

NORTH DUFFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th February 2021 Virtual meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic lockdown

21015. Attendance / Apologies / Declarations:

In attendance: Cllrs N Taylor (Chair), R Arrand, S Brown, N Gray, R Hemingway, M Patten, and J Smith, Cllr. L Richardson and C Walker. S Look (Clerk). Ward Cllr Topping. County Cllr Musgrave. Members of the public.

Apologies for absence: Ward Cllr Arthur.

Declarations of interest: No declarations received.

21016. Minutes: It was resolved to accept the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on 7th January 2021 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 28th January 2021 as a true and correct record.

21017. Updates on matters arising from the last monthly meeting:

- i. It was resolved to co-opt Stuart Brown onto North Duffield Parish Council.
- ii. It was confirmed that a replacement Cherry tree has now been planted on the village green.
- iii. An order has been placed with NYCC for a new grit bin for the village green. Awaiting delivery.
- iv. Cllr Patten gave an update on a Climate Emergency workshop he attended. Outline of presentation sent to councillors and suggestions given of what we can do locally. Rural areas produce a higher carbon footprint. Suggestion made to encourage a more economic and climate focussed discussion with planners such as zero carbon housing/buildings, encourage more people to walk/cycle, more sites for renewable energy, newer green spaces, tree planting, looking at neighbourhood plans and potential for solar farms. Cllr Patten has requested a green audit tool for councils. Cllr Topping to investigate recyclable public bins for the village green or outside the shop for glass/ plastic/ general waste.

21018. Allotments update:

- i. Allotment committee to be formed by the end of March. Lease to be drawn up and agree terms.
- ii. Rubbish / waste to be removed after lockdown.

21019. Public time:

- i. Concerns raised by a member of the public about the variety/colour of the Cherry tree that has been planted on the village green as it was not the one originally suggested after doing research for a replacement. The member of the public assisted the contractor in the planting of the tree. Cllr Taylor explained that councillors had resolved to purchase a more mature variety and this was the only one available in the size required.
- ii. Member of the public offered assistance on the local plan preferred options consultation document and can help in suggesting policies in the plan that may have implications on the amount of distribution of development throughout the district. Councillors agreed to accept the offer of help and further meeting to be arranged for 25th February 2021.

21020. Receive Ward/ District Councillor reports:

- i. Cllr Topping confirmed that he has sent a copy of information on business grants to the clerk for publication.
- ii. Cllr Arthur spoke of behalf of the parish council at the planning committee meeting regarding planning reference 2019/0759/FUL land adjacent to A163 to request some affordable housing on the development. Decision deferred.
- iii. Cllr Topping to send the clerk details of climate change adaptation group at Selby Council.
- iv. Cllr Arthur sent report to the clerk outlining the Local Plan proposals for North Duffield which are;
 - Land north of A163, North Duffield (area 1.76hectares) preferred for residential development of up to 45 dwellings
 - Land at Gothic Farm, Back Lane, North Duffield (area 0.33 hectares) preferred for residential development of up to 10 dwellings.

Council Tax – North Yorkshire are proposing a 3.49% increase (made up of 1.99% general council tax and 1.5% social care precept); and Selby District Council are proposing to freeze their precept. Both subject to approval of the full councils authorities later in February.

21021. Correspondence:

- i. YLCA Remote meetings survey sent to councillors asking for opinions on the government plans not to extend the remote meeting regulations beyond 7 May 2021. Cllr Taylor to complete on behalf of the Parish Council.

21022. Highways:

- i. Highways and speeding issues on York Road. NYCC are awaiting confirmation from the contractor to see if they have programmed the works before 31st March 2021. The paperwork for the 30mph extension has been sent to their legal team for advertising.
- ii. Highways and speeding issues on the A163. Statistics from the speed survey conducted in December to ascertain the extent of speeding still to be analysed by the consultant. Results received too late for full discussion at the meeting. To defer until the next Parish Council meeting. Cllr Musgrave joined the meeting.
- iii. Cllr Musgrave reported that there has been no progress on 20mph request for outside the village school due to the amount of applications from the district.
- iv. Back Lane water /drainage issues outside the pumping station. North Yorkshire Highways dug a test hole last year which has been left. Clerk has contacted NYCC which Cllr Musgrave will follow up on.

21023. Local Plan:

- i. Local Plan preferred options consultation now is in place until 12th March 2021. Councillors to read through the whole document and meet before the next monthly parish council meeting to formulate a response. To look at all the questions that not only focus on the village but on the full district. Cllr Walker to attend the Parish Council consultation meeting on 9th February. Rejected sites to also be discussed.

21024. Planning applications:

- i. No planning applications received.

21025. Planning Decisions:

- i. No planning decisions received.

21026. Financial matters:

- i. Confirmed bank account balances: Current a/c £1455.98 & Savings a/c £24,905.66.
- ii. Clerk confirmed the internet banking arrangements and new account with Unity Trust has been set up.
- iii. Request for funding received from the bowling club. Resolved to contact all local groups to see if any others require financial assistance due to the impact of the pandemic before a decision is made.
- iv. Transactions approved for payment:

16.01.21	North Duffield Methodist Church	£72
01.02.21	S Look; expenses for Jan; home working allowance, Zoom Pro mthly subs.	£60.89
19.01.21	Business Stream; Allotment water supply (paid by D/D)	£53.20
21.01.21	JRB Enterprise Ltd	£63.66

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21027. Confidential business. Members of the public left the meeting.

21028. North Duffield Landings. Application with solicitor. Awaiting further information.

21029. Unstable bench on the village green reported to the Chairman. To be fixed by a volunteer.

21030. Nativity scene to be taken down after lockdown.

21031. A163 footpath clearance required and overgrown hedges on green lane. To add to next agenda.

21032. Confirmed the next monthly meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Thursday 4th March 2021 at 7pm online. Meeting closed at 20.30.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: