

Sancton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 19th February 2024 at 7.00pm in Sancton Methodist Chapel, Rispin Hill, Sancton

Present

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

Also Present

Miss Hannah Bowater (Clerk)
Three members of the public
Ward Cllr Leo Hammond

Apologies

None

190224/1 – Apologies

None.

190224/2 - Consideration of Public Participation and Recording of Meeting

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

190224/3 - Declarations of Interest

- a) Cllrs Liley and Parvin declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 190224/13b
- b) No dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed.

190224/4 - Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a) It was **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sancton Parish Council held on Monday 15th January 2024 were approved by Members and signed by the Chair.

190224/5 - Public Participation

One member of the public chose to participate in the meeting. They wanted to enquire about the follow up from the previous meeting regarding the purchase of dog waste bins.

Ward Cllr Hammond responded that the red dog waste only bins are not provided by ERYC, this is due to the disposal of the waste and the insurance thereof. Cllr Hammond went on to say that more litter bins would be available for purchase by the Parish Council and they would be collected by ERYC provided that they are placed on a collection route.

Cllr Liley remarked that there is an issue with dog owners choosing to not use the litter bins provided as dog fouling has been present within just meters of the litter bins and that proper signage may be required.

Cllr Hammond responded that the dog warden can be involved if this is a persistent problem.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will add the purchase of more litter bins to the March agenda for discussion.

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190224/6 - Reports from Ward Councillors

Ward Cllr Leo Hammond reported that the Devolution consultation period is still open, and responses are still encouraged. There have been around 5000 responses so far, two thirds of which have been positive.

Cllr Hammond went on to report that the ERYC budget is now completed and there are no budget cuts.

In addition to maintaining the serviced already provided, ERYC can fund some additional schemes/services including:

- £500,000 for 'Imagination Library' - this initiative provides all children in the Council area regular free books.
- £500,000 for the Do it For East Yorkshire Community Fund – to support smaller rural towns and parishes.
- £100,000 to pay for highway verge reinstatement.
- £100,000 to support and match fund (with the Police and Crime Commissioner) projects to tackle anti-social behaviour, domestic abuse, and other community safety issues.
- £80,000 to support veterans across the East Riding.
- £80,000 to trial 20mph zones where there is local support.
- £80,000 to continue the Positive Activity Grant to support youth activity and youth groups.
- An additional £10 million for Environment and Highways funding. There is also have an additional £5 million this year for Highways from Central Government.

Cllr Liley raised a point that if the application process opens in April, some projects may be at a disadvantage if their project is due to start in April. Cllr Liley asked if it is possible for applications to open earlier to allow funding to be released as soon as the funding window opens.

Cllr Hammond responded that he would ask the question.

Cllr Hammond addressed the issue of flooding in the village. He reported that jetting has taken place on Low Street which has resolved the problem for now. It appears that that the overlying issue is that tree roots are damaging the pipes.

Cllr Wightman added that the village pumping station is now overflowing. The Environmental Agency have found sewage in the lake at Houghton Hall, Yorkshire Water are to be fined.

Yorkshire Water have been to assess the pipes and have found that the pumping station pipe is just 4 inches in diameter, which is a significant cause of the flowing at the pumping station.

Cllr Hammond responded he will raise the issue with Yorkshire Water.

The Chair reported that the drains on King Street A1034 are blocked with mud, straw and other debris. Cllr Hammond will ask that the roads are swept, and the drains jetted.

Ward Cllr Leo Hammond left the meeting at 19:35

190224/7 - Grounds Maintenance Contracts

The Clerk and the Chair met with an interested party and the Clerk is awaiting the quote following the response to a query.

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The Councillors **RESOLVE** to extend the deadline for applications until the end of February due to one of the interested parties being currently unavailable.

190224/8 - Open Space Management

a) Village field

Cllr Wightman reported that a pile of hedge cuttings and other garden waste have been burnt in a bonfire.

b) Cemeteries, closed churchyard.

Cllr Wightman reported that she spoke with the vicar who has followed up with the Archdeacon. They confirmed that there are no problems with the plans to split the plots and Cllr Wightman is awaiting written confirmation of this so the Council may proceed.

Cllr Wightman added that if graves are required to be flattened, it must be included in the Parish Council Cemetery Policy.

The Chair confirmed that a push test is due for the safety of the headstones. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will book a time to complete the push test.

Cllr Parvin reported that Mindful Memorials are awaiting a decision from the Parish Council regarding a double length plinth for two memorials.

The Clerk read out the guidelines for memorials in the cemetery and it states that the maximum length of each memorial base is 65cm.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will respond.

c) Gravel Pits – NTR

d) Pond area including the water pump

East Riding have visited and pruned the tree at the pond.

e) Car park

The Chair reported that there is a damaged/bent over kerb stone in the car park. The Council will continue to monitor and resolve in the summer.

f) Other open space management issues.

NTR

190224/9 – Flooding on Low Street and Drains

Discussed at item 190224/6

190224/10 – Accounts and Payments

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

25/02/24	H Bowater (Clerk)	Salary 26/01/24 – 25/02/24	365.85
19/02/24	H Bowater (Clerk)	Reimbursement for printer ink	20.39
		Phone top up	6.00
		Reimbursement for Christmas tree following voided cheque	200.00

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19/02/24	Sancton Methodist Hall	Hire of the Methodist Hall 13 x £12	156.00
19/02/24	Wicksteed	VAT from inspection	26.40

0409823/11 - Sancton Hill Wind Farm Fund

The Chair reported that he has spoken at County Hall about the administration of the Windfarm funds.

Cllr Liley reported that there has been an issue with the emails and this should now be resolved.

The Clerk reported that the small grant paperwork for the purchase of pea gravel has been completed and sent in with no response.

The Clerk will send a follow-up email to ask for receipt of the application.

190224/12 – Planning Applications

NTR

190224/13– Correspondence

Correspondence received and to resolve any action:

- i. ERYC Invitation to the Bus Partnership Forum
- ii. Sancton Village Hall – Defibrillator contribution request

Cllrs Liley and Parvin left the room to allow discussions

The Clerk read the email from the representative at the Village Hall and the invoices received.

The Parish Council acknowledges the significant costs incurred for the upkeep of the defibrillator. All agreed that the Parish Council will cover the invoices.

£357.00 - 4 year battery

£72.00 - Emergency phone cellular annual rental

- iii. Play area inspection report
- iv. Precept request confirmation
- v. ERYC Budget update
- vi. Parishioner query about proposed development

All correspondence considered and discussed as appropriate.

190224/14 – Policy Review

- i. Risk Assessment Policy – Clerk to update information as appropriate
- ii. Cemetery Regulations

The Clerk will add a clause stating that 'New graves will be allowed to settle for six months before being levelled and re-seeded with grass.'

In addition, once the written confirmation has been received (see item 190224/8b) the Council will add a clause about the memorials permitted. The Councillors agreed that a flat tablet style memorial would be the most suitable to allow for grass cutting and the size of the plot.

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190224/15 - Minor Items

- 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.

190224/16 – Agenda for next and future meetings

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

- The potential purchase of new litter bins.

Cllr Wintersgill apologies for absence for the March meeting.

190224/17 - Next Meeting

It was confirmed that this would take place on Monday 18th March 2024 commencing at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 20:30

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