

Hunsingore, Walshford & Cattal Parish Council

Draft minutes

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on March 20th 2023 at 7.00pm in Hunsingore village hall.

Present: Mr J Lyndall (in the chair), Mr Underwood, Mr Urwin, Mr Bramley, Mr Twaites, Mrs Margiotta, Mrs Dent

In attendance Cllr Warneken, Mrs Bramley

Chairman's introduction:

Mr Lyndall welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year. He thanked the clerk for her work and the parish councillors for all they do on behalf of the local community. He also thanked Cllr Warneken for his help and support.

Apologies: none

Declaration of interest:

Mr Twaites as chairman of the village hall and Mr Bramley as he is married to the clerk.

Members of the public are invited to address the meeting: none present.

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2022 had been circulated to all councillors and interested parties, placed on the HBC website and parish noticeboards. It was proposed by Mr Twaites and seconded by Mrs Dent that they were a true record and Mr Lyndall signed the minutes.

Matters arising:

Internal auditor - the clerk said she had been able to find someone who would audit the books for £25.00. She will put it on the agenda for the next meeting so it may be ratified.

Defibrillator - Mr Twaites said it had been ordered. Yorkshire Ambulance will come to give tuition once it has been installed. It has been purchased with a grant from Harrogate Council and the parish council precept.

Access order - since the development at Orchard Meadows has been finished the problem with parking on Church Hill has almost ceased. It appears that visitors occasionally park there. There has been an increase of people parking outside the church - this will be kept under review.

Rose Cottage, Hunsingore - the clerk had chased up both the outstanding enforcement notices relating to Rose Cottage and Sandy Rocks.

Grit bin - the clerk had once again chased this up. Cllr Warneken will also chase it up.

Financial reports:

The clerk presented the the current statement and a draft annual statement. There were no questions on the statements and it was proposed by Mrs Dent and seconded by Mr Urwin that the statements were correct and Mr Lyndall signed the current statement.

The clerk then reported that she and Mr Bramley had been to Barclays Bank in Harrogate to investigate how the parish council account could be managed online. She will ring Barclays Business department to get all the information and report at the next meeting.

The clerk had received a Mandate Change form which Mr Lyndall and Mr Bramley needed to sign. This is required as Mrs Backhouse is no longer a councillor.

Correspondence:

Skipton Building Society - statement.
Barclays Bank statement
SLCC magazine
Clerks and Council magazine

Planning applications and decisions since the last meeting:

The application for installing solar panels in a field in Cattal had been passed.

The resubmitted application regarding the boundary wall at 4 Oxmoor Meadows, Hunsingore had been refused.

Harrogate Local Plan:

Mr Bramley and Cllr Warneken updated the meeting. They said that there was confusion about what would happen. The local liaison group are scheduled to have a meeting on Tuesday 21st March. Cllr Warneken and Mr Bramley will attend and update the parish council in due course.

Commuted sums:

The clerk had distributed the current statement. Cllr Warneken said the new point of contact would be Lee Jones.

Mr Twaites will contact him and get clarification on the projects the money can be used against.

Chicane, Hunsingore:

Cllr Warneken is going to chase it up. Mr Lyndall thanked Cllr Warneken.

Proposed road closure, Hunsingore:

The road is scheduled to be closed from 17th - 28th April. Cllr Warneken said that provision would be made so that emergency vehicles could access the village and residents would be able to get out of the village should the road to Cattal be flooded. Mr Urwin will liaise with Cllr Warneken.

Any other business:

Cllr Warneken said that NYCC had held their last council meeting in the current format. The new unitary authority starts on 1st April.. He said it would take time for departments and personnel to get used to the new system. At the moment planning, housing and enforcement will still be in Harrogate.

Cattal Bridge - Mr Urwin asked what was happening. The clerk had once again sent an email to Highways chasing up the repair. Cllr Warneken said it was in the major works programme for the next year .

Parking in between the bollards at the bottom of Church Hill. There has been a vehicle occasionally parked between the bollards at the new development. This is causing an obstruction to the sight line. The clerk will contact highways to see if another bollard could be inserted. Mr Urwin provided a photograph of a car parked between the bollards - the clerk will forward it on.

Mrs Margiotta remarked that rubbish which had been illegally tipped in the lay-by close to Walshford roundabout had been removed very quickly.

Mr Bramley said that the pothole on the south side of Cattal Bridge was getting worse - the clerk has reported this in the past but will chase it up again. Cllr Warneken has also reported it. Mr Bramley also said that water was "ponding" on the road to Tockwith - the clerk had contacted highways and she will send Cllr Warneken a copy of her e mail.

Mr Bramley said how nice it was go see the daffodils out - thanks to the parish councillors who had helped plant them over the years.

Mr Twaites volunteered to replace the perspex in the Walshford notice board

There was no more business and the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Date of next meeting:

AGM 22nd May 2023.