

Hirst Courtney & West Bank Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting.
Thursday 24th September at 7.00pm
via Zoom Video Conferencing Application.

Present:

Councillors: Cllr R. Wagstaff (chairman), Cllr I. Forbes (vice-chairman), Cllr J. Barratt, Cllr D. Webster, Cllr G. Burbidge, Cllr A. McGuigan, Cllr C. Stephenson

Proper Officer/Clerk: Mrs S. Rockliff

Members of the Public: none

41. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence received

42. Declarations of Interest

There were no disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

43. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 6th August 2020 were considered.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting be accepted as a correct record.

44. Questions from the Public

There were no questions from the public

45. Clerk's Report for On-going Matters

45.1. The Council's insurance company had paid the money for the playground.

45.2. The telephone kiosk and the benches had been added to the council's insurance policy for public liability reasons but not for replacement value.

45.3. The sign at the Royal Oak has been resolved.

45.4. SAIDB did not receive the email and letter from the Council due to a problem with the Council's email system. This has now been resolved and the letter will be resent.

Resolved that the clerk's report be noted.

46. Correspondence Received

46.1. SDAVS updates

46.2. YLCA White Rose updates

46.3. SDC letter about Selby Local Site Plan Presentation on the 6th October 2020

46.4. Email from a resident of West Bank concerning the high level of the precept for the Parish Council when compared to parishes of a similar size, and the quality of the Broadband provision when compared to neighbouring parishes such as Carlton. The clerk had replied to the resident explaining that the Council were responsible for the maintenance and energy costs for 35 streetlamps across both Hirst Courtney and West Bank which is a lot more than parishes with a similar sized population. The lamps were on from dusk to dawn to help residents feel more secure, other parishes often switch streetlamps off at midnight. The clerk had promised to look into the quality of Broadband provision.

Resolved that the correspondence received be noted. Cllrs Forbes, Wagstaff and Webster to attend the Local Plan Presentation.

47. Quality of Broadband Provision at West Bank

Councillors considered the issue of the quality of broadband provision at West Bank raised by a resident. Cllr Webster reported that some properties had better provision than others. Hirst Courtney and some West Bank properties were connected via the exchange at Burn but most of West Bank is connected to the exchange located on High Street, Carlton at the junction with Hirst Road. This exchange is connected to the main exchange on Selby Road, Camblesforth.

Resolved that Cllr Jordan (SDC) would be asked about the quality of provision and plans for an upgrade.

49.3. Councillors considered the Current Account Status once the payments have cleared.

Resolved that the Current Account status be noted.

49.4. Councillors considered the Clerk's salary following the National Salary award. The salary award was part of a two-year national agreement agreed in the last financial year. The salary award would be back dated to April 2020. The Clerk's salary would increase by 28p per hour.

Resolved that the national Salary agreement be implemented and back dated to April 2020. Cllr Wagstaff to inform the Payroll Service company.

49.5. Councillors received a progress report for the Council's application for Internet Banking. The application for online banking has been approved and the Council are now awaiting an activation code from HSBC to proceed with the registration.

Resolved that the update be noted.

49.6. Cllr Stephenson reported that the website and email had needed to be moved to a better host for the server and email provision. The cost of the email service was £12 + VAT for the year. The cost of hosting would be £12 a month.

Resolved that these fees could be paid once Internet Banking had been established.

50. Parish Matters

50.1. Cllr Stephenson asked if a rota could be created to check the defibrillator on a weekly basis with councillors then submitting the weekly checklist to him.

50.2. It was reported that dogs had been taken by members of the public into the play area. Although there is signage it is not located near the gates.

Resolved that councillors would form a rota to check the defibrillator. Cllr McGuigan would order two signs for the play area and Cllr Burbidge would install them.

51. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Monday 26th October 2020 at 7.00pm.