

SMEATON WITH HORNBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 30th May 2023 at Great Smeaton Village Hall

Present: R Goodchild, C White, S Ferrie, G Tuer, P Spence, J Evans, R Thomas

- 1. Apologies:** A Wilkinson
- 2. Minutes:** Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 25th April 2023 were agreed and signed.
- 3. Crime report** – Unfortunately, no crime report was received in time for inclusion this month.
- 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.

Speeding – The paperwork for the new Vehicle Activated Sign will now be signed and submitted to the supplier, Swarco. The total cost of this is £3947.50 excluding VAT. There is an approximate 10 week lead time on manufacture and installation.

Little Smeaton Bridge – Unfortunately, the repair works still haven't commenced, but Smeatons with Hornby Parish Council will continue to progress this with Highways.

Grasscutting – It has been identified that there are some areas of Great Smeaton that are being missed or we would ideally like to see cut by Walkers. These areas will be identified and discussed.

Village Signage – It has been reported that the entrances to the Villages, mainly the Village name signs, are looking rather worn. 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. This will be explored further.

The Clerk is also to contact Cllr Wilkinson to ask about how we go about arranging the replacement of worn and fading signs, and also grasscutting around the signs.

Communication – Not enough content has been received to go ahead with the production of the next newsletter. A decision was made to delay this publication, and to produce one later in Summer. Cllr Thomas expressed concern about the relatively low visit rate to the website. His concern was perhaps the website name (smeatonswithhornby.com) was not an easy find on search engines. A decision was made to also register the domain GreatSmeaton.com and use this for the website.

5. Planning Applications

Construction of 3 highly energy efficient dwellings – Land adjacent to The East House, Great Smeaton (Ref: ZB23/OO945/FUL) – NEW. This application was discussed during the meeting. The Parish Council do wish to see new development in the villages, in order to support the local school and businesses. Of particular concern of this development was the amount of trees in the planning area that have preservation orders. The Parish Council have no objection with this application, providing that the TPO's are adhered to. A reply to Planning will be sent highlighting this concern, along with more observations noted. Any comments, planning details etc can be viewed on the North Yorkshire Planning Portal.

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

Erection of 1 new single storey dwelling house – Land to the West of Fairview, Hornby (Ref:23/OO618/FUL) - GRANTED

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

24.00 ThenMedia – Invoice TMS14643

£163.20 CE & CM Walker Ltd – Invoice 23022

£144.00 CE & CM Walker Ltd- Invoice 23021

£150.00 Claire Copeland – Clerks Salary

7. Correspondence

None

8. Any Other Business

Telephone Exchange Building, Great Smeaton – Cllr Evans expressed concern about the untidiness of the building, mainly the uncut grounds. He has requested for the Clerk to contact BT to request that the area is tidied up.

9. Date of next meeting – 19.30, Tuesday 27th June 2023, Great Smeaton Village Hall

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