internal transfer	£2000.00	-£2000.00
f.	<b>Account balances as at 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b>	<b>£3757.14</b>	<b>£19,208.77</b>
g.	To approve the following payments:		
	S Look; Clerks March expenses	-£53.73	
	CYC – Annual bus subsidy for 20232-23	-£554.77	
	Pennine Trophies – Kings Coronation pin badges	-£187.00	
	M Patten - Bee hotel	-£80.00	
	YLCA – annual subscription fees	-£445.00	

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

**23051. Village Green and village maintenance:**

- i. Items on the village 'to do' list have been updated by Cllr Hemingway. Cllr Wint to start scheduling jobs now that it is Spring and update councillors this month over WhatsApp.
- ii. Cllr Richardson gave an update from the 'village green working group'. It was resolved to allocate £200 towards the bulb planting. Cllr Wint to place the order.
- iii. Cllr Richardson to coordinate the date for planting the island plants. To order 25 plants.
- iv. Clerk to remind the grass cutting contractor about No Mow May and to not cut near the daffodils on the green near Elaines bench.
- v. No further update on electrical check of the mains electrics that serve the pond. Cllr Wint to follow up.
- vi. Ducks on the green; Natural England cannot remove any of the ducks at present due to the Avion Flu risk and because when they removed some in the past, more were introduced to the pond by a member of the public. There needs to be a clear long-term plan with an understanding and agreement between residents there is little point rehoming them if new ones are going to be introduced.
- vii. Cllr Wint to get a quote to replace the allotment fence and report back at the next meeting.
- viii. Cllr Patten has replaced the missing glazing in the telephone box and Cllr Wint has cleared the moss on the path near the entrance.
- ix. A request has been made to cut the trees back on School/Priest Lane. Some has been cut back by the grass cutting contractor.

**23052. Correspondence:**

- i. YLCA White Rose Update and training dates noted.

- ii. North Yorkshire Council launch details; new phone number and contact details are [www.northyorks.gov.uk](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk) to apply and pay for services, report issues and find information on a variety of topics, or call 0300 131 2 131.
- iii. North Yorkshire Council Local Government Review update. Noted.

**23053. Meeting closure to members of the public:**

- i. The date for the next monthly meeting to be held at 7pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in the Schoolroom of North Duffield Methodist Chapel. The Annual meetings will be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in North Duffield Village Hall. Cllrs Wells and Cllr Brown gave their apologies for the Annual meeting.

**Part 2**

**23054. 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.

**23055. Marquee hire:** Terms and conditions to be agreed by councillors at next meeting.

Meeting closed at 20.30hrs.

Signed:  
(Chairman)  
Date: