

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council**

Both Meetings held on Wednesday 15 May 2024.

**Annual Meeting of the Council (7.15pm)**

In the absence of the Chair & Clerk it was agreed that Cllr H Pettiford would Chair the meeting & act as Clerk.

1) Cllr S Bentley was nominated and duly elected as Chair for the Forthcoming Year. Proposed by Cllr Pettiford Seconded by Cllr Dangerfield.

2) a Cllr S Bentley accepted the position for the forthcoming year in absentia.

b Councillors resolved that the elected chair could sign the Acceptance of Office Form at the June meeting of the Council.

3) The report of the outgoing chairman, Cllr H Pettiford, had been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllr Pettiford was thanked for her report which was received as a comprehensive and accurate account of events throughout the year.

4) Appointments

a) Cllr Dangerfield was appointed as the Caretaker Coordinator.

Proposed by Cllr Pettiford & Seconded by Cllr Shephard

b) To appoint a representative to Ryedale Branch of YLCA.

This position was not filled and will be placed on the June Agenda for discussion.

c) To note the representative on Court Leet as Cllr Thompson in absentia.

d) To note the representative on the Stockton Trust as Cllr Dangerfield

**Ordinary Meeting (7.45pm)**

1) Non-attendance of Councillors

a) Apologies were received from Cllr Bentley & Cllr Thompson & the Clerk P Ashley.

b) The Council resolved to accept the reasons provided for their absence.

2) The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 April 2024 were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record.

3) To note any declarations of interest: None received

4) There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.

5) Public Session - to allow members of the public to make representations, ask questions and give evidence in respect of any items of business on the agenda. No members of the public were in attendance.

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

No planning applications had been received.

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.

## 7) VILLAGE

a) In the absence of Cllr Bentley the Caretaker's report for April was provided by Cllr Pettiford.

*The caretaker has been trying to keep apace with the growing grass and will continue to do so weather permitting. Painting of the fencing is also dependent on the weather. At the moment the wood is too wet but work will begin when circumstances allow. Some spraying has been carried out but there is more to be done.*

b) There were no comments from Councillors regarding work completed in April or requests regarding specific items over the next month.

## 8) FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Councillors received and agreed the update in respect of funds held and money movement since the start of the financial year.

b) Cheques issued outside/at the meeting.

Cheque issued at the meeting: Caretaker for work in April £520

c) Smailes Goldie, KMS, were appointed as the Internal Auditor for 2024-25.

Alison Dodgson to be notified of the decision for KMS.

d) Smailes Goldie, Scarborough, were appointed as the Payroll Manager for 2024-25.

## 9) SAPF REPORT

Cllr Dangerfield represented the PC at the Southern Area Parish Forum Meeting held on 23 April at Appleton le Moors and provided the following report.

The Agenda had included a presentation on the historic environment of the NP by Miles Johnson who explained the ongoing work towards its protection and sign-posted the Park's interactive on-line map.

Paul Fellows, Head of Strategic Policy, provided an update on the current work to develop a new design code for the Park. He explained that the NYMNPA is keen to understand what local communities feel is important to the character of their villages and towns.

Ben Jackson, Area Manager South provided an overview of the work of the Ranger team in the south of the Park and Chair, Jim Bailey, gave an overview of Park business since the last Parish Forum.

### Presentation by the Moorland Association regarding Moorland Safaris

The North York Moors is a very special place and a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The peatland and heather provide a home for some of England's most iconic ground nesting birds.

The Moorland Association explained that they are currently organizing moorland safaris. These are guided tours to some of the most remote areas of the moor, with an opportunity to see the beautiful landscape and wildlife, and hear about how the moor is managed. Tours take place in groups of up to 6 people in the early evening at a cost of £10 per person.

Cllr Dangerfield offered to liaise with the Regional Office of the Association if enough people were interested in joining a safari. An email had been circulated to residents to garner interest.

Cllr Dangerfield offered to represent the Council at future meetings of the SAPF.  
Cllr Pettiford agreed to contact NP to ask that details of the Meetings are, henceforth, sent to Cllr Dangerfield who will then circulate to other Cllrs.

10) Information from and questions to the Chair.

The Annual Governance Documents will be signed by the Chair, Cllr Bentley, at the June meeting.

The Clerk, P Ashley, is retiring at the end of May and thanks were expressed for his support shown to the Council since 2018.

Collection of all items relating to Council business has been arranged.

The Council has been fortunate to secure the services of a new Clerk who will take up the position at the beginning of June.

Cllr Pettiford closed the Meeting and confirmed her resignation as a Councillor.

To agree the date of the next meeting as 11 June 2024

Members of the public wishing to attend should contact the Clerk/Chair at least 24 hours before the meeting if possible. [steve\\_anita@btinternet.com](mailto:steve_anita@btinternet.com)