

Terrington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13 November 2023 at 7:00pm in Terrington Village Hall

1. Attendance

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

Kerr Wilson (Clerk), Cllr George Jabbour (North Yorkshire Council)

Two representatives from Voneus Broadband, 20 members of the public.

Apologies – Ellie Hook (AONB)

2. Declarations of interest - None

3. To confirm the minutes of the Terrington Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11 September 2023

The minutes of the Terrington Parish Council Meeting held on 11 September 2023 were approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed Cllr Lewis

Seconded Cllr Challoner Walker

4. Telecom poles and mast

Cllr Winning referred to the numerous concerns and complaints received from residents, within and outside the Parish, about the sudden appearance of Telecom poles and mast without any consultation. The Council became aware that Voneus had submitted information to the Local Planning Authority (LPA) in relation to the erection of 9 metre high poles for fixed line fibre optic broadband use. The LPA confirmed that the works constituted permitted development and that an application for planning permission, or prior approval, is not required.

(The Chairman suspended Standing Orders and opened the meeting to allow the Councilors the opportunity to hear the views of the residents and the response from Voneus. After hearing a range of views and comments the Chairman reconvened the Council meeting.)

Councillors noted that the views expressed by the public were not against the installation of fibre optic cables *per se*, but since this service can be provided by either underground or overhead installation, Voneus have not paid due consideration to the significant impact that the appearance of telecom poles have on the natural beauty of an AONB. As explained by Voneus the works are being driven by the economic and commercial viability of the project. The situation is further exacerbated by the lack of any public consultation or the fact that no consideration has been given to the siting of certain poles that may coincide with known road safety black spots. The Council agreed that -

- There is a high level of dissatisfaction in the Parish with the build design and that Voneus should be asked to remove the poles and take the installation underground wherever possible.
- Some poles are sited at known black spots. If underground cabling is not feasible then these poles should be re-sited to a more appropriate location.
- There is considerable concern over the way in which Permitted Development is being used to expand the broadband network without due consideration being given to the impact it has within an AONB. Cllr Winning agreed to look further into

Ofcom regulations and guidance notes before these issues are raised with the relevant authorities.

5. Finance

5.1 To note the following receipts since 04-09-2023:

On 12-09-2023: £195.00 burial fees being the balance of part-payment of £130.00 made on 31-07-2023

On 06/10/2023: Neighbourhood Planning Grant of £6229.00 from Groundwork UK to finance activities taking place during the period 27/09/2023 to 31/03/2024 with unspent funds to be returned to Groundwork UK.

On 02-11-2023: Wayleave payment of £12.65 from Northern Powergrid

The Council noted the above receipts.

5.2 To note the following payments against approved expenditure made since 04-09-2023:

On 07-09-2023: £2220.00 including £370.00 recoverable VAT to Messrs R W Goodwill for grass cutting (expenditure authorised 22-03-2023 Minute 4.10.4)

On 11-09-2023: £112.35 to Cllr Winning for verge signs, £16.95 discount received on 26-09-2023, making a net payment of £95.40 (expenditure authorised 15-05-2023 Minute 7)

On 12-09-2023: £10.80 to Terrington Village Hall for hire of hall for July 2023 Parish Council meeting (expenditure authorised 22-03-2023 Minute 4.10.6)

On 12-09-2023: £12.50 to Yorkshire Local Councils Associations for attendance at a training session (expenditure authorised by slip 23-24/02)

On 26-09-2023: Clerk's salary for July – September 2023 (expenditure authorised on 22-03-2023 Minute 4.10.1)

The Council noted the payments made since 4 September 2023.

5.3 To set up an Earmarked Reserve of £6229.00 to fund activities specified in the Neighbourhood Planning Offer of Grant.

The Council authorised setting an Earmarked Reserve of £6229.00 to fund activities specified in the Neighbourhood Planning Offer of Grant.

Proposed Cllr Adkins Seconded Cllr Winning

5.4 To receive a statement of payments and receipts in the current financial year to date by budget heading.

The Council noted and received the statement of payments and receipts in the current financial year to date (2023-24)

5.5 To agree a draft budget for 2024-2025 and to set the level of the Parish Precept for 2024-25.

The Council agreed the proposed budget for 2024/25 and that the Parish Precept be set at £4133.91.

