

## NETHER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE POPPLETON CENTRE, UPPER POPPLETON, AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY, 21 JUNE 2021

#### PRESENT

Cllrs. S P Barry (Chairman), R A Harper, J A Hook, C J Lamb, P H F Powell and C D Steward. Also in attendance were six members of the public and Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk).

#### 21/162 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (NOT PREVIOUSLY DECLARED) ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

None.

#### 21/163 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- (a) Residents of Main Street addressed the Cllrs. about the location of the bus terminus in front of the bus shelter by the Lord Nelson and of the problems that are caused by the buses sometimes waiting up to 15 minutes before resuming their journey.
- (b) Ian Woods addressed the Cllrs. on the Moat Fields Management Group's proposal to plant hedging in the Moat Fields.
- (c) A representative of the Poppleton Under Fives addressed the Cllrs. and made a plea for the release of the funds provided in the current year's budget.

#### 21/164 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE GIVEN IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING'

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Jones.

#### 21/165 - TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF REASONS GIVEN FOR ABSENCE'

Cllr. Jones's reason for absence was approved.

#### 21/166 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17 MAY 2021

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17 May 2021 having been circulated prior to the meeting, were approved and signed.

#### 21/167 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM A CITY OF YORK COUNCILLOR

City Cllr. Anne Hook gave an update on the fact that most of the green bins in the village had not been emptied last week. The cause of this is a lack of HGV drivers. Two new drivers have been recruited and it is hoped that normal service will be resumed next week.

#### 21/168 - TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT ON PROGRESS ON THE FOLLOWING: -

(a) *Overgrowing hedges (Min. 21/140a) - (City Council first informed May 2019 – Min. 19/159c)*  
It was noted that house with the hedge in question had been sold, subject to contract. It was resolved that the problem hedge should be reported to FixMyStreet in the hope that action would be taken to remove the hedge from the footpath. (**Action Clerk**)

(b) *The condition of the road surface in Allerton Drive between Ebor Way and Montague Walk (Min. 21/140b) – (City Council first informed February 2019 – Min. 19/058a)*

No news to report on this subject.

(c) *Felling the trees in front of Ash Keys (Min. 21/140c)*

The Tree Fella, who is to fell the trees, has booked 30<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July to carry out the work.

(d) *Removing dead wood from the sycamore tree outside Wylde Green (Min. 21/140d)*

The Tree Fella, who is to carry out the work, has booked 30<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July for the work.

(e) *The footpath between Riversvale Drive and Main Street (Min. 21/140e)*

No news on this subject.

(f) *Repairing and repainting the bus shelter in Main Street (Min. 21/146)*

It was noted that the work had been completed.

## **21/169 – FINANCE**

(a) *Financial Report*

The Clerk had circulated a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 21 June 2021. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances on 21 June were: -

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£28,471.87
National Savings Investment Account	£15,530.73

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

123	Poppleton Community Trust	2019-20 grant	£5,000.00
124	Sleightholm Landscapes	Grass cutting per contract	£290.00
125	Ken Falkingham	Refurbishing the bus shelter in Main Street	£1,014.00
126	Poppleton Community Trust	Room hire	£36.00
127	James Mackman	Salary – June	£537.06
128	H M Revenue & Customs	Income Tax - June	£134.40
129	James Mackman	Expenses	£4.32
DD	IONOS	Neighbourhood Plan website	£5.00

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

HSBC	Bank interest	£0.73
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(d) *To consider providing £1,000 towards the production of a book about the Listed Buildings in Poppleton*

Following a discussion it was agreed to defer making a decision at this time as the project is ongoing.

(e) *To agree to release the £1,200 provided in the budget for Poppleton Under Fives*

It was resolved to release the funds.

## **21/170 - PARISH COUNCIL LAND - TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS AND MAKE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS ON**

(a) *Grass cutting.*

It was noted that the verge in Main Street is in need of cutting. The Clerk is to speak to the contractor to ensure the work is carried out. **(Action Clerk)**

*(b) The management of Warren Lea*

It was noted that the vegetation in Warren Lea is in need of trimming. The Clerk is to speak to the contractor to ensure the work is carried out. **(Action Clerk)**

*(c) The management of the Common Land*

No news to report on this subject.

*(d) Allerton Drive garden*

It was noted that the growth on some of the bushes needs to be cut back so that the grass can be cut. The Clerk is to arrange to meet the contractor to arrange for the work to be done. **(Action Clerk)**

*(e) The Moat Fields – including considering a report from the Management Committee on their application for financial assistance on their proposal to plant hedging*

Having heard Ian Wood's presentation on behalf of the Moat Fields Management Group (MFMG) the Cllrs. agreed that they were sympathetic with the proposal and would look favourably on a future application for funds.

The Cllrs. recommended that the MFMG ask Upper Poppleton Parish Council to make a financial contribution towards the hedge planting.

