

NORTH DUFFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Part 1

21030. Attendance / Apologies / Declarations:

In attendance: Cllrs N Taylor (Chair), R Arrand, S Brown, N Gray, R Hemingway, M Patten, and J Smith, and Cllr. L Richardson. S Look (Clerk). Ward Cllr Topping. Ward Cllr Arthur.

Members of the public.

Apologies for absence: Cllr Walker and County Cllr Musgrave.

Declarations of interest: Cllr Gray declared an interest in planning reference 2021/0089/TPO.

Cllr Arrand declared an interest in the local plan preferred options consultation.

21031. Minutes: It was resolved to accept the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th February 2021 and the extraordinary meeting held on 25th February 2021 as a true and correct record.

21032. Updates on matters arising from the last monthly meeting:

- i. A new grit bin has been ordered for the village green. Awaiting delivery from supplier.
- ii. Resolved to purchase a Prunus Kanzan (pink flowering cherry tree) to be planted on the village green to replace the new white flowering cherry blossom. The white cherry blossom will be relocated to across the green opposite the pub. This will replace the storm damaged tree that was removed in 2020. It was noted that a campaign has been launched by National Trust to promote the planting of flowering trees this month. Suggestion made by parishioner to develop a place of reflection to commemorate people who have been lost during the Covid19 outbreak. Agreed to consider new benches/trees on the village green at next meeting.
- iii. Footpath clearance on the A163/Green lane has been done.
- iv. A163 hedge has been cut back by allotment tenants. Highways will not cut visibility splays to private property or dwellings, only to adopted highway and therefore will not cut this part as the allotments are owned by the Parish Council. Resolved to request that highways level the verge to make it safer to walk on.
- v. Back Lane drainage issues outside the pumping station have been reported again and escalated to Nigel Adams MP by a resident. Cllr Musgrave informed. Issue has been apparent for many years. There is also an access issue for residents due to all the signage. No progress to date.
- vi. History Society notice board has been removed to be refurbished.
- vii. Damaged dog bin on the village green has been reported to Selby District Council on 19th February. No progress. The base of it is stuck out and rusty so is a health & safety risk/ tripping hazard. Clerk to follow up and copy Cllr Topping and Cllr Arthur into correspondence.
- viii. Agreed to remove nativity scene when restrictions allow - date to be confirmed. Resolved to purchase a 2 man inflatable boat up to the value of £100. Tarpaulin required for storing the nativity on the island as temporary measure. Shed to be collected if feasible and moved to the new location at the same time nativity/lights removal. Brambles to be cleared around the shed prior to moving it.

21033. Allotments update:

- i. Tenancy agreement has been checked by the legal team at the Allotment Society.
- ii. Resolved to allow tenants to erect uniform allotment sheds to a maximum size of 8x6ft, standard 10ft x 20ft poly-tunnels and standard polycarbonate greenhouses (no bigger than 8ft x 6ft). Resolved that the committee of the allotment association will need to deal with any disputes arising from the erection of sheds/structures from other tenants. Councillors previously agreed to the erection of a communal shelter to a maximum size of 8 x 6ft due to planning restrictions. Councillors would like to see the proposals of the location prior to installation and would like a copy of their insurance liability on an annual basis at the start of each financial year.
- iii. Clerk confirmed expenditure of the allotments to date. The Parish Council have made a deficit this year so unfortunately no money will be able to be passed over to the new allotment association.

21034. Public time:

- i. Member of the public expressed thanks to Councillors for agreeing to order a new Cherry tree.

21035. Receive Ward/ District Councillor reports:

- i. Cllr Arthur reported that the local plan preferred options consultation deadline is 12th March 2020. The Local Government reform consultation has also now opened. This is until the 19th April. As a result of the consultation and the reorganisation, the local elections for the county council have been

postponed and will now take place next year. The Police & Crime Commissioner Elections will still be going ahead this year. If the reorganisation goes for the 'County' version there will be a local election in May 2022 and then go ahead with the reorganisation. If the 'District (East/West)' proposal goes ahead there will be an election for a shadow council next year which will run from May 2022 to May 2023 until the local government reorganisation takes place in 2023. A third unitary suggestion was submitted which would call for a single authority combining North Yorkshire with the City of York but this was rejected because it was not submitted on time. Council tax has now been approved to be frozen for the Selby District and there will be a rise of 3.49% for North Yorkshire County Council.

