

TERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Council Meeting held on Monday 26th July 2021 in Terrington Village Hall

Pre-meeting announcements

The Chairman welcomed Councillors back to what had hoped to be our first full face to face meeting in 18 months. Regrettably, recent events were to prevent this.

Cllr Winning told TPC of the passing on Saturday evening 24th July of Cllr Ian Barnett at home, suddenly. Ian was praised for his service to Council and help to the Chairman, not only as RFO but following the retirement of Ann Hartas, taking on the role of Clerk before and through the Covid pandemic up until now. Council extended its sympathy to Ian's wife Angela and their sons Alan & Neil as well as to the rest of their friends and family.

It was noted that since the last meeting on 3rd May, when powers were devolved to the acting Clerk & Chairman, two meetings were held. The first between the 2 members, on 30th May to appoint auditor Christine Walker and to approve the audit and AGAR submission for the year 2020/21. It was stated that TPC passed the audit.

The Chairman offered thanks in her absence to the auditor for her helpful work.

The second meeting was a scheduled event on 12th July, at the Hall but in the open porch.

Planning

Clerk Ian had circulated an application by Mrs Simpson for the felling of a fir tree. Any comments or objections should be notified to the Chairman by 10th August.

1. Apologies and attendance

Present Cllr Winning (Chair), Cllr Watson, Cllr Lewis, Cllr Stockdale, and two members of the public.

Apologies – Cllr Taylor.

2. To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 3rd May

The minutes of this meeting were approved as a true and accurate record.
Proposed Cllr. Winning and seconded by Cllr. Watson.

3. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th May were approved on 12th July, those for the meeting of the 12th July were approved here as a true and correct record.
Proposed – Cllr Winning, seconded – Cllr Stockdale.

4. Matters arising

At the annual meeting we elected our RFO to be Cllr. Barnett but now this position has unfortunately become vacant. Unless a Cllr. present was prepared to undertake the role, which was not the case, we are now seeking to fill that post.

Staffing Committee comprises two members. Clearly there is now a vacancy for one position and a volunteer is sought.

Delegated powers as agreed on 3rd May come to an end tonight.

The Plump seat was repaired and painted, thanks to Cllr. Stockdale.

Sexton's hut vandalised lock has been replaced. Thanks again to Cllr. Stockdale.

Yorkshire Water works – numerous complaints mainly about drivers. Police informed & provided a limited attendance. A number of motorists have been advised to adhere to the No Entry Signs on North Bank Lane.

A provisional connection date to the old pipe on 3rd or 4th August but infill works and snagging will follow. This may involve road closure at eastern end of village of up to 3 days. The dangerous hump that we have advised Yorks Water about is to receive attention.

The pub has been granted Listed consent for the new & repaired windows and for a 2 bed bungalow but this is strictly tied to the use of the pub as a public house.

No Through Road sign at the top of Cliff Hill. As agreed by Council, Highways was asked if such a sign could be erected. They have no objection but are not certain where this might go, discussion took place and it was agreed that a basic No Through Road sign should be erected but the position has still to be agreed.

Swift Boxes. The chairman confirmed he had written to Ryedale but as yet has not had any response.

Water on the road at Cross Hill is understood to be the responsibility of North Yorkshire Highways. The Chairman stated that they had not yet been informed and that this would wait until highways had completed other outstanding works, these being Horse Riders signs at Cum Hagg Wood and the white centre line at Little Terrington.

Health and Safety Statement should have been included in the Policy Approvals at a previous meeting, Cllr. Winning to circulate.

No Through Road sign on Mowthorpe Lane. This was approved at the meeting 12th July. Highways to be informed and sign requested.

5. Finance

Financial Statement In the absence of the RFO Cllr. Winning gave the end balance as per the Barclays bank statement dated 17th June 2021 as £6521.17.

