

SILTONS & KEPWICK, LANDMOTH-CUM-CATTO PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING 3RD NOVEMBER 2020 19:30,
VENUE: THE GOLD CUP PUBLIC HOUSE
PARISH MEETING

Minutes Status: DRAFT Subject to Approval at the next Meeting.

PRESENT

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

Public: Ms E. Robson, Mr M.Craddock, Dr K Ashbridge (Mid Meeting)

1). Apologies: Andy Robinson.

2). Minutes

Minutes of last year's Meeting held on 1st September 2020 were not agreed. Mr Burn cited typing errors in detail not noticed by other Councillors/Clerk in the proof reading, and was unhappy about item 8 on the Agenda, Nether Silton Play Area. In view of this it was agreed to hold over their signing until the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to update.

3). Matters arising from minutes of last meeting 01/09/20

The Clerk confirmed that Kathryn Clarke (outgoing Clerk), Jane Ratcliffe and herself had attended the HSBC Bank in Thirsk, to sign the required paperwork for the Local Authority Mandate so that the signatories could be updated. It was discovered that they had no paperwork relating to the signatories of recent years. Essentially a new Mandate is required for any changes. The Clerk confirmed the Signatories as Alan Dennis Councillor, Sarah Haynes(Clerk), and Jane Ratcliffe, Councillor. It was also confirmed that two signatories are required for each cheque.

Action: Final signatures to be completed, Mandate to Bank and Alan Dennis to attend Bank with ID.

4.) Coronavirus Pandemic

Updates as they occur will be passed to Councillors in view of the new lockdown commencing 05 November 2020.

David Burn had enquired about performing a Risk Assessment for the meeting. Whilst the venue undertakes its own Risk Assessments to comply with the Covid Regulations, it was agreed Mr Burn is to perform one as necessary, when and if, the next meeting is to be held face to face. An assessment will be made nearer to that date by the Clerk and Chairman, to ascertain whether this is to be held at the Gold Cup, or whether it will be, by necessity, via Zoom conference video calling. Assistance can be provided for connection via internet or telephone as appropriate.

Action: Clerk to amend Template from the National Association of Local Councils to be tailored for the Parish Council.

Action: David Burn to perform Risk Assessment TBA.

Action: Clerk to advise on Venue or Zoom for next Meeting and provide new advice or updates as they arise.

Additionally the Clerk (Sarah Haynes) reported on a poster sent by the North York Moors National Park (NYMNP) which sets out advice on how visitors should behave when visiting. It was agreed for this to be displayed on the noticeboards.

Action: Clerk to Display Covid notices on Noticeboards.

5.) Planning Applications

i) **Oxbank Farm:- Planning Application 20/02179/FUL.** Sarah Haynes (Clerk) reported that she had made a site visit, following examination of the plans, in order to fully understand the scope of the development. It is a remote location, with no close neighbours. She was kindly shown around by the owner Mrs Slann, and provided with a photo of the architects illustration for ease of reference. The house is to be extended into the existing barns, making full use of all their features, and reusing stone where a garage is to be removed. Although there was a discussion on the difficult access onto the A19, the Council were in full agreement that they had no objections to the project.

Action: Clerk Letter of no objections to planning HDC.

ii) **North Farm, Nether Silton:- Planning Application NYM/2020/0169/FL/LB.** Amendments had been made to the earlier planning application, which have now been approved by the NYMNP. Additionally Sarah Haynes (Clerk) reported that residents had asked her to enquire as to the extent of the deer fencing at the back of his property. Mr Dorrington had confirmed that the deer fencing would not obstruct the public footpath, in anyway. He also indicated that he may put in place kissing gates instead of the current stiles, but that was a matter for the National Park.

iii) **Kepwick Estate Trees:- Planning Application NYMNP 2020/23** Councillors all agreed that planting trees was a good thing, and were very happy to see this being done.

Action: Clerk Letter of no objection to NYMNP Planning.

iv) **NYMNP Dark Skies Initiative.** Support was being sought by the NYMNP for establishing the park as an International Dark Sky Reserve. The aim is to protect the special dark skies that we are lucky to have here, particularly given the development of new powerful LED lights. The Council Agreed to a letter of support being sent and for information as it evolves.

Action: Clerk to write letter to NYMNP in support.

