

SMEATON WITH HORNBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 30th January 2024 at Great Smeaton Village Hall

Present: R Goodchild, J Evans, P Spence & A Wilkinson

- 1. Apologies:** S Ferrie, C White & S Tuer
- 2. Minutes:** Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 12th December 2023 were agreed and signed.
- 3. Crime report** – Received and discussed. One report of ‘Violence Against a Person’ reported in Great Smeaton.
- 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.

There has been no update from the school as yet regarding the proposed shared play area.

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.

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 Evans proposed the purchase of an additional VAS sign for Great Smeaton, to be installed at the Darlington end of the village. This was seconded by Cllr Goodchild. This will be carried forward to the next meeting in order to discuss financing etc.

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.

A group of volunteers have offered to carry our the repair work – Clerk to write to Highways to ask their views on this matter.

Entrances to Villages – The entrances to the villages are in need of a tidy up. Cllr Spence is still investigating ‘Gateway’ style entrances. The Village name signs do need replacing, and we have obtained a quotation of £87.00 ex vat each plus postage (£17.50). It was agreed to order two for Great Smeaton. The traditional sign (approaching Great Smeaton from Hornby) will be repainted once a signwriter is found.

Public Communication – With the discontinuation of the current website, the Clerk is investigating avenues to ensure that the Parish Council minutes are available for viewing.

5. Planning Applications

Works to fell and works to trees in a Conservation Area – The Orchard, Great Smeaton (Ref: ZB23/02409/CAT) – GRANTED

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

£4320.00 – SWARCO (VAS Hornby)

7. Correspondence

8. Any Other Business

9. Date of next meeting – 19.30, Tuesday 27th February 2024, Great Smeaton Village Hall

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