

TERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 September 2020 at 7:30 pm in Terrington Village Hall

1. Attendance :

Cllr Winning (Chair), Cllr Barnett, Cllr Lewis, Cllr Stockdale, Cllr Taylor – all in person - Cllr Watson (by Jitsi link)

2. Minutes of previous meeting :

minutes of the caucus meetings held by Cllr Winning and Cllr Barnett under delegated powers on 4 August and earlier on 15 September were approved and signed by the Chair.

3. Ongoing issues :

Cllr Winning has enquired about the status of the telephone box but not yet received a response.

4. Budget 2020/21 :

Cllr Barnett explained that good practise required the Council to have an annual budget and to regularly review performance against this. To this end Cllr Barnett as RFO distributed historical back data and a proposed budget for 2020/21. Cllr Barnett noted that the budget was closely in line with previous year's average income and expenditure. Cllr Barnett observed that the Council have been running a deficit of around £500 on average over the last few years and while finances were presently strong this trend needed to be addressed for them to remain strong. The budget was approved by the meeting (proposed Cllr Taylor, seconded Cllr Watson), all in favour.

5. Financial situation :

Cllr Barnett distributed a Financial Review of the Council's position as at 14.08.20 reconciled to the bank statement of that date. This was reviewed by the Chair and meeting, found to be correctly reconciled and both the statement and the bank account signed by the Chair.

6. Review of policies :

Cllr Winning as Chair explained that coming out of the AGAR process earlier in the year it had become apparent that an overhaul of the Council's key policies and documentation was needed. Cllr Winning and Cllr Barnett have undertaken this over the last few months and the updated policies proposed (and in some instances adopted on a provisional basis) had been circulated to all over the last few weeks for consideration. These were considered individually and adopted as follows:

Standing Orders :

Proposed Cllr Lewis, seconded Cllr Barnett, all agreed

Code of Conduct :

Proposed Cllr Winning, seconded Cllr Taylor, all agreed

Complaints Procedure :

Proposed Cllr Watson, seconded Cllr Lewis, all agreed

Financial Risk Assessment Policy :

Proposed Cllr Barnett, seconded Cllr Stockdale, all agreed

Risk Assessment Policy :

Proposed Cllr Stockdale, seconded Cllr Lewis, all agreed

Health and Safety Policy :

Proposed Cllr Lewis, seconded Cllr Taylor, all agreed

7. Road centre line at Little Terrington :

Cllr Winning informed the meeting that some time ago a longstanding resident of Terrington had contacted him to draw attention to the lack of a centre line at the brow of the hill at Little Terrington. The resident felt this was a dangerous stretch of road as drivers were often not well positioned going over the hill brow. Indeed, many years ago there had been a double fatality at this hill brow.

Cllr Winning and Cllr Barnett had discussed the situation in devolved meeting and agreed, as a result of which Cllr Winning had contacted NYCC and been assured that a new centre line would be painted.

8. Safety notice for the plump :

Cllr Winning observed that he had seen instances of people jumping off the wall surrounding the Plump and felt that it may be desirable to have an advisory notice for people ascending by the steps to draw attention to the drop around the Plump. Meeting agreed an advisory sign is desirable. Cllr Stockdale was asked to investigate the possibility of purchasing a sign in the same style of that at the cemetery. Cllr Winning and Cllr Barnett to consider and propose wording.

9. Website :

Cllr Winning drew the attention of the meeting to the revised website that is now operational after a comprehensive overhaul.

10. Unitary authority and possible abolition of Ryedale DC :

All Cllrs are aware of this possibility and regretted the potential demise of Ryedale DC, which was felt to offer good balance of higher level consolidation with awareness and sensitivity to village issues. It was felt that any proposal to this effect was likely to be imposed by central government with little if any consideration of local opinion.

11. Future meetings in a Covid environment :

After some discussion it was decided to hold a full Council meeting using Zoom

technology on Tuesday 10 November at 7:30 pm. However, it was agreed that the devolved powers should be retained.

12. Other business, ongoing matters and items for inclusion in the next agenda:

Ongoing matters

Cllr Winning told the meeting that he and Cllr Barnett had recently had informal discussions regarding the village pub and the question of nominating the pub as an Asset of Community Value (ACV). The Parish Council in previous discussions decided not to nominate the pub as an ACV at that time as the owners were understood to be planning to re-commence trading. However, it was decided to keep the situation under constant review in case there was seen to be a change of circumstances.

Cllrs Winning and Barnett both felt that circumstances had changed markedly recently due to the negative impact of the Covid pandemic on the hospitality sector and also the recent sale of a local pub within days and before the community had any opportunity to put a bid together as the pub had no ACV status.

The subject of our village pub has been brought up recently by several people for different reasons one being the request to know if it has been registered as an Asset of Community Value (ACV). Others relate to changes in economic circumstances and the announcements of changes to planning law. After consideration of these recent points and as something might happen before our next scheduled meeting which could result in a loss of opportunity to nominate the pub as an ACV, it was felt necessary to include the subject of the pub in discussions at this meeting given that the latest information was received after the agenda was prepared.

The village pub has been closed for some years and most residents would welcome it re-commencing trading. Contrary to some resident's beliefs Councillors understanding is neither the Parish nor Ryedale Council have any right of compulsory purchase over the pub in order to re-commence trading. Nor is it seen as the Councils role to become directly involved in any such attempt to re-trade.

However, the Council can nominate the pub for registration as an Asset of Community Value, which ensures there is a window of opportunity for residents to come together to raise funds for the purchase of the pub should it come up for sale, under their Community Right To Bid. It must be emphasised that registration in no way obliges the vendor to accept any offer made by residents, but simply prohibits sale for defined periods of time.

Councillors discussed the recent information received and the various changes in circumstances. It was therefore agreed that an application to nominate the pub for registration as an Asset of Community Value would be made immediately. Proposed – Cllr Winning, seconded Cllr Watson, all agreed.

Next agenda

Conditions for grave diggers access to the cemetery and burial fees.

This is a certified copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of Terrington Parish Council held on 15th September 2020 in which a vote of approval was given to submit a nomination form for the Bay Horse, Terrington to be registered as an Asset of Community Value:

17/09/2020

W.McA. Winning, Chairman

Meeting closed at 8:35.