6.) Finance

The Bank Statements were available for inspection by Councillors. The current balance is **£1,712.62p.** As per Item 3 of the Agenda final signings of the new Bank Mandate need to be completed. The Clerk reported that the precept was paid in two equal payments of £875. The first payment in April and the other paid in October. The total precept figure is £1,750. The October Statement hadn't yet been received.

Action: Clerk to Take Mandate to Bank, Alan Dennis to attend Bank with ID.

7.) Roads

The Clerk reported that the road flooding reported in Nether Silton and also at Kepwick had now been attended to by highways. Discussion was had with a view to a more permanent

solution but the advice received was that with the current tight budgets this was unlikely to be forthcoming. Highways have however said they will attend to it as soon as it occurs again.

Mr Mike Craddock (Member of Public) advised that his work connections gave him the opportunity to discuss these ongoing issues with the Highways Chief Karl Battersby, should we need to do so in the future.

Other Road issues were reported as follows:-

i). Cllr Jane Radcliffe again reported that the road from Kepwick to the Moors was badly degraded the main problem being the blocked ditch which forced water to flow down the right side of the road which will be a hazard in freezing conditions.

Action: Clerk to report to Highways

ii). It was reported by Cllr Dennis that there is water outside Moorfields in Over Silton.

Action: Clerk to report to Highways

iii). It was reported by Cllr Appleby that water runs down West Lane from Longlands, again a hazard in freezing conditions.

Action: Clerk to report to Highways

iv). It was reported by Cllr. Dennis that the road is continuing to deteriorate at Carver Hill where the road is subsiding.

Action: Clerk to report to Highways

v). Cllr Appleby reported that the Kepwick/Knayton Junction also periodically suffers from water coverage.

Action: Clerk to report to Highways

vi) An enquiry had been made regarding whether the Parish had salt bins for the hills of the parishes. It is understood that there is no provision currently for this but that local residents do attend to difficult areas.

8.) Siltons & Kepwick Play Area

Clerk Sarah Haynes reported that a new Committee was soon to be established, with those that are interested taking responsibility for maintaining the play area. Fundraising events will be put together, all being well, for next year.

9.) Devolution

The Clerk reported that the planned devolution meeting had been cancelled. Information had previously been passed to Councillors and there is very much the feeling that it is a 'done deal'. Cllr Burn briefly ran through the suggested options, and pointed out that it could well mean a sharp increase in Council taxes for some, as the disparity is considerable in some areas. Representations by the Executive of the Council, had now been made, and we await the Governments response.

10.) Kepwick Defibrillator

In fixing the notice board Cllr. Burn received a query about the maintenance of the defibrillator at Kepwick.

Action: Cllr Jane Ratcliffe to check defibrillator on a regular basis.

Action: Clerk to consult with Judith on the defibrillator in Nether Silton.

11.) Household Waste Bins

Cllr Burn reported that the household bins of Little Leak Farmhouse were permanently left out and that it was an unsightly entry into the area. He reminded Council of the Regulations for not leaving bins on the street. The clerk suggested that rather than writing a letter it was nicer to go down and have a chat to resolve the issue.

Action: Clerk to pay a call.

12.) NFU Sky Lantern Campaign

Cllr Burn drew the Councils attention to this issue as supported by other Councils locally. The Clerk reported on this long running campaign by the National Farmers Union, to have sky lanterns banned countrywide, as the damage they can cause can be devastating to animals & livelihoods. The Clerk passed a poster for approval to be displayed on notice boards, and it was agreed by all that a letter of support to the NFU should be written.

Action: Clerk to write letter of support to NFU, & poster to be displayed on notice boards.

13.) Correspondence

The Clerk reported that she had written to the Post Office to ascertain why twice in the last two months, the Post Office van had not attended. This service is only provided once a week. And Parishioners had been left standing in the cold waiting for a long time. She had also enquired whether in the event of non attendance, we could be made aware of this in advance so that the elderly and those who rely on this valuable service did not wait in vain. It is even more critical, during the COVID pandemic that this service is reliable as it provides a lifeline to many who are unable to go down to the Post Office.

Action: Clerk to report back to Council on reply.

14.) Date of next Parish Meeting

5th January 2021 at 19:30, Venue: The Gold Cup Public House, Nether Silton. Covid Regulations permitting.

Minutes Status: Draft Subject to Amendment.

_____ **Chairman David Jones**

_____ **Clerk Sarah Haynes**

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