Proposed Cllr Adkins Seconded Cllr Kendrick

5.6 To note that a savings account with Cambridge Building Society has been opened for the deposit of part of the Parish Council funds.

The Council noted that a Cambridge Building Society Account savings account has been opened.

- 5.7 To authorise expenditure from the Cemetery Maintenance budget on materials purchased for use in the Big Help Out on 10-09-2023: £76.00 including VAT for paint and brushes, £10.00 for glass and fixings for the window in the sexton's hut, and £20.00 for a metal plate to secure the door to the sexton's hut.

The Council authorised the expenditure set out in 5.7 above.

Proposed Cllr Adkins Seconded Cllr Kendrick

- 5.8 To authorise payment of £106.00 to Cllr Winning as reimbursement for Cemetery Maintenance items (expenditure authorised by 5.7 above).

The Council authorised the payment set out in 5.8 above.

Proposed Cllr Adkins Seconded Cllr Kendrick

6. Terrington Parish Neighbourhood Plan

- 6.1 To receive an update from the Terrington Neighbourhood Planning Group.

Cllr Kendrick reported that the Council had received a £6,229.00 Government grant to support the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan Group (NPG) launched a survey to all Parish residents on 11 November which is open until 8 December 2023. Thus far 23 completed forms have been returned. Cllr Kendrick thanked all those involved for their help and support. The NPG is now working on the development of a design code.

- 6.2 To authorise expenditure from the Neighbourhood Planning Earmarked Reserve for activities taking place by 31/03/2024 under the following budget headings up to the sums specified in the Neighbourhood Planning Offer of Grant, as follows:

NP1: Attendance at Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group/tour of Parish, £1,161.00

NP2: Miscellaneous advice on Neighbourhood Planning matters, £375.00

NP3: Advice on consultation/evidence base development, £1,100.00

NP4: Provision of first draft Neighbourhood Plan policies and text, £2,200.00

NP5: Survey to provide evidence base and analysis to identify issues and aims for the Neighbourhood Plan, £1,116.00

NP6: Hire of Terrington Village Hall for 4 consultation events, £216.00

NP7: Printing publicity materials, £61.00

Motion – Cllr Winning proposed that the motion at 6.2 be amended to read

To authorise expenditure, subject to adherence to the Council's Financial Regulations as set out in the 'Budgetary control and authority to spend' Sections 4.1 to 4.6, from the Neighbourhood Planning Earmarked Reserve

The Council unanimously approved the amendment.

The substantive motion was proposed and carried unanimously.

Proposed Cllr Winning Seconded Cllr Adkins

Resolution -*The substantive motion and expenditure on items NP1 to NP7 up to the sums specified was carried unanimously.*

- 6.3 To authorise expenditure of £58.80 including VAT from the NP7: Printing publicity materials budget heading for printing.

The Council authorised expenditure set out in 6.3 above.

Proposed Cllr Adkins Seconded Cllr Winning

6.4 To authorise payment of £58.80 to J Cowdy as reimbursement for Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group printing (expenditure authorised by 6.3 above).

The Council authorised the payment set out in 6.4 above.

Proposed Cllr Adkins

Seconded Cllr Winning

7. Cemetery badger fence

In the absence of any further quotations, it is proposed that the Council authorise expenditure of £2,565 plus £513 recoverable VAT for the erection of a badger fence in the cemetery, including all materials, as per the quotation from 'Simon Naylor for Fencing', funded from the Badger Fence and Cemetery Earmarked Reserves.

The Council authorised expenditure of £2,565 plus £513 VAT for the erection of a badger fence in the cemetery.

Proposed Cllr Winning

Seconded Cllr Lewis

8. Replacement Dog Bin

It is proposed that the Council authorise the purchase of a new Glasdon Fido 25 pvc dog bin with liner and fixing kit dog bin at a cost of up to £115.68 + VAT (= £138.82).

The Council authorised expenditure of £138.82 inc VAT for a replacement dog bin.

Proposed Cllr Winning

Seconded Cllr Challoner Walker

9. Defibrillator Pads

To authorise expenditure not exceeding £74.40 (inc VAT) from the Defibrillator budget for new Defibrillator Pads, due for replacement by 28 November 2023.

The Council authorised expenditure not exceeding £74.40 inc VAT for new Defibrillator Pads.

