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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Thursday 13 April 2023 at 7.00pm at the Community Sports Hall, Honeypot Road, Brompton-on-Swale**

**Present:**

Councillors A Guest (Chair) S Rudge, A Lerigo, Councillor Carl Les

1. **To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence:** Apologies were received from Councillors Robert Allison and David Dempsey
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.
  - 3.1 Lesley Addington attended the meeting to stand as a councillor and fill one of the existing vacancies. Councillor Guest proposed that she be co-opted to the council and all councillors present voted in favour of her being elected to the council. The Clerk will liaise with her to complete all the necessary forms. **Action The Clerk**
4. **To confirm the Minutes** of the Last Meeting held on 2 March 2023.  
Resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Lerigo, seconded Cllr Rudge.
5. **Matters Arising**
  - 5.1 **Augustus Gardens** – Richard Holland of Persimmon Homes was unable to attend the meeting. A discussion took place regarding the recent planning application for 92 homes on land adjacent to Augustus Gardens. Although there were no objections to the plan, it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Persimmon to ask for written confirmation to determine what action is being taken to mitigate the flooding issue around the beck, and what is planned for drainage. **Action The Clerk**  
  
There was a discussion around what contribution Persimmon would make as part of the section 106 agreement. The following suggestions were made.
    - a. Preparation and establishment of the allotment site
    - b. Riverbank strengthening work
    - c. Playpark equipment.The Clerk will write to Persimmon to suggest the above areas of investment and ask what contribution they will be making as part of the new development. **Action The Clerk**
  - 5.2 **Reinforcing the Riverside** – The fee for the licence from the Environment Agency has been paid. Cllr Allison has sent a message to the contractor Nathan Stones regarding the works on the riverside and has requested costings and details of the work. As previously advised no work can be undertaken until 15th June.
  - 5.3 **Allotments Site** – Councillor Allison is continuing to investigate different funding streams.
  - 5.4 **Coronation and D-Day Celebrations:** It was agreed that the event be moved from the proposed June date to a date in August, either 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> August. All councillors to advise the Clerk of their

availability during August and the matter will then be discussed at the next meeting. Councillor Allison is still progressing the lighting of the beacon and has produced a flier for the sports gala.

The Chairman has been in touch with the primary school who have confirmed the children will be undertaking a project as part of the Coronation celebrations. It was agreed that The Clerk would arrange for £120 to be made available for vouchers as prizes to support the school event. Proposed Cllr Lerigo Proposed Cllr Rudge.

- 5.5 **Probation Clean Up:** Still no response from Probation Service. Councillor Lerigo was unable to contact Tony Sutcliffe. The Clerk will check his email address and advise Councillor Lerigo.  
**Action Cllr Lerigo & The Clerk**

- 5.6 **Grass Verges** – The Chairman and The Clerk met with Ian Beighton from NYC to discuss installing new posts. A reduction in the number of posts was agreed. Ian has since confirmed that he has sourced a cheaper option and is awaiting costs. The Clerk will follow up.  
**Action The Clerk**

- 5.7 **Play Park Equipment** – No further update available. Councillor Les will try to obtain an update for the next meeting.  
**Action Cllr Les**

- 5.8 **Richmond Pro Player Proposals** – The lease for the sports field is due for renewal in 2026 and discussions will take place with NYC nearer the time. It was agreed that no changes to the lease would be required to allow Richmond Pro Players to use the facility and that a long-term hire agreement would be sufficient; that would enable the lease to remain with the Parish Council and managed by the Village Society.

The Chairman will respond to Mel Spowart to confirm the hire arrangements. **Action The Chairman**  
Councillor Rudge will update the Village Society at their next meeting. **Action Cllr Rudge**

## 6 Reports:

### 6.1 Report from NYCC – Cllr Les

Councillor Les reported that the transition to the new NYC had gone very well and positive feedback from residents had been received. There is an emergency team in the background, who are dealing with any issues that are reported.

It was confirmed that the diseased tree within the sports field is the responsibility of the Parish Council. Councillor Les confirmed he will be the contact point for planning issues, but will not be sitting on the committee.

Councillor Rudge asked about the council tax bill for the sports hall, which had increased due to a discount not being applied. Contact will need to be made to NYC to reapply.

The issue of the road condition at the crossroads at Gatheley Road/Station Road was raised again. It was reported that the temporary fix was insufficient and the problem still exists. Councillor Les confirmed that a works order is still in progress, but he will again raise the matter.

The Chairman raised the issue of the Local Plan that the Parish Council contributed to for Richmond District Council. It was confirmed that the plan was never signed off. Councillor Les confirmed that a new Local Plan will have to be developed within the next 5 years.

### 6.2 Report from Police – PCSO Elliot Brown

Crime report for March was received and circulated prior to the meeting. The report detailed that 7 incidents of 'Violence against the person' was reported, but 5 of these were associated to the same household.

PCSO Brown confirmed that the travellers had now been moved on and the land cleaned up, concrete barriers have now been placed in front of the entrance.

### 6.3 Report from the Village Society

No updates. Councillor Rudge will report back to the next meeting on the discussions about Richmond Pro Players.

**7 Current Issues**

**7.1** Councillor Rudge presented a proposal to increase the cemetery charges, which have not been increased for 2 years. It was agreed that an increase of 10% would apply from April 2023. Proposed Councillor Lerigo seconded Councillor Addington.

**7.2** It was agreed that the Parish Council would adopt the new code of contact.

**7.3** It was agreed that The Clerk would contact Ben Rennison to look at the tree in the sports field to determine, what if anything needs to be done to the tree. If it is to be taken down it was suggested that it only be taken down to the level of the fence. **Action The Clerk**

**8 Parish Finances**

**8.1** The Clerk provided a summary of the end of year accounts, which shows an increase in cash in the bank, although jubilee funds accounted for some of this increase. There was a £2,00 underspend on grass cutting for the year. Overall income had increased by £2,500, cemetery income and VAT receipts were down slightly on the previous year.

**8.2 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 Lerigo seconded Councillor Rudge

**8.3 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

**8.4 To Approve the following new accounts for payment**  
**No new accounts.**

**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	21/00797/FULL	Caxton Close – Construction of 92 new dwellings	No Objections
11.2	23/00174/CLP	74 Brompton Park – Single storey extension	No Objections

No comments

**12 Minor Matters**  
No matters raised

**13 Date of Next Meeting:** Annual Parish Meeting & AGM Thursday 18 May 2023 at 7.00 p.m.at the Community Sports Hall.

Signed: .....  .....

Date: ..... 18/5/23 .....