

## SMEATON WITH HORNBY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Great Smeaton Village Hall

**Present:** R Goodchild, P Spence, J Evans, R Thomas, S Ferrie & A Wilkinson

1. **Apologies:** C White, G Tuer & S Watson
2. **Minutes:** Minutes were agreed.
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. Cllr. Thomas will follow this up and update at the next meeting.

It was agreed that building a good relationship between the school and the Parish Council needs to be made, and it was suggested that a member of the Board of Governors should be encouraged to attend the Parish Council meetings on a regular basis. The Parish Clerk will make contact with the school to put this idea forward.

**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). Again, this will be completed by Cllr White and the Clerk and submitted.

**Parish Council Notice Board** – It's been agreed to share the Village Hall notice board, and as such, the Parish Council will help with its upkeep. It is in need of some renovation, and Cllrs Goodchild and Thomas volunteered to do this.

**Communication** – The website is now live. The next newsletter is due for publication very shortly and will be distributed by email and in paper copy.

**Parking** – Cllr Evans has discussed the issues with the parking in the layby by the former East Farm with the residents, who had erected ‘no parking’ signs’. They were understanding about the needs of some residents who do need use of the parking there occasionally (health visitors etc). Hopefully, this situation can now be resolved in a sensible manner.

**Dog Mess** – After receiving several complaints by Parishioners about the amount of dog mess around the village of Great Smeaton in particular, the issue has now been highlighted on the website and newsletter. Cllr Watson is also going to obtain some warning signs to display around the villages, reminding people about the fines they will receive when caught.

**Village Green** – There has been several complaints about the damage to the Village Green towards the Darlington end of Great Smeaton, due to vehicles parking and driving over it. This has been highlighted in the newsletter and hopefully this will stop.

The Parish Council do not own the Village Greens in Great Smeaton, but do take the responsibility for grasscutting. It’s therefore been suggested to invite the owners, Mr & Mrs Wilson from The East House, to a meeting (either the next Parish Council meeting, or a private meeting) to discuss how they would like us to continue with our involvement with the upkeep of the greens.

**Grasscutting** – The contract for grass cutting for 2023/24 is now for renewal. This has been carried forward to the next meeting.

**Little Smeaton Bridge** – This is still under observation by the Parish Council. Unfortunately, although the bridge is listed, it’s not a priority by Highways as the bridge is not on an active highway. Reassurance was given that it will be repaired as soon as it is possible to do so.

**Footpaths** – Following another observation by a Parishioner that the public footpath sign had been removed some time ago from the entrance to Thorpe Farm, Cllr Goodchild has reported this. He has also looked into the ‘disappeared’ footpath from the village centre, and established that there is now a building placed on the start of this, blocking any access. Cllr Wilkinson will send information in order to help investigate these issues.

## 5. **Planning Applications**

Insertion of a domestic heating oil tank – East Farm, Great Smeaton (Ref: 23/00308/FUL) – NO OBSERVATIONS

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) – NO OBSERVATIONS

Application for the Modification of Condition 4 of Previously Approved Application – Land North and East of Chapelgarth, Long Lane, Hornby (Ref: 22/02912/MRC) - GRANTED

## 6. Finance

### Cheques Signed Off

None

## 7. Correspondence

An email was received from a Hornby Parishioner, expressing concerns about new developments and the impact they are having on the village, especially with regards to road safety and damage. This was discussed, and a reply will be sent from the Parish Council.

## 8. Any Other Business

**Long Lane, Hornby** – Concerns have been raised about the condition of the road and also the parking of site vehicles, causing obstructions for traffic. Clerk will contact Cllr Watson re the building works on the lane with a view to asking the developers to ‘put right’ any damage. The verge is being destroyed, pot holes are getting larger and the sides of the road is eroding.

**Development Near East Farm** – With the exit of the previous developer, the land is now back up for sale. Clerk to contact Planning at Hambleton District Council to ask for an update on the situation.

**School** – Cllr Evans is extremely concerned about the future of Great Smeaton Primary School. We need to form a good working relationship with the school to help secure its continuity.

**Website Comment** – An email was received from a Parishioner expressing a concern that one the most iconic buildings in the area was not mentioned on the new website – The Old Saddlers Shop, formerly Harry Samples Saddlery. This is one of only three retail businesses in the Parish, the others being The Black Bull, Great Smeaton and The Grange Arms, Hornby (both of which have information listed). It was agreed that a photograph and information would be added due to the historical interest.

**Distribution of Minutes** – It was agreed that the minutes would be produced and made available, in draft format, to the public by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, with the official minutes being agreed and signed by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman at the next meeting. The signed minutes would then form the official minutes.

**9. Date of next meeting** – 19.30, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023, Great Smeaton Village Hall

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