Proposed Cllr Winning

Seconded Cllr Kendrick

10. D Day anniversary

To note that Terrington Parish Council has registered as one of the North Yorkshire beacons taking part in the D day anniversary commemorations on 6 June 2024.

The Council noted that the Pageantmaster has acknowledged that the Terrington Beacon will be part of the D Day commemorations on 6 June 2024.

11. Biodiversity Duty

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

Cllrs Adkins and Challoner Walker presented a Biodiversity discussion paper on what steps the Council might take in complying with its biodiversity duty. Two approaches were described, a minimalist approach and a wider approach that would involve developing an action plan through which the Council would engage as a stakeholder and influence the long-term development of a biodiversity policy for the parish. The Council decided to adopt the wider approach and will receive an update at its January 2024 meeting.

12. Terrington Public Call Box

The Council to receive an update on the future of the Terrington Public Call Box.

Cllr Winning reported that he had contacted BT and they confirmed that they have no current plans to remove the Terrington kiosk as there is insufficient mobile coverage in the area. Due to Ofcom regulations there must be full mobile coverage before an application can be considered for kiosk removal or adoption.

The point was made that the kiosk is in a poor state of repair and needs to be repainted. The Clerk was asked to contact BT Payphones.

13. Plump bench seat

The Council to receive an update on the renovation of public bench seats on The Plump.

Cllr Lewis reported on the condition of the seat and what work is required to repair it. Cllr Winning has made enquires regarding purchase of the timber required. Cllr Lewis has offered to carry out the repairs including plating of the cracked cast metal seat support.

14. Traffic speed issues

The Council to receive an update on traffic speed issues relating to the Community Speed Watch.

The Clerk contacted North Yorkshire Police Community Speed Watch on 19 September 2023. A reply was received acknowledging receipt and an indication that they would reply as soon as possible. No response has been received as yet.

15. Grass Verges

The Council to receive an update on the damage to grass verges caused by large vehicles.

Cllr Winning contacted Castle Howard, who it is believed use contactors whose vehicles are thought to have caused the verge damage. Cllr Winning has been told that enquiries will be made and the Estate Manager will be in touch.

16. Dark Skies Village

The Council to receive an update on Terrington becoming a Dark Skies village.

Cllr Adkins has been in touch with AONB and North Yorkshire National Parks. A representative is to give a talk on Dark Skies and to prepare a schedule of conditions to be met for a settlement to be classified under a 'Dark Skies' title. Further details will be brought to Council in due course.

17. Climate and Ecology Bill

The Council is asked by Zero Hour if it will consider supporting the Climate and Ecology Bill due for 2nd reading on 24 November 2023 by passing a motion to support the Bill and write to our MP.

The Council decided it would not be appropriate to intervene in what is a National political matter. However Councillors and any member of the public may, if they wish, write to their MP with their views in a private capacity.

18. Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Register

North Yorkshire Council (NYC) has been consulting on the introduction of a county wide Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Register.

In creating a Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Register, NYC have been consulting on the Eligibility Criteria to join the register. The two options for eligibility criteria are, the local connection test and a financial solvency test. The local connection test is one where an applicant must demonstrate they have one of a number of connections to the area. The

second test is the financial solvency test to assess whether a person applying to be on the register has the financial ability to purchase land.

North Yorkshire Council decided, on a majority vote, to include the local connection test but not the financial solvency test.

19. To note the following Planning applications

The Council raised no objections to the following planning applications –

23/00249/FUL – Cotril Farm Campsite (amended). *Deferred*

ZE23/00743/HOUSE – West Cottage, Ganthorpe.

This application was approved by NYC on the 3 November 2023

ZE23/03223/FUL – Re-align field ditches, Rose Cottage Farm.

This application was approved by NYC on the 18 October 2023.

ZE23/04011/CAT - Tree Leylandii - Fell, Old Wells, Terrington.

ZE23/04652/CAT – Tree prune – Old Wells, Terrington.

20. Parish Council 2024 meetings

The Council to agree the proposed dates and time of 2024 Parish Council meetings to be held in Terrington Village Hall at 7 pm.

22 January 2024

11 March 2024

13 May 2024

8 July 2024

9 September 2024

11 November 2024

The Council agreed the above dates for its 2024 meetings

21. Matters for inclusion on next agenda

To be advised.

The next Council meeting will be on 12 December 2023 in Terrington Village Hall at 7 pm.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm