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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Thursday 2 March 2023 at 7.00pm at the Community Sports Hall, Honeypot Road, Brompton-on-Swale

Present:

Councillors A Guest (Chair) S Rudge, R Allison, A Lerigo County Cllr Carl Les, District Councillor Ian Threlfall

1. **To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence:** Apologies were received from Councillor David Dempsey, District Councillor Leslie Rowe and PCSO Elliot Brown
2. **Declaration of Interest:** None
3. **Public Participation:** Members of the public who wish to speak regarding an item within the remit of the Parish Council may do so. PLEASE NOTE: Total time limit for this item is 30 minutes, each speaker limited to a 5-minute slot.
No members of the public attended.
4. **To confirm the Minutes** of the Last Meeting held on 12 January 2023.
Resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Allison, seconded Cllr Rudge.
5. **Matters Arising**
 - 5.1 **Augustus Gardens** – Richard Holland of Persimmon was unavailable to attend the meeting, it is hoped he will be available for the meeting on 13 April.
 - 5.2 **Reinforcing the Riverside** – Part of the bank has cracked and is in danger of falling into the river. The area is to be cordoned off with tape to warn anyone using the footpath. Councillor Allison can provide some poles for the Clerk to tape off the area. **Action Cllr Allison/The Clerk**

A message has been put onto the Facebook page by the Clerk, warning residents of the danger.

A local resident has provided information on a report he submitted to NYCC 12 months ago regarding erosion of the bank, but no response was ever received from NYCC. The Clerk to forward details to Councillor Les, who will look into the matter. **Action The Clerk**

An application for the Environment Agency licence is being processed and once this has been received costs for the moving of stones will be obtained. However, nothing can be undertaken until June, when the salmon season finishes.
 - 5.3 **Allotments Site** – Councillor Allison advised that no further action to date.
 - 5.4 **Coronation and D-Day Celebrations:** - There will not be a D-Day celebration this year. It was agreed that nothing would be planned for the King's Coronation, but an event would be organised for June, this could be held on the day of the Kings official birthday, 17 June.
The event would be similar to the Jubilee event in 2022, with children's races, food and drink. The Chairman will approach Arthur Wheeler to see if he would be interested in leading on the event. **Action The Chairman**

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- 5.5 Replacement Trees:** - Following a report from Rennison Tree Specialist, it was established that it would be many years before the tree became established. The Parish Council would ensure the crown of the tree is controlled to ensure the roots do not cause an issue.
- 5.6 Probation Clean Up:** Still no response from Probation Service. Councillor Lerigo will see if she can make some enquiries. Clerk to send her his contact details. **Action Cllr Lerigo & The Clerk**
- 5.7 Grass Verges** – A response was received from NYCC confirming the cost for white posts to be installed on various grass verges would be £3,600, for a total of 33 posts. It was agreed both the cost and number of posts was a little excessive. The Chairman and Clerk will be meeting Ian Beighton from NYCC on 7 March to walk the area and review the number of posts required. **Action The Chairman/Clerk**
- 5.8 Play Park Equipment** – Councillor Threlfall advised the meeting that Richmond District Council has agreed to provide funds to move some of the playpark equipment, following a complaint from a local resident. The resident has been advised.
Funding has also been made available for some additional equipment on the playpark on Curteis Drive.
- 5.9 Richmond Pro Player Proposals** – Further information has been received confirming that most of the pitches could be made available for long term hire, which would enable the group to receive funding from the FA to improve the pitches. Details of the lease would need to be checked out first. The matter will be discussed further at the next Village Society meeting.

6 Reports:

6.1 Report from NYCC – Cllr Les

Everything is progressing towards 'vesting day'. As previously advised, residents/clients etc. should see no difference in the services provided.

The devolution agreement decision has confirmed that the area will have an elected Mayor from 2024. The budget for 23/4 has been set. Although reserves have been used to protect services Council Tax will rise by the full 4.99% in 2023/4.

Locality budgets will remain in place, these will be rolled out earlier than usual. Further details to be released shortly.

The council will be waiving road closure costs for any Coronation celebrations.

The state of the crossroads was raised again and it was confirmed this is still being investigated.

6.2 Report from RDC – Cllr Threlfall

Councillor Threlfall advised that this meeting would be his last as District Councillor. The Chairman thanked him for his many years of support to the Parish Council and his contributions.

Councillor Rudge raised an issue with the construction of stables on land at the rear of the sports field, which had not been the subject of a planning application. Councillor Threlfall confirmed he will look into the matter.

Councillor Allison also asked about the two outstanding matters that were previously raised by the Parish Council. It was confirmed this was still ongoing.

6.3 Report from Police – PCSO Elliot Brown


Crime report received and was circulated prior to the meeting.

6.4 Report from the Village Society

Councillor Allison confirmed the Richmond Pro Player proposals will be discussed at the next meeting.

7 Current Issues

- 7.1 Grass Verges** - It was agreed to continue with the funding from NYCC and to undertake grass cutting through our own contractor. Proposed Councillor Lerigo seconded Councillor Allison

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7.2 Web site - The website administrator has asked if he can produce a short promotional video for the parish, which we can use on any promotions. There will be no cost to the Parish, but he would like to use the video as a showcase for other clients. Councillors were generally in favour, but need more information before making a decision. It was also agreed that the website is out of date and needs to be refreshed. The Clerk will contact the website administrator and ask for more information and to establish the cost to update the website. **Action The Clerk**

7.3 Councillor Vacancies - The Parish Council currently has 3 vacancies. A recent advert was published through RDC, but no enquiries received. A local resident who attended the meeting will consider taking on the role of a councillor, but in the meantime, it was agreed that a message be put on the Facebook page to try and encourage any other residents to join the parish council. **Action The Clerk**

8 Parish Finances

8.1 To receive and note payments previously authorized and receipts (circulated prior to the meeting)
It was resolved to receive and accept the payments and receipts. Proposed Councillor Rudge seconded Councillor Lerigo

8.2 To Receive a Bank Reconciliation and Budget Comparison for the year to date (circulated prior to the meeting).
It was resolved to receive and accept the bank reconciliation and budget report. Proposed Councillor Lerigo seconded Councillor Rudge

8.3 To Approve the following new accounts for payment

8.3.1 It was agreed to approve the grass cutting contract with GCH Garden Maintenance for 2023/24. Costs for 23/4 is £6,560. Proposed Councillor Allison seconded Councillor Rudge.

8.3.2 It was agreed to continue with the website maintenance contract for 2023/24, there was no cost increase. Proposed Councillor Lerigo seconded Councillor Allison

8.3.3 It was agreed to continue with SCR Landscapes for the cemetery maintenance contract in 23/4 cost £3,400. No increase. Proposed Councillor Lerigo seconded Councillor Allison

9 Correspondence: None received

10 To Consider and decide upon the following Planning Applications:
No new planning applications

11 To receive the following Planning Decisions/Information

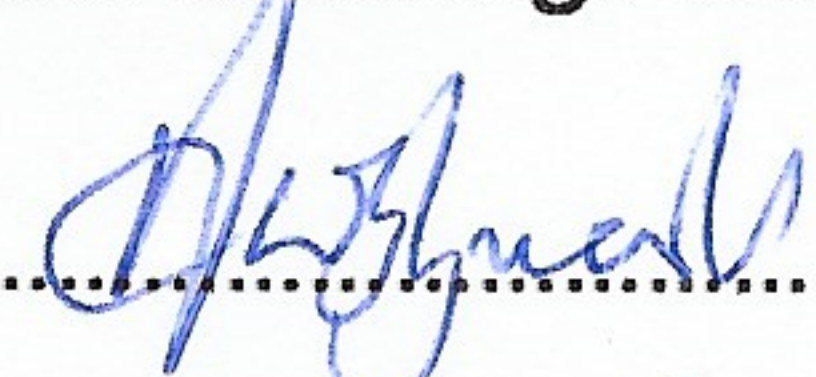
11.1	22/00851/FULL	Change of use from retail to workshop – Catterick Camping & Caravan Ltd Gatherley Rd DL10 7JB	No Comments
11.2	23/00001/FULL	Single storey extension to rear of property – 4 Bridge Road DL10 7HW	No Comments
11.3	22/00838/FULL	Two storey extension to rear of property – 72 Brompton Park DL10 7JP	No Comments
11.4	23/00048/FULL	Single storey extension to rear. 32 St Pauls Dr DL10 7HQ	No Comments

No comments

12 Minor Matters

12.1 The issue of dog fouling along the railway footpath was raised. The Clerk to obtain costs for a new bin on the corner of the railway path and Parkgate Lane. **Action The Clerk**

13 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 13 April 2023 at 7.00 p.m.at the Community Sports Hall.

Signed: 

Date: 13.4.2023