

TERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 13 January 2020

Present : Cllr Winning (Chair), Cllr Barnett, Cllr Lewis, Cllr Stockdale, Cllr Taylor

Public : one member of the public was present

1. Apologies : received from Cllr Watson

2. Minutes :

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2019 were presented and agreed by all. Proposed Cllr Stockdale, Seconded Cllr Lewis.

3. Ongoing issues:

Parking Church Lane

Considerable concerns still exist. Cllr Stockdale commented that a few days earlier his wife needed to move aside very rapidly to avoid being hit by a Porsche driving up Church Lane at speed. Concerns were also expressed that parking still causes obstructions to traffic and reduces visibility in what is a narrow road, and that some users are driving at excessive speed for the conditions. Unless improved practices in both areas can be made and sustained it was felt the potential for an accident remained significant – particularly given the number of school age children around.

Cllr Winning presented text of a possible wall sign reminding drivers that the Highway Code advised not parking within 10 metres of a junction. A cost of £12.30 per sign has been quoted.

Meeting agreed to purchase and affix two signs on to the school wall abutting Church Lane, subject to agreement by the school who have so far verbally approved one. One sign to be fixed c.10 metres from the junction. Proposed Cllr Barnett, seconded Cllr Lewis. Cllr Winning to progress.

Cemetery wall

Cllr Stockdale reported that the electric fence is working satisfactorily and that there are no signs of badgers entering under the gate. Cllr Stockdale has identified a more competitive source for fence batteries and meeting agreed to the purchase of these (see below).

The situation regarding the rear wall was discussed at length. In former times this was a stone wall with a path running alongside on the outer boundary. This is now in considerable disrepair. Meeting agreed this situation needed rectifying, ideally with a reinstated stone wall or other long term permanent structure. Meeting agreed to progress investigations into a programme of works to re-instate the wall as a first step. This is seen as the most desirable solution if it can be funded.

Community Energy & Heat Scheme

Cllr Winning and Cllr Barnett had both reviewed available data and reports, in particular the Community Energy – State of the Sector Report 2019, and concluded that whilst the survey would not cost the Parish Council anything the chance of a viable and appropriate scheme emerging from a survey were slight given the layout of the village, and that progressing with a survey would not be a responsible use of the public funds on offer. Cllr Winning confirmed that he had written to Laura Rafferty of Spectrum solicitors informing her that the council did not wish to support the proposal to have a survey.

Telephone Box

Cllr Winning to check the status of the box re. adoption – is there time pressure on us to make a decision?

Interpretation Boards

Terrington Arts are progressing a project to install a number of Interpretation Boards around the village and environs. These would have details of local history, wildlife and environment. TA are running a social event in TVH on Sunday 9 February from 11:30 to 3:30 to launch Terrington 2020 to villagers and others. All are welcome.

4. Finance :

Position at 13 January

Cllr Barnett presented an up-to-date report on finance. This shows income of £5,449 and expenditure of £5,154 (for the Parish Council and Burial Board combined) as at 12 January. With currently known future items Cllr Barnett projects that the council will run at a deficit of £300 - £400 for 2019/20.

Parish Precept for 2020/21

Councillors discussed setting a precept for 2019/20. Cllr Barnett noted that on average the Council/Burial Board had run at a deficit of a little over £200 pa over the current and previous three years. With this in mind Councillors felt there was a need to increase the precept. However, given current economic conditions Councillors felt this increase should be limited to the rate of consumer inflation, presently 1.5%.

An increase in the precept from £3,085 to £3,131 was therefore agreed – proposed by Cllr Barnett, seconded by Cllr Stockdale.

Possible donation to Church clock electrification work

Councillors were sympathetic to this request in principle, but did not wish to make a specific donation at this time. The work is yet to be costed and fundraising activities commenced. Councillors felt it best to review any specific request for a donation once more is known about costs and the outcome of fundraising efforts.

Expenditure authorisation requests

Two expenditure requests have been received – for £10.80 (TVH rental charge

for room use 11.11.19) and authorisation to buy 12 batteries for the cemetery fence. Meeting agreed both items, proposed Cllr Barnett, seconded Cllr Winning.

5. Council Clerk retirement :

Cllr Winning, with great regret, informed the meeting that Ann Hartas, the Councils long serving Clerk, had written to him on 30 November to announce her retirement w/e from 31 December 2019.