- ii. Cllr Topping reported that we can have public recycling bins on parish land. Clerk to confirm location on the village green and make request to Selby District Council.

21036. Correspondence:

- i. Local Government Reorganisation consultation details received. Resolved to consider at the April Parish Council meeting: The East & West model, which would create two balanced unitary authorities, with a population of 465,000 in the East, and 363,000 in the West, or; North Yorkshire County Council's proposals for a unitary authority to cover the whole of North Yorkshire, representing 600,000 people and 3,000 square miles, leaving the City of York as a small unitary authority representing around 200,000 people. Deadline for comments 19th April 2021.
- ii. Confirmation from NYCC that the urban grass cutting payment for 2021/22 will remain at £352.06.
- iii. Received Selby District Council Consultation on 'Have your say on plans for £17.5 million walking, cycling and public transport boost in Selby'. Councillors to review this month and respond as individuals. Deadline for responses 24th March 2021.
- iv. Leeds East airport consultation. Deadline for responses 13 May 2021. Resolved to defer until the next Parish Council meeting.
- v. Councillors considered options for the potential allocation of s106 funding for a new development. Suggestion made to redevelop the village green. Working party to be formed to put together a proposal for councillors to consider. To engage the public for ideas. Suggestion made to erect a notice board on the green and upgrade the pinfold. Suggestion also made to install exercise equipment or outdoor table tennis equipment on the playing field. Cllr Richardson to approach the PFA.
- vi. Councillors resolved to contribute £554.77 (10.5%) towards Friday/Saturday night bus service for 2021/22 financial year.

21037. Highways:

- i. Awaiting progress from NYCC on the buildouts for York Road. Consultation underway for the 30mph extension. Clerk to contact Highways for an update.
- ii. Highways and speeding issues on the A163. The results from the speed survey conducted in December have been received. To defer until next meeting when councillors have had chance to analyse fully.
- iii. Awaiting progress on the 20mph request for outside the village school.
- iv. Report of Ladypit Drain Culvert Headwall Collapse situated on Menthorpe Lane. Reported to NYCC who have placed a work order to repair it and put further cones to protect the site until the works can be completed.

21038. Local Plan:

- i. Local Plan preferred options consultation response discussed at EOM of the Parish Council held on 25th February. Clerk to finalise response and submit before 8th March 2021 deadline.

21039. Planning applications:

- i. 2021/0089/FUL. The Chestnuts, Main Street, North Duffield. Application to remove deadwood and crown lift by 5mtrs and remove lateral limbs heading towards the bungalow in a row of 2no. Chestnut trees and 2no Ash trees covered by TPO 6/1979. Councillors resolved to support the application.
- ii. 2021/0184/HPA. Dalkeith, The Green, North Duffield. Single storey side extensions including rear gable (to provide loft store) and lantern roof light. Councillors resolved to support the application.

21040. Planning Decisions:

- i. No planning decisions received. 2018/1344/OUTM. Land at The Paddocks, York Road, North Duffield. Outline application including access for erection of dwellings and construction of access from York Road. Permission granted. Noted.

21041. Financial matters:

- i. Confirmed bank account balances: Current a/c £6,483.30 & Savings a/c £20,000.00.
- ii. Councillors resolved to offer Covid assistance grant to the WI (£118 towards postage), North Duffield Bowling Club (£500 towards ground maintenance) and North Duffield Under 5's (£300 towards the baby & toddler group).
- iii. It was resolved to purchase a new laptop and windows 365 for the clerk up to the value of £700.
- iv. Councillors agreed to approve the clerk's overtime.
- v. Councillors resolved to approve the following payments:

15.02.21	John Ellwood; History Society Notice Board map	£30.05
01.03.21	S Look; expenses for Feb; home working allowance, Zoom Pro mthly subscription	£60.89
04.03.21	North Duffield WI; Covid funding	£118.00
04.03.21	North Duffield Bowling Club; Covid funding	£500.00
04.03.21	North Duffield Under 5's; Covid funding	£300.00
04.03.21	N Duffield & Skipwith Playing Field Association; annual insurance contribution	£712.75

Part 2

21042. Confidential business. Members of the public left the meeting.

21043. North Duffield Landings. Application with solicitor. Further statements from residents have been submitted to the solicitor. Historic minute books to be analysed for evidence. Awaiting further information.

21044. Confirmed the next monthly meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Thursday 1st April 2021 at 7pm online. Meeting closed at 21.20.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: