

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting** held on 14 November 2023 in Hutton le Hole Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs H Pettiford (Chair), J Thompson, T Shephard, S Bentley, D Dangerfield, P Ashley (Clerk)

- 1) There were no apologies for absence.
- 2) There were no dispensation requests or declarations of interest under the Members Code of Conduct.
- 3) The minutes from the meeting held on September 12 were approved. There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
- 4) Public Session - There were no members of the public present.

Should an application be recorded the detail is made by the authority pursuant to section 47 of the Copyright, Design and Patents Act 1988. Permission has been received from the relevant planning authority to share the information contained solely for the purpose of the consultation.

- 5) To consider any Planning Applications/Decisions received from NYMNPA.

Application NYM/2023/0674 Forge Tea Rooms

Variation of condition 1 of planning approval NYM/2018/0628/FL to allow 2 ground floor rooms of Prospect Farm as extension to Forge Tea Rooms for a further 5 years.

Council had no objection to this application.

6) VILLAGE

a) Moles are very active at the moment, so traps have been set to try and catch them. This is quite time consuming as they need inspecting every day. The grass will be tidied up once the rain stops and I now have a new mower attachment which works better on the uneven ground. Fencing will also be inspected so I can decide what needs repairing or painting next year.

b) There were no further comments with regards to work carried out since the last meeting.

c) It was agreed to extend the Caretakers contract, which expires at the end of September, for a further 12 months until September 2024. Cllr Shephard is to get the contract signed by Phil Gospel which was taken at the end of the last meeting. The contract will be returned to the Chair.

d) Pinfold wall repair – Mr D Bentley has repaired the wall which had collapsed due to mole activity.

e) Damage to fencing opposite Lilac Cottage – this has now been repaired.

f) Cllr Thompson gave a brief report from the last Court Leet meeting with regards to the damaged bridge. Court Leet are to pursue this by lobbying Highways as it is still not known who is responsible for the upkeep. It was suggested that Cllr White, who had agreed to pursue this on behalf of Council, be invited to a future Council meeting.

## 7 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) The income/expenditure form was agreed.

b) The Council agreed to the payment of cheques according to the list presented and issued since the last meeting:

D Bentley	£216 (Pinfold repair)
Caretaker	£728.00 (Aug), £784.00 (Sept), £266 (Oct)
Clerks salary (J, A, S) and related HMRC payment both undisclosed as per Transparency Code.	

c) The proposed budget for the next financial year was agreed. The Precept was set at £5750, a £500 increase. This is the first Precept increase since 2017 and is required to help meet extra costs.

d) It was agreed that the insurance quote from Zurich for £304.00 to be accepted.

## 8. Information from and questions to the Chair:

a) The Chief Executive's Bulletin, NALC, issued on 19 October reported that the Government had not supported the recent amendment presented by the Lords regarding remote/hybrid Council Meeting. A further amendment has also been rejected. NALC continues to pursue the matter.

b) The Annual Budget Consultation issued by NYC on 24 October had been circulated to residents.

c) The National Pay Awards for Public Sector Workers has been agreed. The increase to the Clerk's Salary will be backdated to April 2023 when the Council receives notification of the % rise.

d) The YLCA Membership fee for 2024 is to be increased by 5%.

e) Comments had been received regarding parking regulations in the village that are not being adhered to. The issue is to be addressed with a letter from the Council to all residents explaining the parking regulations that apply throughout the village.

9) Information from the Clerk:

It was noted that the following monies had been received:

Precept instalment 2	£2625.00
NYMNPA	£2736.00

The Clerk informed Council that he would be standing down with effect from May 31<sup>st</sup> 2024 by which time all the accounts should have been completed.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

The next meeting to take place on 13 February 2024