

CROPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 April 2018

Present: Tony Warnock-Smith (Chair), Annie Monkman, Moira Taylor, Richard Maher.

1 WELCOME

TWS welcomed everyone to the meeting. Noted that Anne Sellars had resigned (see below) and would not be attending.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 19 February 2018 were approved.

3 MATTERS ARISING

- The new dog waste bin was to be installed imminently. TWS
- Noted that D Bayes had advised that further inspection of the chestnut tree would not be required for a further 2 or 3 years.

4 PLANNING MATTERS

- Application 18/0005 (Moorlands). Noted that amendments had been made to the proposed development (in respect of the proposed garden room) and the Ryedale DC's decision was still pending.
- Application NYM 2018/0199 (Larchwood). No objections. RM
- Application NYM 2018/0127 (Cropton Cabins). No objections. RM
- Noted that it had not yet been ascertained whether and to what extent the Parish Council would be consulted on applications for fracking licences and planning permission and TWS was to follow up. TWS
- Nominations had been invited by the NYM National Park Authority for building development design awards. RM to check whether the invitation included only developments within the area of Cropton Parish Council. RM

5 FINANCE

- Ryedale DC had issued a consultation on recharging election expenses to parish councils in 2023. Agreed to respond that Cropton PC considered such recharging to be detrimental to the interests of electors in Cropton and that the proposal was opposed. RM
- Agreed to authorise the purchase of grass cutting/strimming services from M Aconley in respect of the pond area at an estimated cost of £100. MT
- Draft 2017-18 Accounts were submitted and accepted. Audited accounts will be available for next meeting. RM

6 GOVERNANCE

- Agreed that the PC would take up the kind offer by V Worrall to take over this year as the internal auditor for year end purposes. RM
- Noted that there were considerable changes to the year end procedure which had to be applied to the year just completed. In particular, the PC could take advantage of exemptions which applied to councils with total gross income and total gross expenditure below £25,000 meaning, among other things, that the accounting statements and annual return no longer required to be reviewed by the external auditors. Nonetheless, the documents required for the year end and their approval procedure remained complex and would require considerable care in preparation and process. Agreed that TWS would prepare a full and detailed agenda listing the documents for approval and the precise order for their consideration and approval by members and that RM would prepare the documents and circulate them in draft in RM

advance of a special meeting of the PC to be held on Monday 21 May at 19.30. The absolute deadline for filing the exemption certificate with the external auditors was 11 June 2018. RM to ensure that the form of annual return and the exemption certificate were received from the external auditors in good time.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- It was noted with regret that Anne Sellars had tendered her resignation as a member of the Parish Council with effect from the end of March 2018. The members unanimously gave a vote of thanks to Anne for her significant contribution to the affairs of the Parish Council over her time in office and wished her well for the future. RM was asked to write to her accordingly. Agreed to co-opt a replacement member and that each member would put forward a list of 2 or 3 candidates for co-option for consideration at the next meeting. RM
- RM to follow up the issue of the state of the roads in and around Cropton agreed at the last meeting. RM
- Noted that Ryedale DC proposed the appointment of footpath monitors. Agreed to post the notice on the village notice board to see if there were volunteers and that RM would ascertain what footpaths there were in the village and report back. RM
- Agreed to monitor any complaints about litter in the village and review at the next meeting.

8 NEXT MEETING

21 May 2018.