

SMEATON WITH HORNBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 29th August 2023 at Great Smeaton Village Hall

Present: J Evans, S Ferrie, C White, P Spence

- 1. Apologies:** R Goodchild, A Wilkinson,
- 2. Minutes:** Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 1st August 2023 were discussed, Cllr Evans added some amendments, these will be added and agreed at a later date.
- 3. Crime report** – Received and discussed. There was one crime reported of violence against a person in Great Smeaton during the month of July.
- 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 – Following another payment received, Smeaton with Hornby Parish Council now have a fund totalling £16,030.26 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.

A new School Governor structure has slowed this progress down. There is now a new Chair and Vice-Chair and Cllrs Goodchild and Evans will arrange a meeting to recommence discussions after the Summer holidays. In addition, the Head of the School resigned at the end of Summer term and we need to await for the details of her replacement. The Parish Council will send a letter to the school detailing our suggestions, and with the 50 year anniversary of the school approaching, we would be keen to work with them to celebrate this important milestone.

Speeding – The VAS sign for Great Smeaton is due to be installed on 8th September 2023. Cllr White has volunteered to download the information that the unit gathers.

The order for the VAS for Hornby has been agreed and it is now in production.

Little Smeaton Bridge – Unfortunately, the repair works still haven't commenced. Cllr Wilkinson is continuing to pursue this with Highways, but unfortunately works aren't a priority due to the bridge not being on a major road. The bridge was closed for a day to allow stonework to be removed from the river, and removed for safekeeping by Highways

until the works can commence. This could be several years, depending upon finances available to North Yorkshire Council.

Village Signage – It has been reported that the entrances to the Villages, mainly the Village name signs, are looking rather worn. Cllr Spence will photograph the signs ready for discussion at the next meeting. We would also like to see the areas round the signs maintained. An idea submitted would be ‘gateway’ style entrances to the villages; this would highlight to motorists that they are entering a village area and hopefully help to alleviate speeding issues. Cllr Spence has been investigating costs and will continue to do so.

Any replacement village name signs would need to be purchased by the Parish Council and fitted by a Highways approved contractor – Clerk to contact Highways to obtain the list in preparation.

The faded traffic signs within Great Smeaton (school warning signs etc) that were reported to Highways previously have now been replaced. The 30mph signs on Long Lane, Hornby, are very faded and this will be reported to Highways.

The street sign at the entrance to Church Garth, Great Smeaton, has now been replaced.

Communication – It was agreed that priority will be given to the website, and not the newsletter. We will work with our Vicar, who sends out a regular news bulletin via email, to share information. Cllr Spence has organised a ‘website group’ who will meet as often as possible to update the site and offer suggestions for improvement. One concern is that the current website is not particularly user friendly, and we will look for possible alternatives.

Village Greens – Cllr White will use a contact to help survey the trees on Hornby Village Green in order to ascertain whether any work needs to take place. He will also replace the back of the notice board in due course.

Parish Council Vacancy – The vacancy for a Parish Councillor for Hornby was advertised, but unfortunately North Yorkshire Council received no applications. We are therefore able to co-opt and will approach suitable candidates.

There is now a second vacancy for Hornby. The Clerk has notified North Yorkshire Council for this position to be advertised.

5. Planning Applications

Erection of an agricultural building to cover existing silage clamp – White House Farm, Great Smeaton (Ref: ZB23/01450/FUL) – (No observations) – Ongoing

Application for proposed works for repair and reconstruction works following fire damage – Mill Farm, Hornby (Ref: ZB23/O1546/FUL) – (No observations) – Ongoing

Change of use for land for a placement of a static caravan for family and friends accommodation – Staindale Grange, Hornby (Ref: ZB23/O1316/FUL) – (No observations) - Ongoing

Replacement roof structure and alterations to windows, introduction of bi-folding doors to bar and swimming pool and balcony to rear courtyard – Salutation Cottage, Little Smeaton (Ref: ZB23/O1379/FUL) – (No observations) - Ongoing

Construction of 3 highly energy efficient dwellings – Land adjacent to The East House, Great Smeaton (Ref: ZB23/OO945/FUL) - Ongoing

Conversion of Barn to form 2 dwellings - Barn Adjacent to Bon Lea House, Little Smeaton (Ref: 22/02668/FUL 23/0001/REFUSE) – NEW – APPEAL MADE TO SECRETARY OF STATE

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

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

6. Finance

Cheques Signed Off

£163.20 CE & CM Walker Ltd – Invoice 23191

£144.00 CE & CM Walker Ltd – Invoice 23192

£150.00 Claire Copeland – Clerks Salary

£24.00 ThenMedia – Website, Invoice TMS 14749

£24.00 ThenMedia – Website, Invoice TMS 15036

7. Correspondence

8. Any Other Business

Development of Land Adjacent to The East House, Great Smeaton – Several complaints been made about the site looking exceptionally untidy (leaning fence, overgrown greenery etc). Cllr Spence will speak with the owner and ask if they could tidy the area up.

9. Date of next meeting – 19.30, Tuesday 3rd October 2023, Great Smeaton Village Hall

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