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# NABURN PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Naburn Parish Council Meeting held on 7th March, 2022 at 7:30p.m. in the Reading Room**

**Attendees:** Councillors K.Atkinson, A.Bean, J.Britton, A.Clark, S.Gray, L.Gunson, A.Holmes, J.Jefferson, V.Phillips, S.Raines. Ward Councillor C.Vassie.

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**Apologies:** Cllr Ashworth

**Absent:** Clerk

2. **Identify confidential items.** None

3. **Interests.** None

4. **Minutes.** RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 5th February, 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5. **Finance**

5.74. RESOLVED. The spend of £60 to Vision ICT for the renewal of the SSL Certificate for the period May 2022 to April 2023 was approved.

5.75. RESOLVED. The spend of £19.39 to Business Stream for the water supply to the Reading Room was approved.

5.76. RESOLVED. The spend of £39.60 to Advanced Fire Services for the Annual inspection of the fire extinguishers in the Reading Room was approved.

6. **Planning**

6.18. RESOLVED. Cllr S.Gray to write to CoY Planning Department asking for clarity on Permitted Development Rights for agricultural buildings and in particular, whether the new large agricultural building in the grounds of Beech House falls within those rights; and finally, clarity on whether additional buildings can be added on this land in future.

7. **Flooding**

7.1. RESOLVED. Cllr K.Atkinson to investigate whether there is a blockage in the underground section of the Dyke alongside Grange Garth Bungalow on Moor Lane near its junction with the B1222.

8. **Highways** None

9. **Community Areas and Buildings**

9.1 RESOLVED. Cllr L.Gunson to use both the Parish Magazine and the Village Facebook page to offer the use of the Reading Room to anyone as retail space for the benefit of the village.

## **10. Communication**

**10.1** To discuss the possibility of extending the fibre broadband connections to actual properties rather than just to the cabinet - as this is the initiative of Cllr P.Ashworth who was unable to be at the meeting and had given his apologies, this item will be moved to the next meeting.

**10.2.** RESOLVED. See items 9.1 above and 12.10 below.

## **11. Miscellaneous**

### **12. Outstanding action items**

**12.3.** RESOLVED. There are 2 viable options approved by CoY Engineers. Option 1 is for a 1.8m wide pavement with a priority-based one-way system for vehicles. Option 2 is for a 1.5m wide pavement with a dual-way system for vehicles, albeit a narrower road than today and one in which larger vehicles will have to give way. There followed a long discussion looking at the pros and cons of each option. In the end, a vote was taken. 7 voted for Option 2, 2 for Option 1 with 1 abstention.

There was also a unanimous agreement to increase the Parish Council contribution to £4000.

P.Bleakley of York Marina very kindly agreed by email to contribute £1000 on condition some lighting would be incorporated.

Cllr C.Vassie will take those decisions back to the City Engineers and hopefully, work will start later next month. He will also enquire as to whether the fencing can be painted white to both make it easier at night for pedestrians and also to reduce the speed of vehicles.

Additionally, he will ask for the white lines to be removed where the road narrows. This is seen as a key indicator to vehicle drivers to slow down.

Lighting may have to be a phase 2 to ensure no immediate delays to the work but a solution consisting of solar powered downlights on a number of fence posts was discussed and may be a good and inexpensive solution assuming CoY Highways would approve their use.

**12.4** 30mph limit at the north end of the village. Cllr C.Vassie to chase the Executive and Cllr A.D'Agorne again.

**12.5.** RESOLVED . Cllr. A.Clark had sent a letter on behalf of the Parish Council to the Chairman and CEO of Yorkshire Water complaining about the river water quality and the Sewerage discharge frequency and amount . The response was unsatisfactory. She will now send all her data and photographic evidence to Cllr. C.Vassie who will share it with the University of York and the Stockholm Institute with the hope that they will take water samples for analysis. Cllr. C.Vassie will also share it with City Councillor Paula Widdowson who has taken on the mission of improving river water quality on behalf of CoY Council. Cllr V.Phillips to purchase river water sampling kits for his own testing.

**12.6** Signage at the footpaths at the north side of the old railway bridge over the B1222 advising pedestrians to use the old railway bridge to cross the road. Cllr.L. Gunson to chase with Liam Dennis at CoY.

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**12.7** Cllr.V.Phillips informed the meeting that a CoY Councillor has now taken an interest in the state of the river banks along the whole length of the River Ouse through York and so he will keep a watching brief to see whether any action is taken. If not, then a letter will be sent to Yorkshire Water.

**12.9.** The slide that was discussed at a previous meeting would cost £5,073 ex VAT but including delivery. The cost of providing the rubberised base is likely to be less than £1,000 but a site survey would be required. No decision yet to be taken as the priority is to organise a rubberised base to the existing play equipment with the grant money already successfully received. ACTION. Cllr.L.Gunson to request supplier quotes and site visits.

Cllr Gunson received a quote for £3938 to replace the damaged corkscrew item. It was agreed that this was too much to spend on this repair and so Cllr.A.Holmes agreed to look at creating a safe barrier across the platform.

**12.10.** Cllrs.A.Clark and S.Raimes represent the Parish Council on the working party to organise the event on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm, as agreed at the last meeting, together with the School and the pub. The activities will be held outside the pub on Main Street. A street closure has been requested from 3pm to 11pm. A Ceilidh band has been booked. Bunting to be strung across Main Street for the main event and elsewhere if residents decide to do so. Continual publicity on the Village Facebook page and Parish Magazine will be carried out by both Councillors.

**12.11.** Cllr P.Ashworth to relist the Blacksmith Arms as an Asset of Community Value.

**12.12.** The very recent offer of £750 by CoY to buy a strimmer or thermal lance to manage the weed growth along pavements in the village was discussed. A decision needs to be made within the next three weeks after Councillors have digested the information and further investigated the present state of weed growth.

Cllr A.Clark updated the meeting about the latest situation regarding the school. The Parish Council and Cllr.C.Vassie both offered to help in any way possible

**Closure of meeting. 9:45pm. Date of next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 at 7pm.**

Signed as a true and accurate record

..... Dated .....

Chairman