*(f) The Cartsheds*

Mason Clark had recommended that two "Avongard tell-tales" be installed on the wall so that the cracking could be monitored. It was agreed that this should be done. **(Action Clerk)**

*(g) The Wildlife Area including*

*i. The rodent problem*

It was reported that the rodent problem has lessened as fewer people are feeding the duck thanks to the Social Media coverage of the subject.

*ii. Considering a report from the Wildlife Group*

It was noted that the Wildlife Group's idea of installing a table on the willow tree stump has been put on hold. The Group had suggested replacing the willow with an *Amelanchier*. The Cllrs. thought this a good idea but would need it to be a single-stem variety. The tree-planting season is November/December so a decision as to the exact specimen of *Amelanchier* will be taken nearer the date.

**21/171- TO CONSIDER COUNCILLOR AND CLERK TRAINING**

Cllrs. had considered the courses on offer by the YLCA but agreed that none were relevant to the Parish Council.

**21/172 - TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS, LAMPPOSTS & SIGNS**

*To consider a request to have the bus terminus by the Lord Nelson moved to another location*

The Cllrs. were sympathetic with the problems of traffic and access as well as air pollution that the terminus causes but felt it was very difficult to think of a better location and there would always be issues. The terminus gives a greater chance to 'catch' commuters by giving a longer wait time which means it has to be in the village itself. A decision on whether or not to move the terminus is a matter for the City Council, working with the bus company, but although Cllrs. agreed the current location was not ideal they could not suggest a better one

**21/173 – TO CONSIDER WRITING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE POPPLETON CENTRE’S CLAIM FOR A GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL LOTTERY AND OTHER GRANT PROVIDERS FOR EXPANDING THE CENTRE’S FACILITIES**

The Chairman explained that the Poppleton Centre is unable to meet the demand for bookings and the Trustees are looking to increase the number of rooms. This means that there will need to be a large capital outlay. Funding is to be sought from the National Lottery and other funding agencies. The Parish Council has been asked to give a letter of support to the expansion. Councillors resolved that the Chairman should write a letter of support. **(Action Cllr. Barry)**

**21/174 – TO CONSIDER A REPORT FROM THE TREES WORKING GROUP**

Cllr. Steward reported on the Group’s recent deliberations. It was agreed that a survey be conducted to determine the amount of public support for more trees in the village. **(Action Cllr. Steward)**

**21/175 - TO CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR CELEBRATING THE QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE IN JUNE 2022**

The Chairman explained that the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee is to be celebrated over an extended Bank Holiday in June 2022. It was agreed that the Parish Council should participate in organising any celebration and Cllrs. Lamb and Steward volunteered to be part of a working group to take ideas forward.

**21/176 – TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF A SINGLE PARISH COUNCIL FOR POPPLETON**

The idea of a single Parish Council for Poppleton was discussed and it was agreed to take the idea forward. The Upper Poppleton Parish Councillors are to be asked for their opinions before any further action. **(Action Clerk)**

**21/177 – TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON/FROM**

*(a) Village policing*

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had given each Councillor a schedule of incidents in Nether Poppleton reported to the police in May 2021. The schedule was noted.

*(b) Poppleton Community Trust*

No report.

*(c) Youth Club*

No report.

*(d) YLCA York Branch*

Cllr. Powell reported on the meeting held on 10 June. Cllrs. noted that he had been re-elected Chairman and that Cllr. Steward’s proposed motion on planning revisions had been approved.

*(e) Any other meeting*

No reports.

**21/178 – TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK**

*21/178/01 - It was noted that the correspondence received since the May meeting, as listed below, had already been circulated to the Councillors.*

(a) Commonwealth War Graves Commission - sign request

(b) CYC - Local Plan Proposed Modifications and Evidence Base Consultation (2021)

(c) NALC - Chief Executive’s bulletin

(d) North Yorks. Police, Fire and Crime Panel - Seeking independent co-opted members

- (e) Open Spaces Society - Latest news
- (f) YLCA - Law & Governance Bulletin
- (g) YLCA - New password for Councillors
- (h) YLCA – Queen’s Platinum Jubilee papers
- (i) YLCA - White Rose Updates
- (j) YLCA - York Branch meeting details

21/178/02 - *The Clerk referred to the following items of correspondence*

- (a) Ainsty (2008) Internal Drainage Board - Notice for notice board
- (b) J Parker's Wholesale - Wholesale Catalogue - Autumn 2021

**21/179 – TO NOTE FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillors Attending
8 Jul	Poppleton Community Trust AGM	Poppleton Centre	All Councillors are eligible to attend
17 Jul	YLCA annual meeting of all Councils	Zoom – 2.00pm	Powell, Steward

**21/180 – TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS**

None.

**21/181 – TO CONSIDER NEW ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

None.

**21/182 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS MONDAY 19 JULY 2021**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at 7.30pm in the Poppleton Centre on Monday 19 July 2021.

The meeting closed at 9.37pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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