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Minutes of Ordinary Council meeting held virtually by Zoom on Wednesday 18th November 2020 @ 7.00pm.

Notice of the meeting – Public notice 1972 of the meeting has been given in accordance with schedule 12 Para 10 (2) of the Government Act.

Present: Cllr. S Garbutt (Chairman) Cllr. M Almond, Cllr. S Ogilvy, Cllr. L Combes, Cllr. P Durkin, Cllr. C Cussons, Mrs B Williamson (Clerk), County & Borough Cllr. D Jeffels, Borough Cllr. H Phillips.

Everyone welcomed & thanked for attending the meeting by Cllr. Garbutt. All appropriate reports had been circulated prior to the meeting. Parish work has continued and residents concerned with any issue or wanting to raise items have continued to contact the Clerk and can continue to do so to raise awareness with councillors of any items.

Apologies: Cllr. M Dunn **425/20**

Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Ogilvy - grass cutting **426/20**

To approve minutes of the previous meeting: **427/20**

Circulated prior to meeting. Pages 90 – 93 of Minutes of meeting held on 16th September accepted as a true record of events. Proposed to accept Cllr. Ogilvy, seconded Cllr. Combes. All in favour & accepted. Signed by Cllr. Garbutt.

Public Forum: **428/20**

Cllr. Jeffels was requested to report the fallen tree in Castle field. He will contact J Brown of SBC to action removal.

REPORTS: **429/20**

Police Report: Circulated prior to meeting. Operation Cracker will be launched virtually. Next virtual Teams meeting will be held 25th November, Cllr. Durkin will attend & place reserved.

Borough Cllr. Phillips:

- All SBC meetings being held virtually
- Looking at sites for new affordable housing – please notify if aware of any sites locally. Clerk informed WAPC had suggested Station Yard as a possible site for sheltered accommodation in the Local Plan response.

Borough & County Cllr. Jeffels:

- Continues to attend both County & Borough meetings virtually. Parish notes & updates circulated on a regular basis.
- Thanks for responses related to Sky Lanterns - now referred to Scrutiny committee.
- Traffic light issue resolved on Sunday & now removed.
- Completion of new traffic lights at Seamer delayed due to parts delivery. 27/11/20 completion date.
- Work on sewage odour smells by Yorkshire Water progressing well.
- NYCC have received £1.4 million to cover school meals during holidays from central Government. Will cover finance for meals until end of March.
- Has put up 50+ poster in the ward warning of Covid. Some pulled down.
- Richard Flinton NYCC Chief Exec report circulated warning of serious nature of Covid in the area & a serious problem in the Scarborough area. Police have issued 40+ fines locally for illegal gatherings.
- In response to Cllr. Garbutt there was no further update on Boardwalk repairs etc as funding issue is still the main problem.
- Dog fouling issues reported again to SBC & request for further bins made as many more walker around the area & dog fouling an increased problem. WAPC would be willing to pay for a new bin if emptying could be arranged.
- Cllr. Ogilvy expressed concerns about cyclists using Boardwalk – social distancing not being observed & not suitable.
- K Atkinson of NYCC working with Age UK to offer support to vulnerable.
- EAPC consulting with Hackness PC to make walking through Forge Valley area a safer experience. EAPC have paid for verge / former footpath to be cut three times & will continue to do so with the aim of making walking a safe experience.

Other Reports:

Requests for copies of walks in the area made to Cllr. Garbutt. Discussed. Concerns over litter issues & distribution points. Cllr. Phillips offered photocopying facilities.

A request from a local resident to build a bridge from her garden across the river to her land on the other side to allow family wheelchair access. Discussed. River / Environment Agency would need to be approached by resident for advice. Cllr. Jeffels will make enquiries.

Clerks Report: Circulated prior to meeting.

- Local Plan response has been submitted. Thanks to Cllr. Ogilvy for her work on this.
- Informed shrub bed work has been completed. Account paid. Cllr. Garbutt & Almond will walk the area to review.

Finance Report:

430/20

Monthly report of payments & updated spreadsheet circulated.

Accepted.

Planning Applications:

431/20

Despite objections planning application at 15 Mill Lane accepted.

NYM/2020/0688/FL – 5 The Mount. Application circulated to all Councillors. Comments received from several of the residents who object to the development on various aspects. Comments from all Councillors objecting to the development include:

- Access by private lane owned jointly by several the residents. Confirmation that all had been consulted over the development & legal aspects considered essential.
- Additional vehicular access on an already congested area raised concern leading to road blockage, car damage, turning spaces etc.
- More problems created in the area with additional parking issues and verges being further damaged.
- Access considered unsuitable and highways already raised concerns on other issues in the area
- Negative impact on current residents / homeowners.
- Further strain on sewage, water systems

All Councillors objected strongly to the proposed development. Clerk will make response to NYMNP.

Review of Grants & Awards:

432/20

Cllr. Garbutt asked if WAPC wished to proceed with the system this year. Many of the applicants who have previously applied have already received £10000 from the Government awards system during the pandemic. General discussion. All agreed that the system would go ahead with a new closing date of 10th January for a decision on 20th January. The maximum grant that could be applied for will be £500 & the Council will not exceed expenditure of a total of £2000. All applicants will have to complete an application form stating clearly what the money will be spent on and justify the need for financial support. Every application must be accompanied with a financial statement and copy of recent bank statement. Each application will be considered individually on supporting evidence provided & need. Clerk will promote. Agreed.

VAS Sign Purchase:

433/20

Clerk informed agreement had been reached that an additional six-week period will be allowed free of charge as during the last session the signs had been out of action.

Cllr. Ogilvy will obtain an updated quote for March 2021 when contract expires. (£3800 + VAT last quote). Cllr. Phillips suggested data logging signs informative. Other factors to consider are insurance, relocating the signs – who / how will this be done now & in the future? Reliability essential. This will be considered in February and may be included in a future newsletter.

Grass / Shrub Bed Contracts:

434/20

All current works completed & paid. Current grass contractor expressed interest in continuing & would not increase the charge. Asked about the possibility of a three-year contract.

Grass on Cockrah Road has not been cut and cuttings not removed in areas set aside for wildflowers. Cllr. Ogilvy stated these points had not been included in the schedule of work.

Shrub bed work has all been completed & will be reviewed. General discussion on both contracts, Cllr. Ogilvy did not participate. It was agreed that both contracts will go out to tender, Cllr. Ogilvy will update the schedule of work. Clerk will then seek tenders.

Parish Issues:

435/20

Newsletter: Cllr. Ogilvy suggested a Christmas newsletter to inform residents of WAPC activities. Cllr. Durkin thought this would be useful and a way of informing residents of future proposals. Cllr. Combes suggested a Christmas card with useful contact details. Cllrs. Combes & Garbutt will work on this. Cllr. Phillips offered photocopying facilities & help with distribution. Cllrs. Combes & Garbutt will liaise with Clerk on next steps.

Bench Maintenance: Cllr. Garbutt reported that he had surveyed the 20 benches & none required repair but all would need sanding and painting in Spring. Three tenders will be sought by the Clerk.

Council Yard: Camper vans being parked across the entrance – Cllr Jeffels will inform Highways. Area needs tidying, again will be reported. Still being used for storing salt.

Thank You Letters – Suggested by Cllr Ogilvy for agencies locally who had been of value during the pandemic e.g. shop, pharmacy, surgery. Cllr. Combes will include in Christmas Card update.

Clerk requested to ask for leaves to be cleared on Cockrah Road & Hall Garth Lane.

Platinum Jubilee 2022 – comments already received from residents that they hoped WAPC & EAPC will be involved supporting the Jubilee Committee. Volunteers will be required & ideas put forward for planning events.

Cllr. Garbutt wished everyone a HAPPY CHRISTMAS & HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

Meeting closed @ 8.35.

Date of next meeting:

JANUARY 20TH, 2021 @ 7.00 via ZOOM

