

TERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Council Meeting held on Monday 11 January 2021 at 7:30 pm remotely by Zoom video link

1. Apologies and attendance.

Present Cllr Winning (Chair and Zoom facilitator), Cllr Barnett, Cllr Lewis (audio only), Cllr Stockdale, Cllr Claire Docwra (RDC) and eight members of the public.

Apologies – Cllr Taylor, Cllr Watson.

2. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2020 were approved as a true and correct record. Proposed – Cllr Stockdale, seconded – Cllr Winning.

3. Ongoing issues.

Registration of the pub as an Asset of Community Value.

Cllr Winning informed the meeting that the pub was registered in November 2020. Work has started on the premises including removal of the colourwash coating to the facade and the cutting away of sections of stone. Cllr Winning advised the meeting that he has written to the planners because if the colourwash is to be replaced, this is a 'repair' - but if not, it changes the character of the building, and may require Listed building Consent.

North Back Lane.

Cllr Winning has had a long conversation with NY Highways. Highways feel 20mph may be unenforceable and speed bumps don't help. Clearing vegetation away from the No Entry signs helps. Highways like the idea of painting "No Entry" on the road and will look at that in Spring. Highways have offered to send information for inclusion in the leaflet and said they will assess the volume and speed of vehicles on the road and will get back to us thereafter. The proposed leaflet is therefore 'on-hold' at present.

Plump Safety Notice.

Cllr Stockdale informed the meeting that a finished sign has been received at the quoted price of £115 plus VAT, total £138. Cllr Stockdale plans to install the sign on the Plump when the weather improves.

Non-residents exercising in/around Terrington.

Cllr Winning reported that he has been contacted by residents three times in the last few days. Cllr Winning has written to NY police and received a rapid response. The police said that if any resident becomes aware of a significant number of "incomers" parked in the village, then please call 111, and the police will despatch an officer if one is available nearby.

4. Financial Statement and Bank reconciliation.

Cllr Barnett (RFO) had previously circulated Councillors with a Financial

Statement showing income and expenditure compared to budget as at 30.12.20, together with a Bank Reconciliation at the same date (copies appended). These showed the Council as being £1,068 inside budget at end December, and projected to be £365 inside budget at the year end. The Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation were accepted by the meeting as correct, proposed – Cllr Stockdale, seconded - Cllr Barnett. Record copies were signed by Cllr Winning.

5. Expenditure.

Cllr Barnett requested meeting approve an invoice from Croft Signs for £138. This was approved – proposed Cllr Stockdale, seconded – Cllr Barnett. Cllr Winning reported that a number of requests for grit bins have been made, particularly off North Back Lane. Cllr Winning also mentioned a fall a resident had on the ginnel footpath from North Back Lane down to Main Street and proposed that we site a new grit bin part way down this ginnel. Cllr Barnett observed that as we are projecting a small surplus, we are in a good position to purchase any additional bins needed. Meeting agreed to review the current siting and state of grit bins and to upgrade and renew as appropriate.

6. Road centre line at Little Terrington.

Cllr Winning has had conversations with HYCC Highways who initially felt the road was not wide enough to allow for a centre line. However, following measurement of the road by Cllr Winning, NYCC have accepted it is indeed wide enough, support the safety rationale for a line and are now therefore supportive of this request. It is hoped that a new line will be painted in the Spring.

7. Cemetery & Burial fees.

Cllr Stockdale presented a proposal for increased charges for the cemetery, having reviewed charges at other local cemeteries (e.g. Malton, Slingsby, Kirkbymoorside and Helmsley). Our charges were last reviewed in 2014 and are considerably below those charged by other cemeteries in most instances. Cllr Stockdale and Cllr Barnett jointly propose increases in all areas to bring our charges in line with other local cemeteries. They also recommend that we abolish the current charge of £25 for the interment of a stillborn child and make no charge for any child under one year old, in line with other local cemeteries. Meeting agreed to adopt the proposed new charges with immediate effect (copy attached). Proposed – Cllr Stockdale, seconded – Cllr Barnett.

8. Proposed road closure by Yorkshire Water.

Cllr Winning reported that he has had phone calls and then long video conference meetings with YW. We were not involved until way too late. An alternative to extensive road closure by taking the water main beneath a footpath over Castle Howard land has been rejected by YW due to it being a Health & Safety risk to contractors! Re-routing, done via Hovingham, etc, to avoid Welburn has been done where possible.

Three road closures are entailed: 16 weeks from Rye Hill Farm, Coneysthorpe to our T-junction, 7 days a week. Next - 4 weeks from T-junction to the Sewage Works. Lastly - 16 weeks from Terrington House, to near the western edge village limit, working 5 days a week.

The work entails a very deep cut trench in the centre of the road. YW have promised that there will be a helpline and on-site management to assist with issues. The road finish will not be to the current top dressed standard as they are not obliged to do that! There was discussion about confusion caused by previous YW road signage, and it was agreed that a letter would be written asking for details of proposed signage for the Council to review.

9. North Yorkshire Local Government re-organisation.

Cllr Docwra confirmed that two proposals have gone forward for the Government to consider, one presented by NYCC and the other by District Councils. The NYCC proposal is for one unified NY Council. The proposal put forward by the District Councils is for two larger Councils, one to the East and one to the West. Cllr Docwra also commented on the situation with Ryedale DC, observing that the Council was finding the situation during this lockdown much more difficult than the last lockdown, with considerable staff sickness and some services struggling.

10. Dog fouling.

Complaints have recently been received from a local resident about persistent dog fouling outside their house. The culprit has been identified on camera, a video recording made, and the matter is now, we hope, resolved.

Cllr Winning has been in contact with two Ryedale Community Enforcement Officers, Helen & Karen, who have been very helpful. Helen and Karen can be contacted at civilenforcement@ryedale.gov.uk The Enforcement Officers deal with fly tipping, dogs and lots of other matters.

11. Footbridge over stream.

A resident has reported that the small footbridge east of Rose Cottage Farm is hazardous to use being underwater and with damaged/missing foot slats as well as a badly leaning handrail. A number of other residents attending the meeting confirmed the poor condition of the bridge, which is felt to need raising as well as major repairs. It was reported that an advisory sign has just appeared by the school, telling walkers of the damaged footpath, although the origin of this sign is not clear. It was identified that the footbridge is the responsibility of NYCC, although the AONB may also provide assistance. An online report form has been submitted to NYCC by the reporting resident.

Meeting agreed to send a letter to NYCC emphasising the importance of the footbridge to the community and asking for its repair to be given a high priority.

12. Matters for inclusion on next agenda.

New Parish Clerk, "no entry" sign to Holbeck Close, home composting bins.

Meeting closed at approximately 8:45 pm.

The next meeting is planned for Monday 8 March, via Zoom.