

SMEATON WITH HORNBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 27th February 2024 at Great Smeaton Village Hall

Present: R Goodchild, J Evans, P Spence, C White, S Tuer & 2 Members of the Public

- 1. Apologies:** S Ferrie & A Wilkinson
- 2. Minutes:** Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 30th January 2024 were agreed and signed.
- 3. Crime report** – No crime report received.
- 4. Matters Arising -**

Parish Councillor Vacancy – As no applications were received for the position, the Parish Council were able to co-opt a Councillor. Mrs Kelly Stewart was proposed by Cllr Goodchild and seconded by Cllr Evans.

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.

There has been no update from the school as yet regarding the proposed shared play area. This is due to the school's plans to become part of a MAT (Multiple Academy Trust) and the forthcoming appointment of a new Head.

Community Infrastructure Levy – 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.

Speeding – The VAS signs for Great Smeaton and Hornby are now in situ and fully operational. We are awaiting for the data to be downloaded from the signs to analyse, this should be available next meeting.

Cllr White has downloaded the data from the Great Smeaton VAS. The sign will be turned around again for a period of 4 weeks and then moved to the opposite end of the village, and then the middle, each for a 4 week period. A decision will then be taken whether a second VAS should be purchased.

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.

We have not received a response from Highways with regards to a volunteer group carrying out the work.

Entrances to Villages – The entrances to the villages are in need of a tidy up. Cllr Spence is still investigating ‘Gateway’ style entrances. Two replacement village name signs for Great Smeaton are on order.

The 30mph signs in Hornby are very faded – Clerk to contact Highways to request that they are replaced. Also, it would be beneficial to the villages to have 30mph repeater signs – Clerk to request.

Public Communication – previous minutes are now available on line.

New Housing Development, Great Smeaton – Cllr Evans is in contact with Palladium, the developer. Palladium are due to arrange a meeting with the Parish Council, we are awaiting contact from them.

Grass Cutting – We have received quotations for the forthcoming financial year from our current contractor, Walkers. Great Smeaton cost will be £86.40 per cut (an increase of £4.80 from the previous year) and Hornby will be £75.60 per cut (an increase of £3.60 from the previous year). These quotes were agreed.

Solar Farm Update – The proposed solar farm development seminar was attended by Cllr Goodchild. It appears that one of the main concerns would be the amount of HGV’s travelling through Great Smeaton and along East Cowton Road once the development begins. The Parish Council are to write to the developer and highlight the current condition of East Cowton road (poor).

5. Planning Applications

Three No. Detached Dwelling Houses – Part of OS Field 0051, Hornby (Ref: ZB23/02301/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

£150.00 – Clerk Salary

7. Correspondence

8. Any Other Business

Complaint from Great Smeaton Residents re Nuisance Neighbours – Cllr Goodchild has received a request from Great Smeaton residents, asking for help with nuisance neighbours. This relates mainly to noise and disturbance. This was discussed and it was suggested that the Parish Council could contact the Housing Authority concerned on behalf of the aggrieved residents to support their plight.

9. Date of next meeting – 19.30, Tuesday 26th March 2024, Great Smeaton Village Hall

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