Terrington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11 September 2023 at 7:00* pm in Terrington Village Hall

* The Chairman delayed the start of the meeting for about 15 mins to allow Councillors to deal with some late business.

1. Attendance

Cllr Winning (Chairman), Cllr Adkins, Cllr Challoner Walker, Cllr Kendrick, Cllr Lewis.

Kerr Wilson (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

Apologies - None

2. Declarations of interest - None

3. To confirm the minutes of the

The minutes of the Terrington Parish Council Meeting held on 10 July 2023 were approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed Cllr Lewis Seconded Cllr Challoner Walker

4. Finance

4.1 To note the following receipts since 10-07-2023:

Burial fees of £837.50 on 17-07-2023, £130.00 on 31-07-2023, and £270 on 31-08-2023.

The Council noted the above receipts.

4.2 To note the following payments against approved expenditure made since 10-07-2023:

13-07-2023: £256.00 to Terrington PCC as contribution towards cost of repairs to the war memorial (expenditure authorised on 15-05-23 Minute 8;)

07-09-2023: £2220.00 to Messrs R W Goodwill for grass cutting (expenditure authorised on 22-03-23 Minute 4.10.4)

The Council noted the payments made since 10 July 2023.

4.3 To receive a statement of payments and receipts in the current financial year to date by budget heading (Appendix 1)

The Council noted and received the statement of payments and receipts in the current financial year to date.

4.4 To authorise payment of £111.40 to Cllr Winning as reimbursement for the cost of verge signs (expenditure authorised on 15-05-2023 Minute 7).

As the final cost of the verge signs amounted to £112.35, Cllr Kendrick proposed amending the amount due to Cllr Winning to £112.35. This was seconded by Cllr Challoner Walker. The amendment was unanimously approved.

The Council then voted on the motion to authorise payment, as amended.

Proposed Cllr Kendrick. Seconded Cllr Challoner Walker

Councillors were unanimous in voting for the motion.

5. To discuss appropriate invoicing for grass cutting on the Plump.

Councillors discussed the cost of grass cutting on the Plump, the cemetery and some grass verges. With the exception of the cemetery, the village green and the Plump and grass verges are owned by Castle Howard but the grass is not cut by them or their contractors. As the cost of grass cutting is a significant proportion of the Council's running costs, it was suggested that Castle Howard be asked to make a contribution to the cost of cutting the grass on and around The Plump. Cllr Adkins offered to write to Castle Howard's Estate Chief Executive.

6. To consider revising cemetery charges.

Cllr Adkins provided Councillors with a detailed comparison of cemetery charges from 6 Rydedale cemeteries. The Council was reminded that an increase in charges was needed to meet the running costs of the cemetery in line with the Cemetery Policy where charges are reviewed regularly and are subject to change without notice. Cllr Adkins presented a table of proposed revised charges that represents an increase of about 11% above inflation that places Terrington's revised charges mid-range of the 6 comparators.

Cllr Adkins proposed that the revised charges (Appendix 2) be adopted with effect from 1 October 2023. Seconded by Cllr Winning.

Councillors voted unanimously to approve the revised charges.

7. To consider employing a Burial Authority Officer.

Councillors agreed in principle that there was a need to employ a Burial Authority Officer. Cllrs Winning, Challoner Walker and Adkins agreed to prepare an appropriate job description, with role and responsibilities, time requirement, costs, etc. On completion of a draft proposal the matter will brought to the full Council for consideration.

8. Terrington Parish Neighbourhood Plan

8.1 To receive an update from the Terrington Neighbourhood Planning Group

Cllr Kendrick reported that the work of the Planning Group has been publicised in the Howardian and at the Terrington Village show. It has made contact with other Councils involved in Neighbourhood planning and is now seeking government funding to support the detailed work necessary for producing a Neighbourhood Plan. Residents will soon be approached to take part in a survey designed to capture people's views.

8.2 Motion: To approve the Terrington Neighbourhood Planning Group applying for a grant from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) to support the development of the Terrington Neighbourhood Plan, specificallyi) the submission of an Expression of Interest and

ii) to apply for a DLUHC Basic Grant and Technical Grant.

Proposer - Cllr Kendrick.

Seconded Cllr Adkins

Resolution – The motion was carried by a unanimous decision and the Council resolved to approve the Neighbourhood Planning Group applying for DLUHC grants.

9. D-Day 80 anniversary 6 June 2024 – to consider commemorating the anniversary of D-Day with the lighting of a beacon.

The Council asked the Clerk to register Terrington Parish Counci's interest with the D Day organisers in being part of commemorating the anniversary and national beacon lighting at 9.15 pm on 6 June 2024.

10. Diversity Duty – to consider what action to take to comply with Parish Council's 'biodiversity duty' as required by the Environment Act 2021.

To comply with the Biodiversity Duty, Public Bodies, including Parish Councils, must complete a first consideration of what action to take to address 'biodiversity' by 1 January 2024. Policies and objectives must be set out as soon as possible after this. Cllrs Challoner Walker and Adkins agreed to produce a draft paper for the Council's next meeting in November 2023.

11. To consider the future of the Terrington Public Call Box.

Councillors recognised the current condition of the Phone Box and would like to see it retained in the village for some useful function. However, consideration needs to be given to any future use and the cost of maintaining it. Cllr Winning offered to enquire whether the Terrington phone box is available for adoption.

