Hartwith cum Winsley Parish Council

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MINUTES OF HARTWITH cum WINSLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD Tuesday, 15th June 2021 at Summerbridge Methodist Church

Present: CIIr T Watson (Chair) CIIr J Stanton

Cllr B Thornton NYCC Cllr M Harrison

T Dawson, Clerk

1.	Apologies were received from Cllrs Milnes, Benn and Titchmarsh		
2.	No NEW Declarations of Interest not already declared under the Council's code of conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and consideration of requests for dispensation were received. Cllr Watson advised he is now sitting on the Harrogate Borough Council Planning Committee		
3.	Cllr Stanton proposed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 27th April 2021, Annual Parish Meeting dated 27th April 2021 and Annual Meeting dated 5th May 2021 be confirmed, seconded Cllr Thornton, carried .		
4.	 Clerk's report to Hartwith cum Winsley Parish Council Meeting 11th June 2021 Summerbridge Methodist Church have planted the long bed at the edge of the Memorial Garden. The following message was sent to Area 6 Highways on 30/4/2021 "Hartwith cum Winsley Parish Council is concerned that Waste transfer licenses may not have been applied for the removal of rubble and hazardous materials resulting from the demolition. In addition, the Council believes no applications were submitted by the contractors for traffic controls on the B6165 highway during the demolition which was of concern due to the proximity to the primary school. Please also be advised that parishioners have been questioning the demolition at the former butcher's shop in Summerbridge and the media are involved. Your comments on these matters would be much appreciated." No response was received. Damage to streetlight no 1 at Dobson Bank was reported to North Yorks Police on 1st June and it was cut off and capped the same day. 		
5.	 Message regarding dog fouling was posted on the Summerbridge Village Facebook page. Chair's report. 		
3.	 Cllr Watson reported that the stone troughs at the Memorial Garden had now been planted. The second grass cut had been undertaken by S Hesselden's. The quarterly check of the Parish Asset Register had identified some changes were required. RESOLVED: Clerk to amend and upload to the Council website. The bench at the top of Hartwith Bank is causing safety concerns. RESOLVED: To be checked by Cllrs Watson and Benn. Cllr Watson had attended the site of flooding at the Poppyfields development following a phone call from a parishioner after heavy rainfall. Discussion took place concerning the possible need for an additional drainage. RESOLVED: Clerk to check planning conditions imposed on properties nearby. 		
	The hedge at Dobson Bank needs cutting back on the right-hand side.		

• Cllr Thornton reported that water had been flowing onto the B6165 from a private property in the vicinity of Summerbridge Stores.

6. External Reports.

North Yorkshire County Council

- Cllr Harrison reported that the Government would decide about the local government reorganisation before Parliament finishes in July for the summer. He believes that if the proposed North Yorkshire model is accepted, there will be less disruption and it could be up and running by 2023. In his opinion, the proposed East-West model will take longer to set up.
- He had been involved in discussions with the Chairs of neighbouring parish councils regarding a proposal to replace steppingstones across the River Nidd with a bridge. He advised that funding to restore the stones would not be forthcoming as they would not be accessible to people with mobility concerns. Other issues which would need to be considered to re-instate the steppingstones include Environment Agency permission, licences for non-polluting equipment and machinery, damage to wildlife. The alternative of installing a bridge would again come up against accessibility concerns and the scheme would likely cost £100k + drawing up of plans alone could cost in the region of £10k.
- Cllr Harrison noted that the NYCC Teckal was on the agenda at item 8(j) but he provided further explanation of the set up following the expiration of the Ringway contract. A full procurement process would have been needed to contract a new supplier for Highways services and the decision was made to set a Teckal company for much of the work to be dealt with in-house. Larger projects will still be outsourced. The 2021/22 highways budget has been cut again.
- Superfast broadband in the region will focus on fixed access wireless; with the supplier guaranteeing 160mb per property.
- Across the county £13million was budgeted for LED bulbs in streetlights; the scheme was
 expected to recoup the costs through energy savings over the next 12 years however as the
 scheme cost £8 million, the costs could be recouped in as little as 8 years.
- Cllr Watson advised Cllr Harrison of the damage on 1st June caused to the streetlight and bollard at Dobson Bank by a low-loader transporting a large 360 degree digger.
 RESOLVED: Clerk to forward email correspondence to Cllr Harrison.

