

Sancton Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 18th March 2024 at 7.00pm
in Sancton Methodist Chapel, Rispin Hill, Sancton**

Present

Cllr D Cary (Chair), Cllr A Liley, Cllr P Parvin and Cllr S Wightman

Also Present

Miss Hannah Bowater (Clerk)
Five members of the public

Apologies

None

180324/1 – Apologies

Cllr M Wintersgill sent apologies for absence.

180324/2 - Consideration of Public Participation and Recording of Meeting

The Chair addressed the members of the public and welcomed them to the meeting.

180324/3 - Declarations of Interest

- a) Cllr Wightman declared a non-pecuniary interest in item
- b) No dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed.

180324/4 - Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a) It was **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sancton Parish Council held on Monday 19th February 2024 were approved by Members and signed by the Chair.

180324/5 - Public Participation

The members of the public were in attendance to discuss items 180324/12a and 180324/14

180324/6 - Reports from Ward Councillors

There were no Ward Councillors present at the meeting due to a prior engagement.

180324/7 - Grounds Maintenance Contracts

The Clerk confirmed that two quotes have been received for the village maintenance contract. The Councillors discussed the two quotes and agreed that there was little between them in terms of cost. One of the Parties was slightly cheaper, however the hourly rate for ad hoc work at the pond was quoted at £20 per hour. The Councillors agreed that during the summer months, the work at the ponds can vary greatly and as such the overall cost may be around the same. The councillors also considered the distance travelled for each of the contractors.

The Councillors **voted unanimously** to award the village maintenance contract to Robin Shucksmith.

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180324/8 - Open Space Management

a) Village field

Cllr Liley reported that the cut-through across the field to the village hall is closed at present due to the wet and muddy ground.

b) Cemeteries, closed churchyard.

Cllr Wightman reported that she had not yet had a response from York Diocese regarding permission to split the plots in the cemetery for the interment of ashes.

Cllr Wightman had spoken to the Vicar who will follow up with the Diocese.

The Clerk reported that the push test on the headstones is due and a suitable date will be set.

c) Gravel Pits

NTR

d) Pond area including the water pump.

Cllr Liley reported that the water table is still high and a spring near the tree is causing the flooding across the road.

e) Car park

Cllr Liley reported that she had spoken with a member of a rambling party about parking in the village. The member said that on a previous visit to the village they had been approached by a member of the Old School House nursery staff who had told them that they are not able to use the car park.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Chair will visit the Nursery and speak to the manager to confirm the use of the car park.

In addition, the Councillors discussed the signage of the car park and whether or not it is clear enough that it is a public car park for use by all visitors to the village.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will research some prices of signage stating 'Public P'

f) Other open space management issues.

Cllr Wightman reported that she had been informed of a vehicle churning up the grass verges near the public bench on Houghton Lane. The vehicle was witnessed reversing and going forwards as if to intentionally create a channel for the flood water.

Cllr Wightman also reported that some young people had been in the cemetery playing loud music. They had also been in the wooded area of the Vicarage lighting fires. The residents had approached and they moved on.

The Council will continue to monitor.

180324/9 – Litter Bins in the village

The Councillors discussed the potential purchase of additional litter bins in the village as was originally brought to the attention of the Councillors at a previous meeting.

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The Councillors agreed to consider the purchase of an additional bin on the provision that the Clerk will provide all information at the next meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will contact ERYC to ask if they will collect an additional bin on their route. The proposed location of the bin will be on Houghton Lane by the seat.

The Clerk confirmed that some dog fouling street furniture stickers have been ordered from ERYC dog warden.

180324/10 – Accounts and Payments

a) The following payments were approved and the cheques signed:

25/03/24	H Bowater (Clerk)	Salary 26/02/24 – 25/03/24	365.85
18/03/24	H Bowater (Clerk)	Phone top up	6.00
18/03/24	Sancton Village Hall	Defibrillator battery (£357) Emergency phone line (£72)	429.00
18/03/24	HMRC	PAYE Employer liability	47.70
18/03/24	Houghton Estate	Playing Field rent -Half year	18.00

0409823/11 - Sancton Hill Wind Farm Fund

Cllr Liley confirmed that the Parish Council's small grant for the purchase of pea gravel had gone to the panel and a decision should be forthcoming. The Clerk will await the confirmation.

