**Siltons, Kepwick, Landmoth-cum-Catto Parish Council**

Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 24th February 2022

at 7.30pm in Gold Cup

Present: Alan Dennis [Chair], Alan Appleby, David Burn, David Jones, Tony Makin [Clerk], Andy Robinson [Hambleton District Council], David Hugill [NYCC]

One member of the public was also in attendance.

1. **Apologies**

Jane Ratcliffe

1. **Minutes of the last meeting** [25th November 2021]

*The following actions and outcomes from the previous meetings were shared.*

Unfortunately, the deadline for a grant from ‘Making a Difference Scheme’ for the replacement village noticeboards has been missed. The grant is not available next year.

The Clerk informed the ‘20’s Plenty’ which encourages a reduction to 20mph in villages that the PCC would support the scheme.

The Clerk had spoken with the Church Warden. However, no feedback had been received from the Church Council on the removal/trimming of the large fir tree at the front of the church.

Paperwork has been signed and forwarded to Northern PowerGrid for the under grounding of electricity supply in Nether Silton. Unfortunately, OpenReach will not be able to lay optical fibre-cable at the same time as the electrical cable in the same channels.

There has been no feedback on the Black Barn proposals.

A response has been received from the National Parks concerning rhododendron control in Kepwick. They acknowledged that it was their responsibility to reinstate the public right of way and would discuss this matter with the contractors when site meetings are operational.

The minutes were approved as a true representation of the meeting and signed by the Chair and Clerk.

1. **Matters arising between meetings**

Flooding at the junction between Ewe Leys Lane and Leake Lane will be a raised at the next County Council meeting. Feedback from NYCC suggests that it has been completed. However, during periods of heavy rain, water continues to collect.

1. **Village notice boards**

The village noticeboards in Kepwick and Over Silton allow water ingress and damage the notices displayed. Around £1500 would be required to replace like for like noticeboards with a plastic front, £927 for timber construction, and £208 for aluminium. However, it would be necessary for replacements to be in keeping with those in National Parks. Borrowby and Knayton, have recently replaced noticeboards which were handmade and meet all the necessary requirements. Andy Robinson suggested that these were of better value than the ones researched and proposed sending contact details of the joiner to David Burn. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting where it will be discussed how to proceed. Funds are currently available from the Parish Council to purchase noticeboards.

**ACTION**: Obtain the details of the carpenter/joiner who made the notice boards in Borrowby and Knayton. David Burn to make contact and obtain a quote.

1. **Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations**

The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations are planned between the 2nd and 5th June 2022. An online Government website on how to organise such events is available. One of the suggestions behind the celebrations is to promote a happier and healthier community by bringing people together and encouraging them to actively engage with one another.

It was decided that the local community should be surveyed to decide whether an event is desirable and, if so, how they might wish to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee.

**ACTION:** The Clerk to canvas the parish on their interest for a Queen’s Jubilee platinum celebration.

1. **Planting a tree for the Jubilee**

The tree planting initiative organised by the Woodland Trust is donating free trees for the Queen’s Green Canopy, as part of the platinum celebrations. Applications for these trees open in the spring of 2022. Alternatively, these can be bought in shops. The Royal British Legion Industries, which provides stable permanent employment for disadvantaged veterans and those with disabilities, can supply plaques to commemorate the planting of trees at a cost of £120.

It was decided to wait on the outcome of the Church Council Meeting on its own fir tree before a decision is made on the acquisition of a tree and plaque.

**ACTION:** The Clerk to speak to the Church Warden.

1. **Parish council elections (5th May 2022)**

Nomination papers can be acquired from the Clerk for the forthcoming elections. Hambleton council is encouraging occupants of local villages to nominate candidates to stand for election. Proposers and nominations names need to be listed on the electoral roll. Applications need to be in by the first week of April. The election is on the 5th May and the results declared on the 9th May. The Parish AGM must be held within 14 days of the election.

