

## NETHER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2020

#### ATTENDING ON-LINE:

Cllr. C D Steward (Acting as Chairman)

Cllr. R A Harper

Cllr. J A Hook

Cllr. E M Jones

Cllr. C J Lamb

Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk)

#### **20/207 – CO-OPTION AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

Ceri Lamb was co-opted as a member of the Parish Council and was welcomed by the Chairman. The Clerk confirmed that Cllr. Lamb had signed a Declaration of Office and that he had subjected her to a lengthy induction course.

#### **20/208 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (NOT PREVIOUSLY DECLARED) ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS**

None.

#### **20/209 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

#### **20/210 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Cllrs. S A Barry and P H F Powell.

#### **20/211 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2020**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 September 2020 having been circulated prior to the meeting, were approved and will be signed at a later date.

#### **20/212 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM A CITY OF YORK COUNCILLOR**

City Cllr. Anne Hook reported on the following: -

The City Council has purchased a piece of land between the A59 and the B1224 to plant part of the Northern Forest. It will be a great amenity for us because there will be cycle paths, wildflowers meadows and a café.

There is a consultation on the dualling of the ring road between the A19 and the Hopgrove roundabout. Whilst the Parish Council is not part of the official consultation it can send its comments. Individuals can complete the consultation document online.

#### **20/213 - TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT ON PROGRESS ON THE FOLLOWING: -**

(a) *The vegetation growing over the pavement in Millfield Lane (Min. 20/186a)*

Cllr. Hook reported that she is still pursuing this subject with the City Council.

(b) *Overgrowing hedges (Min. 20/186b) - (City Council informed May 2019 – Min. 19/159c)*

No news on this subject.

(c) *The condition of the road surface in Allerton Drive between Ebor Way and Montague Walk (Min. 20/186c) – (City Council informed February 2019 – Min. 19/058a)*

The Clerk reported having written to the City Council's Director of Economy and Place to enquire as to where this stretch of road was in the priority ranking of the condition of the City's roads .

(d) *The City Council's response to the Parish Council's concern about the caravans sited in the Green Belt (Min. 20/186e) - City Council informed 18 June 2020)*

It was noted that the City Council's Enforcement Officer is still looking into this matter.

(e) *Cleaning the cartshed roof and gutters (Min. 20/188(f)iii)*

The Clerk reported that he had asked Ken Falkingham to delay carrying out this work until a decision had been made on the future of the willow tree.

(f) *Clearing the French drain (Min. 20/188(f)v)*

For the reason given in (e) above the Clerk directed Ken Falkingham to delay the work.

(g) *The refurbishment of the notice board in Allerton Drive (Min. 20/188h)*

It was noted that the work had been carried out.

## **20/214 – FINANCE**

(a) *Financial Report*

The Clerk had circulated a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 19 October 2020. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances on 19 October were: -

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Current Account                     | £500.00    |
| Business Money Manager Account      | £26,646.38 |
| National Savings Investment Account | £15,419.72 |

(b) *To note accounts for payment (net of VAT);*

|    |                      |                                    |         |
|----|----------------------|------------------------------------|---------|
| 84 | Ken Falkingham       | Allerton Drive notice board repair | £127.60 |
| 85 | James Mackman        | Salary – October                   | £536.86 |
| 86 | HM Revenue & Customs | Income Tax - October               | £134.60 |
| 87 | James Mackman        | Expenses                           | £24.30  |
| DD | 1 & 1 Internet Ltd   | Website hosting – October          | £5.00   |

(c) *To receive a report on income received*

|                      |                                     |            |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| City of York Council | 2 <sup>nd</sup> half year's precept | £11,000.00 |
| Poppleton Tithe Barn | Cartshed rent                       | £80.00     |

## **20/215 - PARISH COUNCIL LAND - TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS AND MAKE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS ON**

(a) *Grass cutting.*

No news on this subject.

(b) *The management of Warren Lea*

It was agreed that Warren Lea is looking tidy.

*(c) The management of the Common Land*

A resident had reported that the Parish Council-owned trees in front of his house were causing him concern. It was agreed that the Clerk contact an arboriculturalist and ask for a report on the trees and on any remedial action that would be needed. **(Action Clerk)**

*(d) Allerton Drive garden*

It was noted that the hedge has been cut.

*(e) The Moat Fields – including the suggested bridleway*

No news to report on this subject.

*(f) The Cartsheds – including*

*i. Considering Mason Clark's schedule of work*

It was agreed to delay seeking a schedule of work until the willow tree has been removed.