All Councillors were sad to learn of Ann's retirement and recognised with warmth, her many years of valued service as Clerk to Terrington Parish Council and considerably longer as Clerk to the Burial Board. It was noted that Ann combined the two roles and made them her own which has been appreciated by the range of Parish Councillors and the families of the bereaved over the years. The Chairman commented that he felt that Ann had been particularly valuable to the Chairman's role and that the Council as a whole had benefitted from her experience and irreplaceable local knowledge. All Councillors also had been saddened to learn of Ann's ill health but felt that her continued and strong recovery was very much 'in-character' and wished her well in the hope of a long and happy retirement.

6. Appointment of new Clerk to the Parish Council & Clerk to the Burial Board.

Cllr Winning appraised Councillors of the recruitment processes advised by the Association of Yorkshire Parish Councils. Meeting discussed the situation at some length and resolved that:

Cllr Winning would be Acting Clerk to the Burial Board. Cllr Winning would work closely with Ann to handle the next couple of funerals in order to learn the procedures and practicalities of the Burial Clerks role. In particular Councillors were keen that future funeral arrangements continued to be handled with sensitivity as they had been with Ann.

Cllr Barnett would function as Acting Clerk to the Council, and would meet with Ann to obtain advice on this role.

Both Cllr Winning and Cllr Barnett would make notes on their experience in these roles and the time required as an aid to the decision making process for a replacement clerk, or clerks if it is decided to split the roles.

7. Planning application – amended response to the revised planning application for change of use to the garage at Jasmine Cottage.

Following the recent consultation with Councillors on this matter Cllr Winning confirmed that he had written to Ryedale DC advising that Terrington Council had no objections. Despite an email from a parishioner requesting inclusion of a comment made by the Council on a previous application, the meeting saw no reason to change what has already been submitted.

8. Dog fouling and purchase of additional signs.

Meeting discussed this issue and noted that there were still an unacceptable number of dog fouling instances in the village. It was agreed to request more "no fouling" signs from Ryedale District Council, believed to be at nil cost. The

meeting was informed that Jan Pilgrim who erected the existing such signs had stated her intention to order more.

9. White centre lines in road beyond the eastern edge of the village.

Meeting agreed to write to NY Council suggesting such lines are desirable.

10. Willow Corner broken bridge.

Observations had been made to Councillors of a tree down over one of the bridges in the Willow Corner nature area and damage to the bridge. Cllr Stockdale had visited and found the area overgrown but with help from Mark Wigham had, as two members of the community, undertaken clearing work and repair to the bridge that still needs further replacement timbers. Such works were praised by Council who do not believe they hold particular responsibility for maintaining the area as a special site. Past works of renovation were carried out by the Willow Corner Group, formed as a 2000 Millenium Project that subsequently dissolved. No action is required by Terrington Parish Council.

11. Website- Details of Councillors.

Cllr Winning explained some of the advice and choices given by Keith Adkins who is preparing our new upgraded Council website. But first it was stated that our new website cannot use the site of the existing one as part of *Ryedaleconnect* as this is fully overseen by Ryedale District Council & would need to be fully compatible as such. Our new site would not sit within this and has to be separate. Given that, Keith suggests 3 choices:

1) We purchase a domain name such as Terringtonpc.co.uk, and pay a hosting company for the website space.

2) We buy the domain name and club together with other village users to share space through a hosting company.

3) We buy a single village domain name for 'terrington' in a similar manner to www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk and allow other local users to share with Council by adding their name , ours possibly /parish council.

Option 3 would be possibly the cheapest way. Cllr Winning favoured a more "go it alone" or "share with a Council" hosting site but the meeting felt that sharing locally might be the best option. This will be discussed further with Keith upon his return from abroad.

Details of Councillors names, phone numbers and email addresses plus addresses in two cases, have been made available to Keith Adkins for possible future inclusion in the completed website. But it was noted that certain hosting arrangements may allow for Councillors to use Council email addresses should they wish, in preference to their private email. It was also noted that once the details of Councillors information was finalised, under the GDPR the Chairman would write to each Councillor requesting their written permission to use their data.

12. Matters for inclusion on next agenda:

Commercial signage in the village.
Litter Picking
Footpath Clearing

13. Date and time of next meeting:

Monday 9th March 2020 at 7.30p.m.