A declaration of interest form for each Parish Councillor will be completed at the next meeting and posted online.

**ACTION:** Clerk to change the date of the next meeting to 19th May 2022

1. **Scheme to tackle fuel poverty and cut carbon emissions**

The scheme is aimed at households with annual income below £30,000 and living in a dwelling with a low energy efficient rating of D E F or G. Measures could include: cavity wall insulation, double glazed windows and doors, loft insulation, solar panels, air source heat pumps and smart heating controls. E.ON is operating the scheme for local councils. Householders should apply at soenergy.com/home-heating/green-homes-grant or greenhomesgrant@eonenergy.com or call E.ON on 0333 202 4820, Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

1. **Defibrillator costs**

The cost of a defibrillator for Over Silton would be £2000. A house owner has volunteered in Over Silton to accommodate the defibrillator. It was decided that the cost would be paid for out of next year’s precept. The pads were replaced in the existing defibrillators in January 2022 at both Kepwick and Nether Silton.

**ACTION:** Chair tofeedback to the resident at Over Silton.

1. **Vision for North Yorks Moors National Park**

North Yorkshire Moors National Park Authority have asked Parish Councils to nominate candidates to sit on their committee to represent the Parish Councils in their respective area. Those submitting applications must wait until they have been elected to the Parish Council on 5th May. The deadline for forms to be submitted is 19th May 2022. Those that are interested will need to complete a formal application from David Burn after the Parish Council elections. The Parish Council can vote for the representative.

1. **Landlords- energy ratings in rented houses**

Tenants are urged to encourage landlords to take advantage of a scheme which can help heat homes. Since April 2021, privately rented homes must meet a minimum energy performance rating of EPC E. There are grants available to contribute towards bringing homes up to higher standards for insulation, new windows, or better heating systems. This scheme benefits the tenant as well as the landlord. To register for this scheme, visit epcregister.com or Environmental Health Residential Services or 01609 767 138

1. **Parish Precept**

The Parish Precept set for 2022/2023 is £2000 and will make a charge of £15.21 for a band D property. This amount was raised from £1925 during 2021/2022.

1. **Green Lanes Environmental Action Movement (GLEAM)**

GLEAM Is a pressure group which campaigns for changes in the law to protect green lanes from the danger and inconvenience caused by recreational motor vehicles. It is calling for such vehicles to be prohibited from these lanes leaving them open only to motor vehicles with a legitimate need for access. There is a consultation document that can be completed online at <https://consult.detra.gov.uk/future-landscapes-strategy/government-response-to-the-landscape-review/>.

**ACTION:** Residents with strong feelings on the issue are encouraged to complete the online document.

1. **Anne Robson Trust Pre-Bereavement helpline**

The Anne Robson trust charity runs a helpline for anyone who is struggling to cope with a terminal diagnosis or the imminent death of someone they care about. The trust trains volunteers who sit with patients in the last days and hours of their life to provide company and companionship. Anyone requiring assistance is encouraged to use the free national helpline: 0808 801 0688

1. **Any road issues**

A report has been submitted to NYCC together with a photograph of the flooding at the junction between Ewe Leys Lane and Leake Lane.

**ACTION**: David Hugill to raise at the weekly meeting to ensure action is taken.

Ings Lane has a large number of potholes and the road, during freezing weather, has not been gritted. Questions were raised about the amount of council tax being paid by residents in Over Silton for what appears to be very little return.

**ACTION:** David Hugill to raise the matter at Council level. David Burn to report online as well as the poor condition (mud, broken bollards etc) near the junction of West Lane and Berghill Lane. David Burn will also report on potholes just outside Over Silton on Kirk Ings Lane.

1. **Planning applications**

*a. Hambleton House. Over Silton*

Planning permission has been granted. The area of the footprint was reduced, and the conservatory will be replaced with a two-storey extension.