*ii. Felling the willow tree*

The Clerk reported that he had asked the City Council's arboriculturalist if permission would be given to pollard the willow tree. The arboriculturalist had said that pollarding a willow tree is not a good idea and that, in this instance, felling the tree would be a better solution. Following this conversation, the Clerk had obtained three quotations for felling the tree and removing it from site. The Cllrs. agreed to accept the quotation from The Tree Fella, The Clerk is to make the necessary arrangements. **(Action Clerk)**

*iii. Investigating the outflow of the water from the rainwater pipe*

It was agreed that the investigation would be better carried out after the willow tree has been removed.

*(g) The Wildlife Area*

No report on this subject.

**20/216 - TO CONSIDER COUNCILLOR AND CLERK TRAINING**

It was agreed that Cllr. Lamb be booked on to a course for new Councillors as and when one becomes available. **(Action Clerk)**

**20/217 - TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS, LAMPPOSTS & SIGNS**

(a) The problem of speeding along Main Street between Ouse Moor Lane and the War Memorial was discussed. This stretch of Main Street has no houses and streetlights are difficult to spot so some drivers may not be aware of the 30mph speed limit on the road. It was agreed that the road would benefit from 30mph repeater signs. The Clerk is to ask the City Council if it will install repeater signs. **(Action Clerk)**

(b) It was noted that the flood sign in Main Street is too close to the beck so that when a driver finds that the road is flooded there is no turning place. It was agreed that the City Council be asked to move the flood sign back as far as there is a place to turn. **(Action Clerk)**

(c) It was reported that a rider had fallen off a horse in Millfield Lane when it was spooked by a motorcycle. It was agreed that the City Council be asked to put up a sign to warn motorists that there is horse riding in the area. **(Action Clerk)**

- (d) A complaint about some of the trees in Ouse Moor Lane being in a dangerous condition was considered. It was agreed that the Clerk ask the City Council to deal with the problem. **(Action Clerk)**

#### **20/218 - TO AGREE THE CONTENT OF A NEWSLETTER**

Cllr. Harper had put together a Newsletter which he had circulated to all Cllrs. The content was agreed. It was agreed that Exactis be asked to print 930 copies of the Newsletter which Cllrs. agreed to deliver to residents. **(Action Clerk)**

#### **20/219 – TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON/FROM**

*(a) Village policing*

It was noted that there have still been no reports since February 2020. It is assumed that the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic are the culprit. The Clerk reported that he had written to the police to ask if reports would be forthcoming in the near future.

*(b) Poppleton Community Trust*

No report.

*(c) Youth Club*

It was reported that the Youth Club is going to meet in the Poppleton Tithe Barn from 6<sup>th</sup> November.

*(d) YLCA York Branch*

Cllr. Steward reported having attended the York Branch Zoom meeting.

*(e) Any other meeting*

No reports.

#### **20/220 – TO NOTE ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AND THE ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE**

With the current coronavirus epidemic showing no sign of abating and York being classed in a Tier 2 category of risk the holding of a Remembrance Day Service in Upper Poppleton is not certain. The Clerk reported that the Upper Poppleton Parish Council is planning to hold the event and arrangements are being made. Chairman Cllr. Barry has agreed to read a Lesson at the service in All Saints Church and afterwards, at the War Memorial service, to read out the names of the Nether Poppleton men who died in the two World Wars.

Cllr. Powell had requested that another person lay the wreath at the Nether Poppleton War Memorial on Armistice Day. The Clerk is to make the necessary arrangements. **(Action Clerk)**

#### **20/221 – TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK**

*20/221/01 - It was noted that the correspondence received since the September meeting, as listed below, had already been circulated to the Councillors.*

- (a) CYC - York's Community Woodland land secured*
- (b) The Tree Fella - Willow tree felling quotation*
- (c) YLCA - Papers for 8 October York Branch meeting*

*20/221/02 - The Clerk referred to the following items of correspondence*

- (a) Ainsty (2008) Internal Drainage Board - Completion of audit statements for notice board which the Clerk had put on a notice board*

- (b) All Saints Church - notice of change of Treasurer and request for a grant claim form for 2021-22
- (c) Poppleton Under Fives – Update, notice of change of Treasurer and request for a grant claim form for 2021-22

**20/222– TO NOTE THE DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

| Date of Meeting | Meeting | Venue/ Time | Councillors Attending |
|-----------------|---------|-------------|-----------------------|
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**20/223 – TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS**

None

**20/224 – TO CONSIDER NEW ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

None.

**20/225 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held online on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

The meeting closed at 9.18pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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