

Hirst Courtney & West Bank Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council held on 26th July 202 at 7pm at The Sloop Inn, Temple Hirst

Present

Councillors: Cllr's R. Wagstaff (Chair), I. Forbes (Vice-Chair), J. Barratt, G. Burbidge, M. Hird, and A. McGuigan.

In Attendance: Mrs S. Rockliff, **Proper Officer/ Clerk**

Members of the Public: Two

38. Apologies for Absence

Apologies and reason for absence were received from Cllr L. Howsam.

Resolved: That the apologies and reason for Cllr Howsam's absence be approved.

39. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interests received from councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

40. Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council

Councillors considered the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 28th June 2022.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 28th June 2022 be approved.

41. Questions from the Public

i) A member of the public expressed concern about the overgrown verges on the A19 at the Fox Lane junction, as the vegetation is restricting visibility.

Resolved: That the clerk report the issue to NYCC Highways Dept.

ii) A member of the public reported that Back Lane, Hirst Courtney, is repeatedly being blocked by a parked van.

Resolved: That the clerk contact the owner of the vehicle requesting them to refrain from parking it in that area.

iii) A member of the public raised concern regarding the overgrown verges between the Hirst Courtney, Temple Hirst parish boundary, and the A19. It was felt that visibility is restricted and therefore is deemed a potential danger to pedestrians, cyclists and cars using the road.

Resolved: That the clerk contact NYCC Highways regarding concerns raised.

42. Clerk's Report for On-going Matters

Councillors considered the clerk's report and recommendations to council.

42.1 Npower have confirmed that they have received the updated MPAN from Northern PowerGrid. They are to contact the Parish Council shortly regarding a contract.

- 42.2 The Council's insurance company have been notified of the increase in cost to replace the playground equipment and the skatepark. It was requested that they indicate what the increase in the cost of insurance will be - awaiting their response.
- 42.3 PKF Littlejohn LLP, the government appointed external auditors for the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) have confirmed receipt of documentation and the notification of Exempt status submitted by the Parish Council.
- 42.4 The Annual Playground Inspection has taken place with the report being received previously by the councillors. There will be no charge for the report this year as the Council was charged in 2021 when the inspection should have been free.

Recommendation to Council: That the council receive and consider the Playground Inspection Report at the next council meeting.

**Resolved: That
the clerk's report be noted; and
the findings of the Playground Inspection Report be noted.**

43. Correspondence Received

Councillors received the list of correspondence.

43.1 Selby District Council

43.1.1 Communications information.

43.1.2 Invitation for councillors to participate in a webinar on the 20/07/2022 regarding Electric Vehicle Charging Points.

43.1.3 Rough Sleeper return, for July 2022.

43.2 YLCA

43.2.1 Training bulletins and programme.

43.2.2 White Rose updates: 1st, 11th and 22nd July 2022.

43.3 20's Plenty Campaign update.

43.4 Drax Power Station, information regarding the return to coal-fired generation in times of high demand, due to the energy crisis.

43.5 Helios Renewable Energy Project information.

43.6 NYCC Safeguarding Children in NY poster for display.

**Resolved: That
the correspondence be noted; and
Cllr Wagstaff to display the Safeguarding poster on the noticeboards.**

44. Vacancy of Clerk

Councillors formally received the resignation of the clerk due to relocation. The Chair informed the Council that a previous applicant for the position had again expressed an interest in the role but required more information.

Resolved: That

the clerk's resignation be accepted with affect from the 1stSeptember 2022; and the clerk to contact the previous applicant to discuss the role of parish council clerk.

45. Planning Matters

There were no planning matters for consideration.

46. Finance Matters

46.1 Councillors received bank statement sheet No. 469.

Resolved: That bank statement sheet No.469 be noted.

46.2 Councillors received the income list.

Resolved: That the income list be noted.

46.3 Councillors considered the list of payments made under delegated authority and outstanding payments.

Resolved: That the list of payments made under delegated authority and outstanding payments be approved.

46.4 Councillors considered the bank reconciliation of the current account.

Resolved: That the bank reconciliation be approved.

Hirst Courtney Parish Council Income Received and Payments to be Approved												
Bank Closing Balance 18/7/22	Income Received & Credited on Bank Statement to be Noted				Payments Made Under Delegated Authority & Debited on Bank Statement to be approved				Invoices to be Approved			
	Date	PC Receipt No:	Details	Amount	Date	Payment Method	Details	Amount	Date	PC Inv No:	Details	Amount
£9,835.81			HMRC VAT reclaim 1/10/21 to 31/3/22	£463.72								
	24/06/2022	4							21/06/2022	22	A.Stephenson, web hosting	£12.00
									11/07/2022	23	Autela Payroll Services Q1	£64.02
									09/07/2022	25	HSBC bank charges	£5.00
									18/07/2022	26	Ryan Cheesman, playground grass cutting July	£160.00
									18/07/2022	27	Npower, electricity	£262.51
									18/07/2021	28	Npower, electricity	£202.81
			Total Income Received: £463.72				Total Payments made to be approved	£0.00			Total Invoices to be Approved including clerk's salary July (invoice 24)	£886.95
											Reconciled Bank Balance to Carry Forward: £8,948.86	

47. Parish Matters

A councillor reported that the electricity supply at West Bank was still being provided by generators. The cause of the failure was due to a fire destroying the lines and the need to top or fell trees that are touching the overhead cables.

Resolved: That the matter be noted.

48. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 27th September at 7pm at the Sloop Inn, Hirst Courtney.

The Chairman of the Council thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.35pm.