Harrogate Borough Council

- Cllr Watson reported that Knaresborough swimming pool is expected to reopen in time for the school summer holiday, following fitting of new filtration equipment.
- HBC collected 97.5% of Council tax in 2020/21, the target was 98%.
- At the end of 2020/21, 1085 people were employed by the Council, of which 927 were full-time. Turnover of staff has reduced to 11.4%.

Dacre & Hartwith Playing Fields Association.

- The Clerk gave an update on the most recent Play Area Inspection which had been provided by the Dacre Parish Clerk.
- Cllr Watson said he had been advised a meeting may have been held but Hartwith cum Winsley Parish Council representatives were unaware. RESOLVED: Clerk to enquire whether this was the case.

Dacre and Hartwith Village Hall

- Cllr Stanton reported that the treasurer has advised the hall will provisionally be open for meetings in September 2021.
- Some damp had been found in the floor under the windows.
- Cllr Stanton has asked for a meeting to be held.

Nidderdale Strategic Partnership No meeting had been held.

Nidderdale Safer Neighbourhood Group.

- Cllr Stanton reported that a meeting had been held; the main topic of discussion was the rise of scams in the area and The Little Book of Scams had been promoted.
- Inconsiderate parking on public highways was also discussed.

Nidderdale Plus No meeting had been held.

- 7 Details of Planning Applications can be viewed on ww.harrogate.gov.uk/homepage/2/planning_applications
 The Council received the following planning applications:
 - a) DCPARISH 6.66.264.B.FUL 21/02283/FUL Erection of single storey extension Beckermonds Low Laithe HG3 4DH GRID REF: E 419182 N 464213. *The Parish Council had no objections.*
 - b) DCPARISH 6.66.362.FUL 21/02084/FUL Conversion of loft and erection of a dormer. 4 High Row Summerbridge HG3 4BS GRID REF: E 419651 N 462893. The Parish Council had no objections but tasked the Clerk to request no construction vehicles be parked on the B6165.
 - c) DCPARISH 6.66.211.U.FUL 21/02125/FUL Erection of a single storey extension. North Barn White Oak Farm Summerbridge HG3 4JS GRID REF: E 421059 N 459970. The Parish Council had no objections
 - d) DCPARISH 6.66.120.J.PNA 21/01746/PNA Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural building. Braisty Woods Farm Summerbridge HG3 4DN GRID REF: E 419667 N 463673. The Parish Council did not object to or support the application but sought assurances that the new building will remain for agricultural use only in the future.
 - e) DCPARISH 6.66.141.I.DVCON 21/01894/DVCON Deletion of Condition No. 1 of planning permission Ref 98/01924/FUL, to allow unrestricted occupation of the dwelling. Condition Number(s): (1) Condition "the occupation of the dwelling shall be limited to a person employed, managing or owning the fish farm and shall not be occupied separately from the fish farm." Conditions(s) Removal: The condition to be removed as the fish farm business has ceased to operate and the site has not been in use as a fish farm for in excess of 8 years. In addition, the owner of the land has no ownership of the adjacent weir, which previously controlled the supply of water to the fish farm site (and formerly the mill), and which is now in a state of significant disrepair and represents a significant and unmitigable risk to any potential future investment in fish farming on the site. The applicant requests condition be removed as it serves no useful purpose and cannot be complied with by the owner. Nidderdale Trout Farm Low Laithe HG3 4BU GRID REF: E 419150 N 463331. The Parish Council had no objections.

The Council noted the following:

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- f) 21/00794/FUL Demolition of garden wall and rebuilding of wall to block off access. Creation of new access. Installation of dropped kerb. Formation of hardstanding. Erection of a car port and storage area. Elm Tree Cottage Summerbridge. *APPROVED subject to conditions*.
- g) 21/00997/COU Change of use of small section of farmyard to reclamation yard. Land Adjacent Itsajob Braisty Woods Summerbridge HG3 4DN. *Harrogate Borough Council have resolved to* GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS
- h) 21/00251/PR15 Hazel Bank Low Laithe HG3 4BU possible breach of planning control at the above location. ALLEGED BREACH: Creation of an access onto the B6165
- i) 21/00776/FUL Erection of stable block (revised scheme) Flos Cottage Hardcastle Garth Hartwith HG3 3EX Harrogate Borough Council have resolved to GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS
- j) 21/00816/PNA Prior notification for the erection of a general purpose agricultural building. Haystacks Nidd Lane Birstwith HG3 3AR *Harrogate Borough Council have resolved to REFUSE approval of the details of the development.*