Expenditure Defib pads required, originally in October this year but now required immediately due to the Defib now out of service. Cllr. Winning confirmed he had ordered and paid for new pads, cost £58.80. This amount to be recovered from TPC at a later date. A new Battery has been advised by the Defib supplier due to the passage of time. The Defib provides a report of its battery strength which is at 18%. Advice from a Resuss Team suggests that although the battery has just under one fifth of its life remaining, once this gets down to 10% we should consider replacing the battery. As a matter of record the battery strength as at 1st July was at 22% and the device has been used since. Costs of a new battery were £220, £230 and £255 excl VAT, the lowest, £220 from the Defibstore, £264 incl VAT but this includes delivery. Proposed Cllr. Winning, seconded by Cllr. Lewis.

Suggestions from the floor that Council explores battery recycling.

Village Notice Board door perspex is scored and partly opaque. The intention was to purchase new material for the door however, Cllr. Stockdale reported that he had taken remedial action but intended a second clean given the improvements from the first. Thus this expenditure is currently not required. Thanks to Cllr. Stockdale.

Grit Bins. At a previous meeting it was decided to provide two new Grit Bins, one is for South Back Lane (West), the other for Stores Lane. These have not yet been purchased and now an additional Grit Bin has been requested for The Square. Discussion provided mixed views but this was agreed. Total cost for two large and one small including VAT £254.80. Proposed by Cllr. Winning and seconded by Cllr. Stockdale. With authority to spend up to £275.00 if delivery extra.

6. Parish Clerk

The date for receipt of applications has passed and no applications have been received. Unfortunately the matter was receiving attention by the acting Clerk. His family will be asked for any associated paper work at a more appropriate time. In the absence of any applications then re-advertising will be necessary. Also a job share with another Council will be considered. Staff Committee to deal with this.

7. Cemetery Matters

A good deal of discussion was held relating to a number of matters including erosion and cracking to stonework mortar joints to the roadside wall which will need attention ideally before the interment of ashes commences to the left (south) side of the entrance gate, The rear wall that has partially collapsed needs the deterioration to be arrested. Nigel Gill had offered to excavate soil on the far side of the wall last December but he does not appear to have been able to undertake this works so far. Of early importance is the need to carry out work to the trees and bushes. The bushes need to be severely trimmed.

The specimen Yew trees have not been wired for some years and this work is now required. Trees inside the front wall are thought to be too numerous and are damaging the wall. They will continue to do so but removal of selected trees may

help reduce damage and allow other trees to flourish. A site meeting is required with suggested parties including WMW, DS, Mark Wigham and possibly Kevin Crow. It may be necessary to consult an Arborist. A suggestion was made for a working party with suggested dates in late September or first weekend in October. A leaflet distribution throughout the village was suggested. Details to be confirmed at the next meeting.

Request for a (garden) bench type seat within the cemetery was made by Mrs Elizabeth Strickland. There are currently no seats within the cemetery but one outside. There were mixed views, mainly concerning the possible proliferation of seats if not adequately controlled. However, it was thought there were limited positions without taking up interment space. On this basis the seat was approved, proposed by Cllr. Winning and seconded by Cllr. Watson.

8. Items for next Agenda

RFO.

Leaflet Drop. Aimed primarily at new residents to make them aware of facilities in the village and the Defibrillator as well as the Clerk's position.

9. Other matters for consideration

All Councillors requested to be advised of the date for Cllr. Ian Barnett's funeral.

The light in the telephone box requires a special tool to open the case so that the bulb can be replaced. Cllr. Lewis to deal this.

10. Public Discussion

A member of the public brought up the matter of pedestrian safety especially on narrow roads, in particular North and South Back Lanes where in the former case cars coming around the corner or down the lane are forcing pedestrians onto the grass verges where stones placed on the grass are proving to be a trip hazard in daylight and potentially more hazardous at night in the dark. As all these grass areas are mainly public land, could the householders be requested to remove the stones. Council noted that the stones were an attempt to restrict parking on the grass with limited success as some vehicles straddled the stones. Council agreed to look into this further with householders and other interested parties.

Next Meeting: Monday 13th September 7.30pm Terrington Village Hall.