

SMEATON WITH HORNBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 31st January 2023 at Great Smeaton Village Hall

Present: R Goodchild, P Spence, J Evans, R Thomas, S Watson & 1 Member of the Public.

1. **Apologies:** C White, S Ferrie, A Wilkinson, G Tuer
2. **Minutes:** Minutes were agreed.
3. **Crime report** – Received. One issue reported in Great Smeaton (violence against a person)
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.

Speeding – The speed survey has now been undertaken and the results have been provided by Highways. They show that although a high percentage of vehicles are travelling throughout the villages at speeds in excess of 30mph, it is not enough for Highways to action. It has been suggested that members of the public do report cases of speeding through the villages so that there are records to aid the argument for action to be taken. We have now received a £3500 discretionary grant to aid with the purchase of a speed activation sign.

It was suggested that a 30mph sign should be placed by 'The Hollies' property. Cllr Watson will look into rules and regulations with regards to the siting of the VAS sign and other warning signs and will advise accordingly.

As a Parish Council, we support the '20 is Plenty' campaign. Cllr Watson will investigate whether this will be possible in Great Smeaton.

Parish Council Notice Board – Cllr Spence has investigated into the supplier of the Village Hall notice board, so that we could invest in a matching one. This was actually made by a former Parishioner using funding from Curtain Up Productions (CUP's). The notice board was actually made to be large enough to be shared between the Village Hall and The Parish Council. Cllr Thomas will speak to the Village Hall Committee Chair to clarify this.

Communication – The website is almost ready to go live. Cllr Spence will proof read and advise of any errors before it is officially launched. Cllr Evans thanked Cllr Thomas on behalf of the Parish Council for his hard work and dedication into bringing the website to fruition.

The Parish Council agreed on the domain 'www.smeatonswithhornby.com' which would need to be registered. Cllr Thomas will do this and costs will be reimbursed by the Parish Council.

The next newsletter is due for publication in February. All contributions need to be submitted to Cllr Thomas by 15th February. The newsletter will be also be distributed via email by the Vicar.

5. Planning Applications

Works to trees in a Conservation Area – The East House, Great Smeaton (Ref: 22/02677/CAT) – GRANTED

(there is an additional application that has been granted – Ref 22/02706/DDD, with regards to a report by an arborist recommending that tree reference T20 (Birch) is felled due to being in poor condition. This was submitted and approved on the 23rd November 2022.

Works to trees subject to a TPO – The East House, Great Smeaton (Ref: 22/02658/TPO) - 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

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

Modification of Condition 3 (Drainage) from Previously Approved Application – Land South West of Smeaton East Farm, Great Smeaton (Ref: 22/01074/REM) – GRANTED.

An update to this application is that the builder has withdrawn from the project. Cllr Evans has issued the following statement:- 'In a recent conversation with Ron Starkie, the MD of Clarion Homes, he informed me that the builders were taking no further part in the joint venture with the developer of the land at East Farm. He further added that he had no knowledge of how the project would now progress and that at the time of conversation, I was the only person outside of the Company with this information'.

Installation of Electric Gates to Driveway Entrance, Verum Sui, Hornby (Ref: 22/02278/FUL) - GRANTED

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

Conversion of redundant barn to form two dwellings – Barn Adjacent to Bon Le House, Little Smeaton (Ref: 22/02668/FUL) – REFUSED

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

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

6. Finance

Cheques Signed Off

None

7. Correspondence

None

8. Any Other Business

Dog Mess – A complaint has been raised by one of our Parishioners about the amount of dog mess in Great Smeaton. This is obviously unacceptable and action will be taken to try and solve the problem. Cllr Spence will forward information about fines etc to Cllr Thomas for inclusion on the website. Cllr Watson will source some warning signs to display around the villages.

Footpaths – Another concern has been raised about the public footpath sign at the entrance to Thorpe Farm being removed. Cllr Goodchild will investigate and report.

Layby Parking – A Parishioner has expressed concern about the ‘Please do not Park Here’ signs that have been sited in the layby/hardstanding by the former East Farm properties. The hardstanding is used frequently for parking, especially by carers to one of our residents, and this has caused upset and inconvenience to them. Cllr Evans will investigate this further and will try and resolve the issue.

9. Date of next meeting – 19.30, Tuesday 28th February 2023, Great Smeaton Village Hall

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