

SILTONS & KEPWICK, LANDMOTH-CUM-CATTO PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING 1ST SEPTEMBER 2020 19:30, VENUE: THE GOLD CUP PUBLIC HOUSE PARISH MEETING

Minutes Subject to Approval at the Next Meeting.

PRESENT

A.Appleby, D.Jones, A.Dennis, J.Ratcliffe D.Burn, S.Haynes (Clerk).

Public: Mr C. Clegg, Ms E. Robson.

1). Apologies: None

2). Minutes

Minutes of last year's Meeting held on 23rd June 2020 were read and signed as accurate.

Proposed: Alan Dennis.

Seconded: Alan Appleby.

Signed by the Chairman David Jones.

3). Matters arising from minutes of last meeting 26/06/20

- i) The Clerk confirmed that the Bank Account address had now been changed and also that the cheque signatories would continue to be Alan Dennis with the addition of the Clerk, Sarah Haynes, and Jane Ratcliffe, Councillor.
- ii) The clerk confirmed an enquiry had been made about the possibility of underground cables for the areas energy supply to remove the pylons from our landscape.
- iii) Clerk to chase the NYMNP for way mark footpath signs and to ascertain those responsible for the bridge over the ford at Kepwick.

4.) Coronavirus Pandemic

The Parish Council is on standby to take actions required as necessary in the wake of any new lockdown situation.

The Clerk will advise on any new advice or updates as they arise.

5.) Planning Applications

- i) It was reported that there were no new Planning Applications.
- ii) Planning Application for the Holiday Let Conversion at Ghyll Crest Over Silton, Ref. No: 20/01287/FUL Validated:30 Jun 2020 Over Silton North Yorkshire YO7 2LJ

6.) Finance

The Bank Statements were available for inspection.

The current balance is £ £1,712.62p

7.) Roads

i). Cllr Jane Radcliffe reported that the road from Kepwick to the Moors was badly degraded.

The Ford sign has also disappeared.

Action: Clerk to report to Highways

ii). Standing water was reported during heavy downpours outside Bellwood Cottage garages, Lead Lane Nether Silton. Councillors reported this had been looked at several times but it really required a replacement drain. The road is such that runoff flows in from both directions and the drain is unable to cope. Mud & Silt have been removed frequently by the Occupier, but it is a concern that in freezing conditions this would make this section very dangerous.

Action: Clerk to report to NYCC

iii). Standing water blocked the road in Kepwick by the Church Car Park entrance, Status: Decided (Granted) in a similar fashion.

Action: Clerk to report to NYCC

8.) Siltons & Kepwick Play Area

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had been approached by Rob Smith of the Playground Committee, to ascertain whether they would consider taking on responsibility for the play area. He had advised the clerk previously that the Play park had been fully inspected for this year and that all insurance was paid for the year ahead. Further that there were sufficient funds currently held, to ensure these expenses could be paid for the next 2/3 years.

The Playground has been maintained, funded and administered by the Playground Committee for the past 11 years. Time having passed, members have moved away or become more senior in years and are less able to take such an active role in its management.

A discussion was had amongst Councillors. Cllr. Jane Ratcliffe suggested that we should canvass the opinion of the villages. This was rejected by the other Councillors.

Former Parish Clerk Elizabeth Robson Advised that at the inception of the idea for a play area, a decade ago, the Parishes had been consulted and very little support had been forthcoming.

Sarah Haynes (Clerk) advised that it was very unusual for the Parish Council not to be responsible for the play area within a Parish.

Concern was expressed by Chairman David Jones as to the expense that taking on responsibility could add to the Precept Bill for Parishioners. Should any substantial piece of equipment require replacing there was not the budget to finance this.

The Chairman allowed members of the public to come forward with their views.

Mr Christopher Clegg spoke underlining that the Playground was a valuable resource for all the villages, as a place to gather outside, and interact, which is ever more important for young people. He reminded Councillors that the Parish has already lost a Village Hall, and Church Services are held only monthly, so views the playground as an investment for the future of the younger generation. Whilst he appreciated the Parish did not have the money currently to fund this resource, money could be raised to do so.

The Parish Council was unanimous in its view that it currently was not open to taking on this responsibility.

Cllr. Alan Appleby who also sits on the Village Hall & Social Committee, made the suggestion that perhaps the two Committees could join forces, backing the Playground Committee with their organisation and assistance.

Action: Cllr Appleby to discuss with Village Hall Committee with Rob Smith and Playground Committee.

Action: Sarah Haynes (Clerk), to advise Rob Smith on suitable Coronavirus sign as to best practice within the play area, in line with current guidance.

9.) Devolution

Sarah Haynes (Clerk) advised Councillors that she would forward documents relating to the proposal for Devolution for them to digest and encouraged Councillors to attend the upcoming Parish Liaison Meeting on the 16th September 2020.

Cllr. Jane Ratcliffe & Sarah Haynes (Clerk) agreed to attend.

Action: Clerk & Cllr Ratcliffe to attend & report back.

10.) Correspondence

Sarah Haynes (Clerk) reported correspondence was received from the Woodland Trust regarding the encouragement of landowners to plant new trees.

11.) Any Other Business

i). The Clerk reported that the Kepwick Notice Board could do with a new piece of backing board to make it easier to display notices. Cllr Jane Ratcliffe suggested she could approach a neighbour to see whether they would assist in updating it.

Action: Cllr. Ratcliffe.

ii). No 2 Streetlight in Nether Silton is reported as being constantly on.

Action: Clerk report to Hambleton.

iii). The Clerk reported that a member of the public had requested that the bushes outside North Farm be cut back so the footpath was walkable and to clear the cherry branches away from the lamppost which was now totally obscured.

Action: Cllr. Burns.

iii) Kepwick sign needs to be put up.

Action: Clerk to pass sign picked up from Katheryn Clatk on to Alan Appleby who will try to reinstate.

12.) Date of next Parish Meeting

3rd November 2020 at 19:30, The Gold Cup Public House, Nether Silton.

Minutes Status: To be signed at next meeting, Subject to Approval.