12. To consider renovation of public bench seats on The Plump.

The public bench on the Plump is in need of repair. Cllr Lewis agreed to look at the bench and make enquiries about what it would cost to repair the bench.

13. To receive an update on traffic speed issues.

The inappropriate speed of vehicles through the village continues to be a concern and points towards the need to consider 20 mph limits. Councillors noted the action taken by Bulmer residents to record speeds in their village and suggested this could be considered a suitable way forward for Terrington. The Clerk was asked to find out how Community Speed Watch might be introduced in Terrington.

14. To receive an update on the use of verge signs to deter parking on the grass verges.

A number of signs have been placed on grass verges and Cllr Winning has a few more available for use.

15. To discuss damage to grass verges caused by large vehicles.

The Council noted the damage inflicted on the grass verges, especially along Main Street, caused mainly by large agricultural vehicles during the harvesting period. Whilst appreciating the challenges the farming community face having to move heavy vehicles particularly at harvest time being dependent on the weather and negotiating parked vehicles, nevertheless the damage caused is unsightly and distressing to some who take pride in managing the grass verges. It is to be hoped that the drivers of the vehicles take as much care as they can to avoid causing damage.

The Council realises that there is no easy or practical solution to the problem. It was suggested that the damage to the grass areas be brought to the attention of the landowner, Castle Howard, whose contractors are at least, in part, responsible. Cllr Winning offered to write to the Estate Chief Executive.

16. To receive an update on the proposed Cemetery Badger fence.

Despite his persistence, Cllr Winning has not yet received the quotation for the work.

17. To receive an update on Terrington becoming a Dark Skies village

Cllr Adkins has arranged to meet with AONB and provided Councillors with a AONB leaflet 'Dark Skies How you can help preserve them'.

18. Matters for inclusion on next agenda

- i) Defibrillator pad renewal
- ii) Biodiversity Duty
- iii) Dark Skies

Date and time of next meeting - 13 November 2023 at 7 pm.

Meeting closed9.15 pm

TERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL.

(APPENDIX 1)

STATEMENT OF YEAR TO DATE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Financial year:	2023-24
Statement date :	10/9/2023

	To date	Budget
RECEIPTS		
Parish precept	3863.47	3863.47
Burial fees	1237.50	1300.00
Grass cutting - NYC contribution	0.00	333.97
VAT refund this financial year	0.00	520.00
Nayleave payment	12.65	12.65
Vebsite contribution from TArts	0.00	40.00
A. Total receipts	5113.62	6070.09

PAYMENTS			Available
Clerk's salary	267.33	1200.00	-
YLCA membership	216.00	240.00	-
Insurance	207.29	175.00	-
Grass cutting - village	2220.00	2220.00	-
Grass cutting - road verges	0.00	220.00	-
Village Hall hire	40.50	200.00	94.70
Defibrillator costs	122.79	300.00	177.21
Cemetery waste collection	43.50	45.00	-
Consumables	0.00	100.00	100.00
Maintenance of open spaces	0.00	400.00	287.65
Maintenance of cemetery	0.00	400.00	400.00
Training & development	0.00	50.00	50.00
Internal audit	100.00	100.00	-
Web site	0.00	170.00	-
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	0.00	250.00	250.00
War Memorial repairs	256.00	0.00	
B. Total payments	3,473.41	6,070.00	

C. Surplus (= A - B)	1640.21
D. Opening balance brought forward	12230.79
Closing balance carried forward (= C + D)	13871.00
Closing balance represented by:	
Earmarked reserves	5536.09
General reserves	8334.91
Other cash assets:	
VAT refund due from last year	27.00
VAT refund due for this year	375.85

(APPENDIX 2)

	Resident	Non-resident
	£	£
Exclusive Right of Burial		
Plot for a coffin	315.00	787.50
Plot for ashes	150.00	375.00
Permission for a burial (in addition to the purchase of Exclusive Right)		
Coffin – on first use of plot	390.00	975.00
Coffin – on subsequent use of plot	330.00	825.00
Ashes - on first use of plot	200.00	500.00
Ashes – on subsequent use of plot	170.00	425.00
Permission to erect memorial stones & plaques		
Grave headstone	175.00	437.50
Ashes memorial stone - height 450mm and over	175.00	437.50
Ashes memorial stone - height under 450mm	130.00	325.00
Ashes wall plaque	85.00	212.50
Other charges		
Transfer of Exclusive Right of Burial	60.00	150.00
Replacement Deed of Grant	120.00	300.00
Permission for additional inscription on existing memorial	60.00	150.00
Permission for replacement gravestone, memorial stone or plaque	60.00	150.00
Search of the burial records	60.00	150.00

Terrington Parish Council Cemetery Charges with effect from 1 October 2023

The charges are reviewed regularly and are subject to change without notice. The land remains in the ownership of Terrington Parish Council and the charges do not convey right of ownership of the land.

Payment methods:

By Cheque:	Payable to: Terrington Parish Council
Or by BACS:	Terrington with Wiganthorpe and Ganthorpe Parish Council
	Account No: 90000221
	Sort Code: 20 - 67 - 75