1. *North Farm. Over Silton*

Planning permission has been requested for the replacement of windows, guttering and satellite dish. There has been no decision to dat*e.*

1. *North Farmhouse, Over Silton*

Conversion of a farm building into a dwelling. There has been no decision to date.

1. *Brenk Farm Mill, Nether Silton*

Permission was granted for the construction of a barn.

1. *The Granary, Kepwick*

To alter an agricultural barn to become part of the existing house was refused.

The Orangery part of the plan was removed, and a decision is pending.

1. **Hambleton District Council (A.Robinson) information**

The cost of green bin licenses is to remain at £40 with no increase from last year.

The crematorium should be open very soon. Building is almost complete and open day has been held.

A grant from Hambleton District Council to the Football Federation of £50,000 has been allocated for a full size 3G football pitch at Sowerby Sports Village.

Hambleton District Council operates an apprentice wage subsidy scheme which it has managed for several years. This year eighteen apprentices have benefited from the scheme, training to be dental nurses, bricklayers and other vocations. The target is to support up to thirty apprentices by April 2022.

There have been twelve recent cases of Avian Flu in the Hambleton District. The most recent case was identified in Whitby. If residents encounter a dead wild or migrating bird they are encouraged to report its location to DEFRA on 0345 933 5577.

The ‘Making a Difference Scheme’. A decision was made on the outcome on 25th January. The successful recipients cannot be informed until the results have been verified.

The Queens Green Canopy. The successful village within the ward for receiving a free tree as part of the Queens Green Canopy is South Kilvington which will be located on the village green. All Parish Councils were thanked for their interest and participation.

£32,000 of funding has been approved for LED lighting at the Thirsk and Sowerby all weather hockey pitch. The reduction in the amount of electricity used should pay back the cost of the scheme within four years.

The Hambleton District Council Plan has been recently adopted at the local council meeting. It will now take effect. All planning applications under the interim planning guidance have now ended.

A fleet of new bin wagons is now operating.

A community charge increase of 3.5% has been passed by Hambleton council.

1. **North Yorkshire County Council (D. Hugill)**

The Unitary - draft structural change order has been taken to the House of Commons and is now waiting to be passed in the House of Lords. This is the final part of the legal process. The order will be available for inspection during the pre-election period and by 17th March. District section 54 notice which prevents spending across councils will be implemented. Decisions on spending will need to be addressed by the new council.

Thanks were given to David Hugill for his support and work for NYCC over the years following his announcement that this meeting would be his last.

1. **Any other business**

Registering of agendas, minutes, personal interests, and financial accounts must be posted online and available to the public. Most councils have their own websites to display this information. Currently the PC put theirs on the NYCC website. However, with changes to unitary areas the PC might not be able to do this. Therefore, consideration might need to be made as a Parish Council to building a website which would cost around £1000 and £100 to manage each year.

Two policy documents (Parish Council Procedures and a Complaints procedure) were circulated for PC. Councillors were asked to scrutinise the document and decide whether the template procedures should be adopted, or alternatives sought.

**ACTION:** The Clerk to put on the next agenda a discussion of whether the PC should

 a) acquire a website

b) adopt the two policy documents. Also the Clerk to include at the end of each agenda and minutes the website address where parish council documents can be accessed.

Prior to COVID, five meetings of the PC held each year. During the pandemic this was reduced to four.

**ACTION:** At the next (May) meeting the PC to consider the number of meetings to be held each year.

Thanks were given to Andy Robinson and David Hugill for their ongoing support.

Alan Appleby will be tendering his resignation after many years as a Parish Councillor and thanks were given to him for his contribution and support for the Parish Council. David Burn, who has been a loyal, reliable and hard-working councillor over a long period of time will also not be standing.

The web address where members of the public can locate agendas, minutes of meetings, financial audits is:

**hub.datanorthyorkshire.org**

1. **Date of next meeting (AGM)**

 Thursday 19th May 2022, at 7.30pm in the Gold Cup.