



- 5.6 Policy Documents (Minutes 26 Nov, Item 4.7)** Cllr Woodley circulated the final version of the Complaints Procedure prior to the meeting. Once approved it will be published on the website.

Proposed: Cllr Woodley                      Seconded: Cllr Allinson

Cllr Woodley is progressing with updating Cemetery Rules and Regulations. Cllr Woodley attended a 'Purchase of Exclusive Rights' webinar. He is progressing with new and updated documents. He suggested an EGM in the future to discuss these documents prior to adoption. The Chairman agreed with this proposal.

**Action – Cllr Woodley**

- 5.7 Silver Birch Tree – Footpath Pembury Mews/Station Road (Minutes 26 Nov, Item 6.3)** An inspection of the tree is required to ascertain its condition.

**Action – The Clerk**

- 5.8 Bus Shelter Window Replacement – (Minutes 15 Oct, Item 11.4)** Councillors agreed to repair the window. A quotation to be obtained for the next meeting. Possible grants to be sought.

**Action – The Clerk**

## **6. Reports**

### **6.1 Report from NYCC – Cllr Les**

COVID-19 rates of infection, hospitalisations and deaths have increased. NYP are the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest issuers of fixed penalty notices in the Country.

Cllr Les mentioned the LEP had a good website if businesses were interested to know more information about Brexit. The LEP Growth Hub has a panel of virtual assistants waiting to answer questions.

Severe weather is expected. Committed to keeping all P1 and P2 routes open. 180 farming contractors out overnight.

Budget preparations are underway.

The Chairman asked about available grit bins. They are available to purchase.

Cllr Allinson asked about clearance of snow on estates. Cllr Les said estate roads are P3 routes, these are cleared once all P1 and P2 routes are clear. However, depending on the weather P1 and P2 clearance can be continuous.

The Chairman mentioned the slurry sealing (rather than tarmac) on the footpaths that has taken place. He asked whether there had been more slips and falls. Cllr Les said he had not been told there was an increase in slips and falls but would be happy to take it up.

**Action – Cllr Les**

NYCC have been asked to complete the Road Safety Audit on behalf of Highways England. See **7.3 To discuss/agree response NYCC A1/A6055 Road Safety Audit**

Cllr Spencer asked for further information regrading snow clearance and the filling of grit bins. Cllr Les said there is no set number of grit bins for the village. NYCC has a duty to survey (annually) and provide bins where there is a road safety issue. If further grit bins are required these will be paid for by the parish, including the refills. The Chairman asked if we could arrange for a survey to be completed regarding grit bins. Cllr Les will follow up a request for a survey.

**Action – Cllr Les**

### **6.2 Report from RDC – Cllr Threlfall**

Current Administration are looking at the budget with a clear indication of a ¼ million deficit. A second round of CIL funding at ¼ million was being considered. No indication regarding any increase in Council Tax. Expected to break even this year relative to vacancies in staff.

#### **Report from RDC – Cllr Rowe**

Cllr Rowe had arranged for sandbags to be delivered to the village – these are stored behind St Pauls Church. The CIL investment fund is available for next financial year.

A Climate Change Coalition has been put together by the Chair of the Climate Change Group. If anyone is interested, they can contact Valerie Adams (Climate Change Officer).

RDC offices are currently closed to the general public. Telephone lines are open.

New restrictions have been imposed at the Batts to restrict unruly behaviour.

Report from RDC – Cllr Spencer

Cllr Spencer asked how Councillors wished him to respond to questions raised by residents about grit bins. The Chairman said they should be pointed in the direction of the minutes with any further questions being emailed to the Clerk.

The Chairman mentioned to RDC Councillors the dog waste bin which had been removed from Stephenson Road. The Clerk was informed that it was removed because it was damaged. The Chairman said he understood the need for its removal but said it would have been useful if the Clerk had been informed of its removal.

Councillors have agreed to Purchase a new dog waste bin for Stephenson Road at a cost of approx. £250.00.

Proposed: Cllr Guest Seconded: Cllr Woodley

**6.3** Report from The Police

A police crime report was received and emailed to Councillors prior to the meeting. A new PCSO has been appointed to the area.

**6.4** Report from The Village Society

The Sports Hall remains closed. A booking has been made for the Elections in May. The Chairman asked whether the hall could be available as a vaccination centre. If the hall can meet all of the guidelines it will be able to open as required.

**7. Current Issues**

**7.1 To discuss/agree action Persimmon Homes – New development** – Cllr Woodley said this development

was part of the original plan which should have continued in 2002. The only change from the original plan is the amount of social housing that is included. Access will be via Caxton Close. Concerns were raised about disruption to residents of Caxton Close in particular. Cllr Guest reminded Councillors when RDC had previously discussed future development of the village the Parish Council had recommended land off Gatherley Road.

The Chairman mentioned section 106 money and investment around the village. Cllr Threlfall said this is currently a pre-planning application discussion. There will be time for the Parish Council to make comments when it does become a planning application. The increase in social housing is due to a 30% requirement. There will be an opportunity to gain funding for the local community. Councillors agreed to respond to at the appropriate moment.

**Action – The Clerk**

**7.2 To discuss/agree action Solar Farm (feedback by 15 January)** – Cllr Allinson asked whether there would

be any disruption to the village. Cllr Threlfall said Skeeby would be impacted – this would be the access road into the site. Currently a pre-planning discussion. The company was asked whether the development would be seen in Brompton-on-Swale and was re-assured that it would not be seen because of the lie of the land. Landscaping within the scheme has been considered. Councillors agreed not to comment.

**7.3 To discuss/agree response NYCC A1/A6055 Road Safety Audit** – The Parishes have been invited to make

comment and give the team the evidence of our opinions. Parish Council will write a letter with concerns.

**Action – The Clerk**



