## **Terrington Parish Council**

### Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 12 December 2023 at 7:00 pm in Terrington Village Hall

#### 1. Attendance

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

Kerr Wilson (Clerk), 2 members of the public.

#### Apologies - none

#### 2. Declarations of interest - None

# 3. To confirm the minutes of the Terrington Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13 November 2023

The minutes of the Terrington Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13 November 2023 were approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed Cllr Adkins

Seconded Cllr Challoner Walker

#### 4. Finance

4.1 To authorise expenditure not exceeding £1,116.00 from budget heading NP5 (Survey to provide evidence base and analysis to identify issues and aims for the Neighbourhood Plan).

4.2 To authorise expenditure not exceeding £1,161.00 from budget heading NP1 (Attendance at Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group & tour of Parish)

4.3 To authorise expenditure not exceeding £375.00 from budget heading NP2 (Miscellaneous advice on Neighbourhood Planning matters)

4.4 To authorise expenditure not exceeding £1,100.00 from budget heading NP3 (Advice on consultation and evidence base development)

Having considered each of the above items individually, the Council authorised the expenditure set out in items 4.1 to 4.4. The Council is asked to note that, for the avoidance of doubt, the RFO has confirmed that the expenditure under items 4.1 to 4.4 is ex VAT.

Proposed Cllr Kendrick Seconded Cllr Adkins

4.5 To authorise expenditure of  $\pounds$ 136 including  $\pounds$ 22.66 recoverable VAT, for wood slats for the seat/ back of one seat on The Plump.

The Council authorised the expenditure set out in 4.5

Proposed Cllr Winning Seconded Cllr Lewis

4.6 To authorise increased expenditure on the defib pads purchased due to unforeseen imposition of shipping costs also recently increased, resulting in total cost incl VAT of £80.34. (This exceeds the previously agreed amount of £74.40 by £5.94).

The Council authorised the expenditure set out in 4.6

Proposed Cllr Winning Seconded – Cllr Challoner Walker

4.7 To authorise decreased payment to Cllr Winning for the dog bin purchased at total cost incl VAT of £129.08. (A saving on the previously agreed expenditure of £138.82 of £9.74)

The Council noted the current position with the Dog Bin purchase described by Cllr Winning and await further details.

**5. North Yorkshire Council on the annual statutory budget consultation -** The Parish Council to consider whether it should provide feedback to North Yorkshire Council on the annual statutory budget consultation. An online survey "Have your say' has been launched that closes on 18 December 2023.

The Council considered the NYC consultation document and concluded that it was did not contain sufficient information to make a considered Parish Council response. Councillors thought residents might wish to make their personal views known, noting that the consultation closes on 18 December 2023.

**6. Slow Ways National Walking Network initiative** - The Council is invited to consider whether to support the Slow Ways National Walking Network initiative.

Cllr Winning explained that 'Slow Ways' is a national initiative designed to create a network of walking routes connecting towns, villages and national parks. Routes are checked and verified and more volunteers are needed to complete the task. The Council agreed to place a notice about 'Slow Ways' on the Parish Notice Board.

**7. Citizens Advice -** The Council is asked to consider whether it wishes to respond to a request for a donation to support the work of Citizens Advice.

The Council acknowledges the good work that Citizens Advice does but is not in a position to make donations to support charities.

**8. Draft Biodiversity Policy.** The Council to receive and discuss and consider approving the draft Diversity Policy.

The Council received and discussed the draft Biodiversity Policy document. Cllr Kendrick stated that paragraph 4 would need to be amended in respect of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Council agreed that paragraph 4 should be amended to read -

4. To develop a Neighbourhood Plan that gives full consideration to Terrington Parish Council's commitment and duty to conserve and enhance biodiversity.

Cllr Adkins then **moved** that the Council formally adopt the draft biodiversity policy as amended.

Proposed Cllr Adkins Seconded Cllr Challoner Walker

*Motion.* The motion was carried unanimously and the council **resolved** to adopt the biodiversity policy as amended.

**9. Species Survival Fund** - To consider whether to support the North York Moors (NYM) National Park Authority's application for funding via the Species Survival Fund – this consultation closed 26th October.

Having previously provided the NYM National Park Authority with a holding reply concerning its support for this initiative, the Parish Council confirmed its wish to become involved and participate in the scheme. The Clerk was asked to confirm the Council's interest.

**10. Household waste recycling centres** - The Parish Council to discuss North Yorkshire Council's public consultation on household waste recycling centres. NYC are seeking resident' views on restricting the use of the household waste recycling centres to North Yorkshire residents only, limiting the access for commercial-like vehicles and changes to commercial waste. Public consultation closes 31 January 2024.

The Council considered the NYC's public consultation document on waste recycling centres and concluded that it was not in a position to make a considered Parish Council response. Councillors thought residents might wish to make their personal views known, noting that the consultation closes on 31 January 2024. Information about the consultation will be placed on the Notice Board.

**11. Renewal of the Grass Cutting contract** - The Council to discuss the grass cutting contract prior to seeking tenders for its renewal.

The suggestion was made that in addition to tendering the grass cutting as a single lot, consideration should be to given identifying specific lots for separate tenders or be cut by volunteers or left to grow wild. Cllr Adkins agreed to take this forward.

**12**. **Parking along Church Lane** – Cars parked on Church Lane cause a safety issue for pedestrians and traffic management problems at the junctions. The Council to consider the use of signs to discourage parking.

Cars parked on the footpath in Church Lane cause an obstruction and a safety issue for pedestrians who are forced to walk on the road. The Council agreed to contact the NYC Highways Authority and ask for the footpath to be reinstated or if funding pressures prevent this, then the footpath kerb is marked by a white line. Depending on the response from the Highways Authority, further consideration will be given to exploring the possibility of displaying 'No Parking' signs. The Clerk to contact the Highways Authority.

**13. Planning Application – ZE23/06817/CAT.** The Council to discuss the proposed extensive tree works at Lavender Fields (Little Dalby).

The Council expressed its concern over the number of trees to be felled and the potential impact this would have on habitat loss. It was suggested that the applicant be asked to conduct a biodiversity risk assessment and take such action as necessary to mitigate any habitat loss. The Clerk to write to NYC Planning.

**14**. **Consultation on how to consult on the North Yorkshire Local Plan** – The Council to receive a report back from the North Yorkshire on-line meeting to be held on Tuesday 5 December 2023.

The Chairman confirmed his attendance at the online meeting. The preparation of the NYC Local Plan has commenced with the consultation on the Statement of Community Involvement, which sets out just on what NYC will consult, who, at what stages and how they will be consulted. NYC intend to keep to their timetable as far as possible, so are keen to receive any views on this consultation process by 22<sup>nd</sup> December. In the New Year NYC say they intend to issue a fresh 'Call For Sites', thus in effect cancelling all those submitted sites as part of the Ryedale Plan Review, leaving it up to landowners to make any submission they feel appropriate.

The next meeting will be on Monday 22 January 2023

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm