

**SHERIFF HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE MISS WARD ROOM, METHODIST CHURCH,  
SHERIFF HUTTON ON THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023 AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Penny Bean (Chair), Sally Wright, Marcus Oxendale, Philip Lazenby, Dave Smith & Ed Stephenson.

**ALSO PRESENT** Louise Pink – Clerk.  
Mr Eddie Hull from the Playing Fields Trust (part meeting only).  
3 members of the public (part meeting only).

**1. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE**

Cllr Sam Warriner.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None declared.

**3. MINUTES**

The council resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were agreed and were signed by the Chairman.

**4. PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr Eddie Hull from the Playing Fields Trust attended the meeting to speak to the parish council about concerns raised by residents regarding the use of the playing fields by children from the village. Mr Hull advised the parish council that a meeting with the football club has been arranged for the 9<sup>th</sup> January to try and resolve the issues. He advised that the playing fields committee do not want to discourage village children from using the playing fields but the football club do help maintain the playing fields. The Chairman noted that parents from the football teams often park in the village hall car park rather than using the sports field parking which is especially an issue when there is an event on in the village hall. Mr Hull advised that he could ask Strensall Tigers to advise all parents (home and away) to use the sports field parking only and the football club could possibly display a sign, especially during village hall events. The parish council suggested that better communication would help the situation, i.e., publishing the dates and times when the playing fields are in use/available.

3 members of the public advised that their children have been advised, on occasions that they could not play on the playing fields (both football pitches and cricket area) and asked to leave. The Chairman advised them that children are allowed to play on the Village Green at any time. The parish council asked whether a cricket area could be cut on the playing fields in Summer. Mr Hull advised he would take this request back to the playing fields committee.

The Chairman asked Mr Hull if, following the planned meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> January, he could include a statement (by the 18<sup>th</sup> January) to be included in the February Village News to advise parents and children of what had been discussed/agreed.

**5A. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

Not Required.

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

(a) It was noted that one more resident has come forward to volunteer to help with the Neighbourhood Plan. This now totals 3 volunteers.

Approved ..... Chairman

- (b) Clerk to chase North Yorkshire Council Streetlighting regarding the questions raised about streetlight charges.

## 6. CLERK'S REPORT

- (a) The 2024 meeting dates were approved.

## 7. MATTERS ARISING

- (a) The jobs for the community payback team were discussed. The Chairman advised that during her meeting with the representative from the community payback team the washing of the railings (water supply needed) and the cutting back of overgrowth from pavements were discussed. The representative advised that welfare facilities would need to be arranged. The Chairman advised that details have been passed onto the Church to see if they could also use the services of the community payback team. Cllr Oxendale advised that he would be able to collect the waste if some bags could be obtained.

## 8. PLANNING

- a. **The following new planning application was received this month:-**

ZE23/01550/MFUL Southern Unit Cornborough Road, Sheriff Hutton  
Erection of an agricultural building for the handling of cattle and attached feed store following demolition of existing building.  
Decision – No Objection.

- b. No results of applications decided were received.
- c. The clerk spoke of the letter received from North Yorkshire Council regarding the planning committee site inspection and the planning committee meeting for planning application ZE23/00416/FUL, Middleton House. It was agreed for the Chairman to attend the site meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Clerk to advise the Planning department.

## 9. VILLAGE REPAIRS

Cllr Wright reported streetlight number 1 as out on Castle View/Mill Lane. Clerk to report.

## 10. FINANCAL MATTERS

- a. The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment by BACS:-

L Pink	Clerks Salary (Net)	£881.13
L Pink	Expenses	£43.50
MAH Garden Maintenance	Grass Cutting	£1440.00
John Hicks	Village Repairs	£100.00
Methodist Chapel	Room Hire	£45.00

The accounts listed for payment were accepted. Clerk to make the payments via BACS using the online banking process.

- b. No payments were submitted by cheque.
- c. No income was received.

Approved ..... Chairman

d. The following invoices were received after the production of the agenda and after discussion were agreed for payment:-

HMRC	Tax & NI	£552.78	BACS
Marcus Oxendale	New Christmas Lights	£39.99	BACS

e. The bank balances were noted from November 2023.

f. The actual vs. budget figures were noted.

g. Any other urgent request submitted to the meeting:-

(i) To decide on the level of precept for the financial year 2024/25, followed by the signing of the form - After discussion, it was agreed for the 2024/25 precept to be raised by 7% to £19,495. This increase is due to the increase in all costs for services such as grass cutting.

(ii) The clerk's National Joint Council Cost of Living Increase applicable from 1 April 2023 was noted.

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE

A list of correspondence since the last meeting was issued to all Councillors.

## 11. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Not present at the meeting.

## 12. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr Lazenby reported issues with cars parking on grass verges throughout the village, resulting in the grass being churned up.

## 13. MATTERS FOR INCLUSION IN THE VILLAGE NEWS

Due to the timeframes of the Village News going to print earlier than usual in December, the parish council are unable to submit any inclusion in the January Village News.

## 14. MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

Community payback.

## 15 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next parish council meeting is to be held on Thursday 11th January 2024 @ 7.30pm in the Miss Ward Room, Methodist Church, Sheriff Hutton.

**The meeting closed at 8.30pm**

Approved ..... Chairman