

TERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 9 March 2020

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

Public : James Holliday (Estates Manager - Castle Howard) and Cllr. Clare Docwra (Ryedale DC) were both present part time. Cllr Caroline Goodrick (NYCC and Ryedale DC) was present for the whole meeting. Six members of the public were present.

1. Apologies : received from Cllr Watson and Cllr Taylor

2. Minutes :

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 January were presented and agreed by all. Proposed Cllr Lewis, Seconded Cllr Stockdale, passed unanimously.

3. Ongoing issues:

Parking Church Lane

Wall signs reminding drivers that the Highway Code advises not parking within 10 metres of a junction have been purchased and with the agreement of Terrington Hall School they have been fixed on the school wall and on a post by Cllr Stockdale. Early indications are that these signs are having a positive effect.

Cemetery wall

Cllr Winning reported that he is meeting with Nigel Gill of NG Plant Hire to discuss possible work on the wall and hopes to report back with quotations at the May meeting.

Telephone Box

Cllr Winning reported that Ryedale DC have objected to the removal of the telephone box. The box is next to the defibrillator, and therefore available for people to telephone for the access defibrillator access code.

Dog Fouling signs

Jan Pilgrim is now in possession of these.

White line in the road centre (top end of village)

Cllr Winning reported that he has entered details of our need on NYCC website and had acknowledgement of our request.

4. Finance

Position at 13 January

Cllr Barnett presented an up-to-date report on finance. This shows income of £5,449 and known expenditure of £5,762. This modest deficit is primarily due to the retirement of the long serving Parish Clerk, who was paid annually in arrears. This has meant a charge for 21 months service, rather than 12 months,

becoming due this year.

Expenditure approvals:

Terrington Village Hall Trust: £10.80 per hire for room hire (13.01.20, 9.03.20)

Ann Hartas (retiring Parish Clerk): £562.50 salary for April to December 2019.

Proposed : Cllr Lewis, seconded Cllr Winning, passed unanimously.

5. Castle Howard activity:

The council was pleased to welcome James Holliday for Castle Howard Estates, who had come to brief the council and others present on the estate's plans.

James outlined the many activities planned for 2020 and made information leaflets available. It was noted with regret by all that Countryfile had decided against running another Countryfile Live event at Castle Howard. Given that the first day parking issues with the 2019 event had been resolved for the later days this was felt to be a big disappointment, and an unfortunate revenue loss.

The estate has invested significantly in the adventure playground facility, not just to make it an exciting and entertaining facility but also one which respected our need to protect the environment and be as sustainable as possible – needs which the younger generation are increasingly attuned to.

James reported that visitor numbers in recent weeks have been around 50% down, attributing this to the Covid-19 situation.

The estate is developing a plan for the future: One Estate – One Vision. This encompasses all aspects of estate activity – land use, tourism, B2B, and involvement with local communities.

The estate is in discussion with Ryedale DC regarding planning consent for developments. The only project going through the formal planning system at present is at Slingsby, where outline planning consent has been agreed. James emphasised that the Howard family were determined that any developments are carefully judged to be sympathetic to the estate and are as sustainably built as possible.

6. Terrington Village Hall CIO – Parish Council Trustee

Cllr Winning noted that the new TVH&RG constitution allows for TPC to have a Parish Councillor ex officio as a trustee, holding one vote. The Charity Commission has approved the change in status from an unincorporated charity to a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) and this is to take effect soon.

7. Planning application – changes to the garage at Jasmine Cottage

The revised application recently communicated to TPC was discussed and no objections were raised.

8. Parish Website

Cllr Winning advised the meeting of various quotations for hosting the Parish

website. It was agreed that we accept a quote of £25.80 + VAT (£5.16) being £30.96 per annum for a four year contract to host our website(s) this including in the first year the domain name terringtonpc.co.uk. There is to be an addition of a one-off sum of £11.95 + VAT (£2.39) being £14.38 for the addition of SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) a cryptographic security protocol to protect data flow between the browser and server. Proposed by Cllr Lewis, seconded by Cllr Winning and unanimously agreed.

These payments are to the hosting company Hostinger for their 'Premium Plan' service. After the first year the cost of the domain name is likely to be circa £4.49 pa possibly plus VAT.

The agreement of the PC was for a 'stand alone' hosting but of a hosting platform that is a shared one capable of accommodating a number of websites. This allows is for Terrington Arts to share the hosting after their present contract ends in August if they wish, thus lowering costs for all. Further local websites may also be included in the future.

9. Litter picking day.

This was agreed as Saturday 28 March, meet outside the shop at 9:30.

10. Footpath clearing

Cllr Winning is to pursue the Community Service organiser to see if they would return to Terrington with a group to clear encroaching vegetation from some village footpaths within the 30MPH signs. Former Cllr Mike Blunt is hoping to provide the contact details. Should this group not be available then a local working party should be organised but this may be discussed at a future meeting.

11. Roadwork advisory signs

Cllr Barnett recounted the experience of a resident who had approached Terrington during the recent roadworks to be confronted with a "ROAD CLOSED" sign. He had therefore turned around and driven through Ganthorpe, Bulmer and Sheriff Hutton, only to be confronted by another "ROAD CLOSED" sign at the other end of the village. After discussion with a workman he determined that the road was NOT in fact closed, only that through access was not possible.

Cllr Barnett requested that in future signs were more accurate – for instance "ROAD CLOSED – ACCESS TO VILLAGE ONLY" or –"NO ACCESS TO VILLAGE" It would also be helpful if signs were run through TPC before works are done.

Cllr Goodrick (NYCC) appraised the meeting of the practical issues facing NYCC in such works, which are currently undertaken by contractors. These works are being brought back in-house next year when it is hoped such situations will not recur.

12. Blocked drains and gullies

Cllr Stockdale described various action that he had taken personally to try and unblock gullies. Recent action by NYCC employees had not been effective – only the surface blockage had been removed, the underlying blockage was left in

place. Cllr Goodrick (NYCC) asked that Cllr Stockdale e-mail details of the blockages to her and she would take the matter up with NYCC management.

13. Matters for inclusion on the next agenda

Burial Board charges

Commercial signage in the village

Old "village hall" sign

Cables in tree close to Terrington bank

14. Recruitment of new Parish Clerk and Clerk to the Burial Board

Cllr Winning advised the meeting that he had reviewed at length the advice from YLCA regarding job description, pay scales and recruitment processes for a new Clerk. Cllr Winning tabled a proposed job description and recruitment process along with salary suggestions to fall within LC1 and the salary band SCP11 to SCP14 based on an estimated average of 70 working hours per annum. This was to include the currently existing combined roles of Clerk to the Parish Council and Clerk to the Burial Board.

These were broadly agreed, and Cllr Winning asked all to rapidly review and confirm to him. It was agreed to advertise in The Howardian and to post parallel notices on the village notice board.

15. Ann Hartas – recognition of service.

As discussed at the previous meeting all councillors are very appreciative of the exceptional service provided by Ann over many years. Ann has also been very helpful since her retirement in handing over business and with general advice. For both these reasons it was felt appropriate to make a modest ex-gratia payment of £100 to Ann. All councillors were in agreement on this point, and in addition indicated that they would contribute to a joint and personal leaving gift to Ann.

16. Date and time of next meeting: Monday 11 May 2020 at 7.30p.m.