Cllr Liley also confirmed that the windfarm panel is meeting in April with the Renewable Energy Group to discuss the administration of the fund.

180324/12 – Planning Applications

a. 23/00074/REFUSE

Erection of two dwellings and a detached building consisting of two garages with two ancillary office/gyms above (Revised Scheme of 20/03932/PLF)

Land North Of Langdale Cottage, King Street, Sancton, East Riding Of Yorkshire, YO43 4QP

Several members of the public had attended the meeting to discuss this planning appeal. The appeal was to be heard at the planning inspectorate and the members of the public would be writing directly to them with their concerns.

Concerns from the public include the height of the garages, the style of the roller shutters not being in keeping with the village and concerns that the garages may have a change of use application put in in the future.

The members of the public attended the meeting to ask that the Parish Council would support their objections.

The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council originally objected to the plans and that the objection stands.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will write to the planning inspectorate to address the appeal in support of the residents.

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It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will write to Dee Atkinson and Harrison to confirm the ownership of the land. The Clerk will also check the Land Registry.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will contact ERYC Environmental Health to address concerns that waste may be being buried on the Low Street site.

- b. Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 22/01990/STPLFE (Construction of sub-surface cable route from Drax Power Station to Fraisthorpe Coastline with associated accesses and temporary construction compounds in association with the Scotland to England Green Link) to allow the removal of cable routing at Skerne (application to be read in conjunction with planning application 24/00168/STPLFE)
Cross Country Cable Route From Drax Power Station To Fraisthorpe Coastline Bridlington Road Fraisthorpe East Riding Of Yorkshire

180324/13– Correspondence

Correspondence received and to resolve any action:

- a. Newbald Parish Council invitation to ERNLLCA Councillor training event (18.03.24)
- b. Sancton Methodist Chapel – Confirmation of 2024 Hall use dates
- c. The Clerk received a request for information from the Land Registry regarding the Cemetery.

All correspondence considered and discussed as appropriate.

180324/14 – Flooding on Low Street

A member of the public confirmed that the pumping station is no longer overflowing, and the groundwater levels have dropped. Yorkshire Water confirmed that tree root damage is the cause of the flooding issues.

A member of the public had spoken with Leo Hammond who had told them that it is a matter of riparian rights but this is an ongoing matter of dispute.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will write to ERYC to the Head of Democratic Services. The residents of Low Street would like a formal statement from the Council as to why they consider the repair and maintenance of the drains to be responsibility of the homeowners when the drains are not included on the title deeds of the properties and Low Street is a publicly adopted highway.

The residents will provide copies of the title deeds for the Clerk to send along with the letter.

The member of the public added that upon speaking with Yorkshire Water, they confirmed that the matter of sewage discharge is more likely to be dealt with if numerous complaints are made. Affected residents are encouraged to report the issue to Yorkshire Water.

Cllr Liley reported that the drains on Main Street are blocked and need jetting. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will contact Highways to ask them to attend the blocked drains.

180324/15 - Minor Items

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- a. To note any matters of correspondence received following the publication of the agenda.
- b. To take any points from Councillors, receive any questions and to note items of interest.
 - i. Cllr Liley remarked that the East Riding is doing particularly well on a national scale for recycling.

180324/16 – Agenda for next and future meetings

In addition to the regular agenda items for the April Meeting, it was **RESOLVED:** that the following specific items are included in the Agenda for the April meeting:

- The potential purchase of new litter bins.
- Flooding on Low Street
- The Green area behind the development project on Low Street
- Car Park signage

180324/17 - Next Meeting

It was confirmed that this would take place on Monday 15th April 2024 commencing at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 20:25

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