

KIRK HAMMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21ST MARCH IN KIRK HAMMERTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs. Paul Townsend (Chairman), Chris Eaton, Jane Jenkins, Colin Lee. Amanda Kennerley (clerk), 4 members of the public.

16/13 - To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest (not previously declared) on any matters of business. NONE

16/14 – Apologies – Cllrs. Karan Main (work commitments), Paul Spurgeon (Illness) and David Whitaker (work commitments). **APPROVED**

16/15 – To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st February 2015. - APPROVED

16/16 – Public Participation (We aim to allow approximately 15 minutes for comments and questions. Standing orders are suspended for this item).

James Herbert, Chairman KHPFA informed the meeting that KHPFA wished to ban dogs from the playing fields on health and safety issues. The PC supported the ban and suggested that the conditions of the lease be checked as dogs had been banned in the past.

A parishioner informed the PC of a hedge on Station Road that was encroaching onto the footpath. He also noted the boundary commission wished to split the Ribston ward and that Kirk Hammerton would most likely be moved to the Ouseburn Ward. He wondered if the PC had considered pension arrangements for the clerk. The clerk was to investigate.

16/17 – Planning: To consider the Harrogate District Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment: Initial Sites. It was approved to submit the OS Field as call for sites. If accepted, money could be put towards a new burial site or to provide more facilities for the village hall or playing field. Clerk to action. It was also agreed to put this item in the newsletter and invite parishioners to attend the next meeting. Cllrs. Chris Eaton and Jane Jenkins were to ascertain where possible, if landowners had submitted sites or potential developers. This was to be placed on the next agenda for a progress report.

16/18 - Finance

(a) Financial statement was circulated to councillors prior to meeting

		Current A/C		Reserve A/C	
	Carried Forward 27.01.16	£3,019.37		£3,623.43	
Date	Transaction	IN	OUT	IN	OUT
30.09.15	Interest			0.16	
30.10.15	Interest			0.15	
30.11.15	Interest			0.15	
31.12.15	Interest			0.15	
04.02.16	Clerk's wages and expenses		£673.04		
04.02.16	Village Hall Hire		£84.00		
05.02.16	Website Costs		£23.76		
09.04.16	Heartsafe Defib.		£900.00		
11.03.16	HMRC PAYE Rebate	£205.80			
	TOTALS	£205.80	£1,680.80		
	BALANCES 21.03.16	£1,544.37		£3,624.04	

b) Accounts approved for payment: YLCA subs. 2016/17 £193
Clerk's Expenses £31.62
Invoice paid since last meeting: Heartsafe defib £900

16/19 – Defibrillators: Two more units have generously been donated by Laura May at PureGym. The PC agree to buy external cabinets for these defibrillators. Possible sites were the railway station, Skipbridge service station and the pavilion. Clerk to investigate. The PC expressed their gratitude to Laura May. The Heartsafe defibrillator is to be sited at the front of the village hall so as not to be disturbed once renovations are completed.

16/20 – Tockwith Show: To approve to sponsor the Children's section as per last year. **APPROVED**

16/21 – To consider the reply by Wallace Sampson, chief executive HBC to KHPC letter regarding the condition of Rathmall Lane. There have been well-documented, protracted and ongoing discussions with HBC and NYCC regarding the state of Rathmall Lane culminating in a response from the Chief Executive to the Chairman. The next step will be to contact the new borough councillor for the village and ask him/her to assist in furthering this. Nothing will be done unless all Rathmall residents approve.

16/22 - To consider a response, if necessary, to the consultation process on proposed new council ward boundaries for Harrogate. NO RESPONSE REQUIRED

16/23 - To approve to sign a petition to give local councils the right to appeal planning decisions. APPROVED

16/24 - Clerks Report

- a) KHPC has obtained a grant of £900 towards a defibrillator to be sited at the Village Hall.
- b) Trees on Village Green have been pruned.
- c) Report by Cllr. Chris Eaton on GHPC Parish Meeting on Neighbourhood Plans and in particular about HBC Local Plan. – David Gluck an expert on neighbourhood plans gave the presentation. He said the process is cheaper than five years ago – approx. £15-25,000 with grants available of up to £9000 and technical support from HBC and other organisations. It's normal for a plan to take up to two years – a lot of work involved with collaboration from the local community. It also involves working closely with HBC in a strong democratic process to form a mutually agreed neighbourhood plan - the community has the last say as to whether the plan is registered. The Parish Council is the only body that can submit a plan on the community's behalf (owner of the plan) but the plan can be developed and led by other village groups/committees. As an incentive in having a neighbourhood plan, PC's that have a plan are entitled to a higher proportion of community charge/ infrastructure levy (commuted sums.) Once the Neighbourhood Plan is in place it is a legally binding agreement that HBC would enforce. It was suggested that it is better for smaller villages with limited resources to work with their neighbouring villages. The KHPC agreed to pursue this further and put on agenda for next month.
- d) The unsociably early bird scarer has been reported to HBC Environmental Health.
- e) Update on the parish owned land on York Road and West End, with Land Registry - On-going

16/25 – To approve to request that all Commuted Sums for West End Playing Field be transferred to Kirk Hammerton Playing Field. APPROVED

16/26 - To note correspondence received and circulated by the Clerk

- a) Crime figures for January 2016 – None reported in parish
- b) YLCA Harrogate Branch meeting 15th February. Apologies given
- c) NALC's funding and grant bulletin
- d) 2016 Tour de Yorkshire small grant fund – open for applications 22.2.16 to 14.3.16
- e) NYCC Harrogate District Area meeting 10th March – Apologies given
- f) GHPC requesting support in their disapproval of proposed closure of Royal Mail sorting office at Green Hammerton.
- g) Crime figures for February 2016 – None reported in parish

- h) Sample medal received from Tower Mint to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II 90th birthday. Cost £1.99 each and minimum order is 50. *The PC agreed they would like to purchase 50 medals for the village school children. Clerk to place this for approval on the next agenda.*
- i) North Yorkshire Health and Well- Being Board newsletter
- j) White Rose Update March 2016
- k) Response from PO Chief Executive stating no planned closure of GH sorting office at this time.
- l) LGA 1972 section 137 expenditure limit 2016/17 - £7.42 per elector
- m) Changes to supported local bus services from April 2016
- n) Changes to the Household Waste Recycling Centres - *Poster on noticeboard*
- o) Nomination papers received previously need to be distributed. *Deadline for applications 7th April 4pm*

16/27 - To consider items for the next agenda – condition of parish roads as well as others previously mentioned.

16/28 - The date of the next meeting will be the AMPC on 16th May, which follows the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm

The meeting closed at 21.21

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