

Minutes of the Nunnington Parish Council Meeting

held on 29th October 2024 in Nunnington Village Hall

Present: Chairman Mr Steven Rooke, Dr John Elphinstone, Mrs Mary Thew

Also present 2 members of the public

1. A reminder was given of expectations for the audio and visual recordings of the meeting
2. Apologies received from Mr James Clive
3. Minutes of the previous meeting, 28th July 2024, were read and signed by the Chairman, as a true and correct record
4. Matters arising
 - a. It was confirmed by Mr Rooke that 6 snow poles have been delivered for use on Low Street verge –these will be put in place (SR)
 - b. Conversation with Highways Dept has taken place to consider the safety for pedestrians and cars over the Hall bridge; discussion will continue as to whether speed signs should be considered (SR)
Concern was raised (MT)over the poor quality surface of the very narrow pavement across the bridge. Information of a person seconded to work on historical bridges is available to pursue. MD has had a conversation with Nunnington Hall regarding the poor signage, forcing cars to manoeuvre in a dangerous fashion, to access the public entrance of The Hall. This was acknowledged and would be looked into.
 - c. A large litter bin has been sited at Cawkleys Bank which will meet the needs of dog poo bags
5. Update on the Election process to fill the vacant position on the Parish Council: Mr Rooke spoke of the resignation of Dr Phillips. Dr Phillips is highly regarded and has contributed, particularly towards the initial planning around the cricket pitch and path. It is sad to lose his commitment and person.
This vacancy has led to an election process led by North Yorkshire Council, with interested candidates required to submit their nomination within the scheduled time frame. There was initial interest and numbers to support an election, however there were no nomination papers submitted to the Receiving Officer at Town Hall, Scarborough. As a result of this the electoral process must be initiated again until a candidate is

elected. If only one candidate submits their nomination regarded as 'non-competitive' then this person can be co-opted as a councillor. A 'competitive' election takes place, if more than one nomination is submitted, this will cost £2600 to the Parish. We presently await confirmation of the next election dates.

6. 4 recent planning applications were viewed and with some discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council will support the applications with no objections.

7. Mr Andrew Clive was invited to the meeting to share the proposed tree work by Nunnington Estate who have applied to the woodland section of DEFRA, applying for maintenance or felling of trees, mainly alders, with disease or overgrowth, between the White Bridge and the Mill Race. This will improve fly and water life and reduce the danger of dead trees which also damage the banks. This information will be further shared to allay any concerns in the community (MT)

8. Mr Rooke has received concern from a number of anxious drivers who have damaged their vehicles as a result of maintenance work by Highways on the Aerodrome Road. MD to contact Highways voicing serious concern and the need of improvements.

9. Mr Rooke has now received the plaque for the Memorial magnolia tree on Low Street

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The meeting closed at 8pm.

- Responsibility for maintenance of field and path was discussed including possible voluntary and paid work
- Dr Phillips stated that there is still possibility of grants and also fund raising: motivating and enthusiasm is required from the community to commit to the project and ensure its viability

6. Dr Phillips spoke of his concerns for the safety of pedestrians and cars crossing the Hall bridge. As it is at present the footpath is in a poor state as well as being very narrow. Ideas were shared as to how it might be possible to slow down vehicles particularly as sight of oncoming vehicles

is difficult. Mr Steven Rooke will communicate with Highways Dept asking for an assessment of safety issues across the bridge.

It was noted that NT visitors were unsure of the entrance to The Hall which can present difficulties.

It was also noted that no progress to clear overhanging trees and flood debris has occurred, identified as major work required.

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