The Council received the following updates on Council Business and correspondence:

- a) Caretaker tasks. Cllr Watson proposed the caretaker undertakes footpath maintenance in Summerbridge around Todds, Hartwith Green, Hartwith Bank, Hartwith Avenue, Low Laithe to Whinfields, Poppyfields car park and surrounding area, New York allotments and Dobson Bank. Cllr Thornton seconded the proposal, carried. Cllr Watson will inform the caretaker.
- b) Poppyfields. Cllr Watson reported that the troughs at the Memorial Garden have now been planted and there have been discussions regarding options for the proposed new memorial plaques.
- c) Road traffic incidents and speeding concerns. The Clerk reported that she was in the process of collating information from Low Laithe parishioners regarding concerns over speeding. Cllr Watson and the Clerk reported to the meeting the various road traffic incidents which had

- occurred in recent weeks and what action had been taken to date. **RESOLVED**: Clerk to expedite meeting with Area 6 Highways. To be included on next Agenda.
- d) Flooding and drainage issues. Cllr Watson reported that during recent heavy rain, the water course behind the Poppyfields estate had surcharged and gutters blocked with hedge cuttings had caused water to flood across the B6165. HBC asked Cllr Watson to attend the incident and the Emergency Services attended the incident. In a separate incident, gravel and debris washed down Whinbush Lane onto the B6165, resulting in complaints from vehicle owners about the slippery road surface. Cllr Watson addressed the issue with the landowner and the debris on the road was cleared away. RESOLVED: Parish Council will write to the landowner expressing the concerns.
- e) Streetlights. Cllr Watson reported that he had been in correspondence with HBC regarding streetlights nos 1 East View and 7 Balsdon's Butchers. The situation is ongoing. **RESOLVED**: agenda item for next meeting.
 - The Council discussed the potential purchase of 6 vintage lighting columns for the parish for installation around the Poppyfields development.
- f) Dog Fouling at The Whinfields. No further information is available at present.
- g) Defibrillator maintenance. Cllr Watson reported that new pads were required recently and proposed that HcW Parish Council undertake the continued maintenance of the 2 machines in the parish and replace consumables as needed. Cllr Thornton seconded, carried. RESOLVED: Cllr Watson will research the likely shelf life of defibrillators.
- h) Localised Police Reports 10052021 and 09062021. Noted.
- i) Yorkshire Ultra Challenge 17-18 July 2021. Noted.
- i) NYCC Town & Parish Clerks Teckal Letter. Noted, see NYCC report.

9 FINANCE

- 9.1.1 Cllr Stanton proposed that Hartwith cum Winsley Parish Council is certified as exempt from external audit for fiscal year 2020/21, seconded Cllr Watson, **carried**.
- 9.1.2 Cllr Thornton proposed the Council meet on 23rd June 2021 for receipt of internal audit report for 2020/21 and to approve sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, seconded Cllr Watson, **carried**.
- 9.2 Cllr Stanton proposed the Council approved the following accounts for payment, seconded Cllr Watson **carried**.

9.2.1	Whitemere View Ltd inv A1188	105.00
9.2.2.	Cosmos Solutions Defibrillation electrodes replacements	210.00
9.2.3	Clerk office expenses Zoom payment	14.39
9.2.4	Cllr T Watson expenses for Memorial Garden	66.64
9.2.5	PAYE & NIC	50.00
9.2.6	F Tate & Son Plants, compost and feed	95.00
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- 9.3 The Council noted the Clerk's salary (1 30/06/21)
- 9.4 The Council received accounts and a bank reconciliation to 31st May 2021
- 10 10.1 The Council had received new information for discussion as follows:
 - 10.1.1 The Council had received notice of the "On Yer Bike" event taking place in the locality . **RESOLVED**: Clerk to post information in Summerbridge bus shelter and on the Summerbridge Village Facebook page.
 - 10.1.2. New planning application to be added to agenda for Finance meeting on 23rd June 2021. 10.2 Information exchange. Cllr Stanton raised a concern about the sewage pipe at the river near to the bridge. **RESOLVED**: to be reported.
- 11 The Council had no new items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting:
- 12 Provisional date of 20th July for the next Council meeting is to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 9 pm.