

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12 March 2024 in Hutton le Hole Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs S Bentley (Chair), H Pettiford, T Shephard and P Ashley (Clerk)

Before the meeting started, Cllr Bentley signed the 'Acceptance of Office' form as the new Chair of Council.

- 1) Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Thompson. The reason given for her apology was accepted.
- 2) There were no dispensation requests or declarations of interest under the Members Code of Conduct.
- 3) The minutes from the meeting held on February 13 2024 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.

It was noted that Council had been informed of application number NYM/2024/0143. The Cottage, Hutton le Hole. The work to trees in a conservation area. The notification was for information only.

6) VILLAGE

- a) Much of the rotten birdsmouth fencing has been replaced. Some bits of grass that didn't get cut at the end of last season have been tidied up. Moles continue to be a problem and about 30 have been caught in the last 6 weeks and the Caretaker now feels that he is on top of the situation. Time will be spend levelling all the mole hills going forward.
- b) There were no further comments with regards to work carried out since the last meeting.
- c) Cllr Bentley gave an update on the Councils Assets as at the present time, this report is now on the website.

7) WEBSITE

The content and look of the website have remained as before after its migration to a new hosting provider - only the domain name has changed and residents have been informed.

Updates to Wordpress have also been applied which means learning new procedures to published information on the site.

Although the above has come at a cost to the PC the support offered thus far by Ryedale Web Services has been excellent and will be of benefit to future editors of the site.

For Information: In the future the PC may have to acquire a gov.uk domain name and associated gov.uk email address for the clerk. Using a gov.uk domain is beneficial because it gives the organisation trusted branding, increased security and helps meet any policy and legal obligations.

A gov.uk name has to be applied for via the Cabinet Office and at present commands a fee of £109 + Vat for an initial 2 year registration and £61 + Vat for subsequent 2 year renewals. Ryedale Web Services would provide support. Further information is available at www.gov.uk

8) WEBSITE MANAGEMENT

It was agreed that Cllr Pettiford would continue to manage the site on behalf of Council until a new Clerk has been appointed.

9) NEW CLERK

It was agreed to hold a meeting in the week commencing 25th March to sort out the various issues around the appointment of a new Clerk.

10) 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:

Caretaker £294.00 (Jan), £462 (Feb)

Ryedale Web Services £199.00

11) Information from and question to the Chair.

The Chair informed Council that 2 applications for the position of Clerk had been received. The deadline for applications has now expired.

12) Information from the Clerk.

The Clerk had nothing to report this month.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

The next meeting to take place on 9 April 2024