

SMEATON WITH HORNBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 4th April 2023 at Great Smeaton Village Hall

Present: C White, G Tuer, P Spence, J Evans, R Thomas, S Ferrie & 3 Members of the Public (including Mr & Mrs Wilson of The East House, Great Smeaton)

- 1. Apologies:** R Goodchild, A Wilkinson & S Watson
- 2. Minutes:** Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 28th February 2023 were agreed and signed.
- 3. Crime report** – Received and discussed.
- 4. Matters Arising -**

Public Open Space and Recreation Plan – Two of the three proposals are now in place (benches and interpretation boards). The third allocation of funding which amounts to £2960.00 is suggested for childrens play equipment.

Discussions are still ongoing as to how this money could be spent.

Community Infrastructure Levy – Smeaton with Hornby Parish Council now have a fund totalling £13,569.55 that can be used to enhance the public areas in the Parish. It is proposed that this could be also used to help with the childrens play area, combined with the Public Open Space and Recreation Plan funding. Discussions are still on-going with Great Smeaton Primary School to investigate the potential of a joint play area. The Board of Governors from the school are keen to pursue this further.

Cllrs Goodchild and Evans have met with the Head of Great Smeaton School, Ms O'Mara, and where possible there will be representation from the school at Parish Council Meetings. A meeting will also be arranged with the School Governors.

Speeding – Cllr Evans has received a quotation for a vehicle activated speed warning sign, and we now have the official paperwork to place the order. Cllr White will complete the forms, along with the Clerk and submit this. There is an approximate 10 week lead time for the equipment. We also have the paperwork in order to arrange the siting of the VAS (this is portable, and several locations have been identified where this will be moved to). A location in Hornby needs to be added to the agreement, and this will be amended and then signed by Cllr White.

Little Smeaton Bridge – Unfortunately, the remedial work still has not commenced to repair the bridge. The temporary barrier keeps blowing over and is not secure enough. Clerk to report to Highways.

Grasscutting – It was agreed to renew the grasscutting contract with Walkers Grasscutting for the 2023/24 financial year. They have always provided an excellent service.

Note: After the meeting, a message was received from Mr & Mrs Wilson of The East House, Great Smeaton, stating that they will take care of the grass cutting on Great Smeaton Village Greens (which are owned by them). Walkers Grasscutting will therefore be instructed to cut the outstanding areas in Great Smeaton, and Hornby Village Green as usual.

Dog Mess – Still issues reported with dog mess around the villages. Clerk to contact Cllr Watson to obtain warning signs.

Parish Council Notice Board – Cllrs Thomas and Goodchild have overhauled the Village Hall notice board, and we will now utilise 50% of the board space (kindly offered by the Village Hall Committee)

Communication – The website is now live. The next newsletter (second) has now been circulated.

Village Green – Mr & Mrs Wilson accepted the Parish Councils invitation to attend this meeting in order to discuss any issues and future plans etc. The Parish Council do not own the Village Greens in Great Smeaton, but do take the responsibility for grasscutting.

Mr & Mrs Wilson do not wish to see a Parish Council notice board sited on the Village Green. They wish to have any complaints about the upkeep of the green etc directed to themselves rather than via the Parish Council. Some parking issues have been reported from Mr & Mrs Wilson and remedial works will be taken by them to help avoid any future problems.

5. **Planning Applications**

Erection of 1 new single storey dwelling house – Land to the West of Fairview, Hornby (Ref:23/OO618/FUL) – NEW – NO OBSERVATIONS

Insertion of a domestic heating oil tank – East Farm, Great Smeaton (Ref: 23/OO308/FUL) – (No Observations) - ONGOING

Remove or reduce the height of a sycamore tree in a conservation area– The Green, Great Smeaton (Ref: 22/00078/CAT) –(No observations, if not in breach of TPO) - ONGOING

Listed building consent for the construction of 3 dwellings – Land adjacent to The East House, Great Smeaton (Ref: 22/00163/LBC)– (No observations) - ONGOING

Overflow Pond - Thorpe Farm, Great Smeaton – Appeal, (currently being investigated by The Planning Inspectorate) - ONGOING

Application for outline planning permission with all matters reserved for 1 dwelling – Land to the South of Craig Isla, Long Lane, Hornby (Ref: 22/O1179/OUT)– (No observations) – ONGOING

Works to a Sycamore Tree in a Conservation Area, St Eloys Church, Great Smeaton (Ref: 23/00148/CAT) - GRANTED

6. Finance

Cheques Signed Off

£105.00 – Alverton Press – Invoice 23420 (Newsletter Costs)

£24.00 – ThenMedia – Invoice TMS-14316 (Website Cost)

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£219.00 – YLCC Annual Membership – Invoice INV-0098

£52.25 – Village Hall Hire for Parish Council Meetings

7. Correspondence

Parking Concerns – An email was received from a household within Great Smeaton, expressing concern about the parking outside Corner Cottage. Plans are in place by the owners of Corner Cottage to create a parking area to alleviate this problem. This will be relayed back to the Parishioners concerned.

Pavements – Cllr Evans raised the issue of the poor condition of the pavement at the entrance to the electrical exchange building on Northallerton Road, Great Smeaton. Clerk to report this via the Parish Portal.

Parish Plan – An email has been received from a Great Smeaton Parishioner with regards to the 2009 Parish Plan. It was stated that although many items had been adopted, there are several matters still outstanding. Cllr White to reply.

8. Any Other Business

9. Date of next meeting – 19.30, Tuesday 25th April 2023, Great Smeaton Village Hall

Signed:..... Date:.....