

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY
15th July 2020

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| | Present |
| Parish Councillors: | S Cross; C Gill; J Kennedy; I Marr; N Pocklington |
| District Councillors: | |
| County Councillor: | |
| Apologies: | J Asquith; R Ryde |

- 1) **Welcome and Apologies**
The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and noted the apologies. Councillors were made aware that this meeting was purely to update them of the work still being done in the parish during the Covid-19 pandemic and also to agree the accounts.
- 2) **Declarations of Interest**
No declarations of interest received at this stage but would be declared for any relevant items.
- 3) **Covid-19**
The clerk stated that they had been receiving various updates from NYCC, YLCA and other government source. These had been sent to Councillors when appropriate. The Parish Hall that is normally used for meeting is not available at present but should be Covid-19 compliant by Sept. If this is not the case the clerk will converse with the Chair to make arrange alternative electronic meetings.
- 4) **Clerk / Councillor Matters**
The only outstanding matter was the clerk’s appraisal. Agreed to be deferred to September due to the Covid-19 and to add to next agenda.
Action: Add to next Agenda
- 5) **Minutes from all meetings dated 19th February 2020**
The minutes accepted as a true and accurate record.
Resolved
- 6) **Matters Arising / Action from last meeting not on this agenda.**

| Ref | Person | Details | Action taken |
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| 19/20 124 | Clerk | <u>Cycle Route</u> Clerk to email Cty Cllrs regarding the recent government statement of £250M being made available for such schemes | Email to AW and LC See response from Cllr CL – Harrogate may be the major recipient of any funding because they have been campaigning for this in their area for a long time |
| 134 | Clerk | <u>District Council Report</u> <u>2. Aiskew Bank lighting</u> Clerk to continue to try and resolve asap | Installed March Clerk to follow up on this |

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| 137 | Clerk / AW | Business Plan 2019/20 Clerk to contact Lisa Wilson for advise | Emailed 20/2/20 On the Sept Agenda |
| 139 | Clerk | Playgrounds 1. <u>Kingfisher Play Area</u> Clerk to arrange a working meeting before the parish Council meeting. For IM / JA / NP 2. <u>Mattison Play Area</u> Thank you letter –repair of fence | Add to Sept agenda On Agenda |
| 140 | Clerk | Allotments Clerk to speak to Ally Marr in respect of her knowing a suitable workman to do that job. If not request seek assistance from Farm and Land Services. | On Agenda |
| 141 | Clerk | Grassing Cutting / Verges / Trees Clerk to try and move this forward with other local company. | Sent info: David Crisp & Farm and Land Services On Agenda |
| 142 | Clerk | Highways 2. <u>Land between Church and Cottages on Bedale Road</u> Clerk to email Highways to find out how this can be enforced include Cllr AW | Emailed 20/2/20 Add to Sept agenda |
| 143 | Clerk | WJPS Clerk to send the documents signed back to WJPS | Completed 20/2/20 |

7) **Strategic Industrial Estate Planning by HDC**

The Councillors had a fairly long discussion concerning the status of this item and how they all were disappointed by the actions of the CEO HDC.

In view of this the councillors wanted to make a resolution that was minuted and agreed by all those present regarding this matter:

“Aiskew and Leeming Bar Parish Council is concerned the proposals to develop an industrial estate on Aiskew Moor have been rushed through by HDC using ‘emergency’ measures without due care, consideration and consultation of the concerns of this Council and the local residents. We are especially concerned that this has happened at a time when meetings are more difficult. As a Council we do not believe this is an emergency situation and wish to challenge HDC approach. Our Council has carefully considered the proposal and has agreed that it cannot support this development. This is based on the collective view that the development would have a negative impact on the local community and will not provide jobs for local people as indicated.”

- 8) **Burial Board**
The Chair requested if there were any further information available regarding the changes to Joint Burial Boards status.

The Councillors were updated on the current status by Cllr Marr (JBB member). The basis appears to be around one authority taking responsibility for the Burial Board which at present this is still under discussion as to how best this will be the administrator. Cllr Marr continued to inform the meeting that there was still a vacancy for a councillor on the Board and it was important that this position was filled.

Cllr S Cross volunteered his services on the board for Aiskew and Leeming Bar PC. The councillors were also informed that in the future a change to how the contribution process was calculated may be adopted by the Board based on the number of electoral residents in each area.

Agreed to the nomination of Cllr Steve Cross to the Burial Board.

- 9) **Business Plan 2020/23**
Deferred to September Agenda

10) **Playgrounds**

1. Freemans Play Area

The bench is to be mended by Farm and Land Services as soon as possible.

Action: Clerk to contact Farm and Land Services

2. Leeming Bar Play Area

Various trees need to be pruned and clerk has had a discussion with Farm and Land Services to action.

3. Mattison Play Area

There is a major problem with fencing being broken and antisocial behaviour around that area.

Cllr Kennedy believed that residents should be made aware that the amount of damage to parish property is strain on our resources which may result increases to the parish share and inevitable increase in their council tax. The councillors were made aware that to keep repairing the wooden fencing. A suggestion was made that a letter is sent from the Parish Council to all the households on that estate requesting that if they see any damage to Parish property it is reported to the Police immediately. It was also suggest to also put a notice up on the fence with the police number. Cllr Kennedy also stated that some people who have messaged her had refused to report incidents because residents are frightened of repercussions. When I have spoken to the police about issues in the village before been reported to me after the event they say it needs to be reported at the time of the offence.

Action: A letter to the residents should be constructed containing the points JK made plus adding a contact numbers for the Police. It would also be helpful to contact the Police and ask them to take an interest in this area and suggest temporary video coverage, we could also provide them with a copy of the letter to residents. Jackie and Sue could prepare a letter.

11) **Allotments**

The councillors had a quick update of the allotments regarding having to give notice to a tenant who was not working his plot and some spraying that did cause some minor problems. All the allotments are now taken and being worked with the area looking much better.

12) **Grassing Cutting / Verges / Trees**
The clerk stated that the only person who has made an indication to do the work was Farm and Land Services and agreed for them to be contracted for 12months.

13) **Financial Matters**

1. 2019-20 Accounts for Approval
These had been sent prior to meeting. The clerk suggested that for the internal audit they contact Mr A Gardner who did the audit last year for the parish. A councillor suggested that our internal auditors should be changed every few years so that parish is above scrutiny.

Agreed unanimously

2. Precept
The clerk advised that the current budget on the precept provided for this year was still on track.

3. Monthly Details
The Clerk very briefly advised the current bank account and suggested that some of the reserved should be used on community benefits of either Playgrounds or security of those places.

Action: Clerk to look into costing of railings around Mattison for Sept meeting

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| 4. <u>Payments Due</u> | | |
| Sue Nicholson | Clerks Wages / Expenses | 380.95 |
| HMRC | Tax | 91.00 |
| WJPS | Website / email A/cs | 892.80 |
| Farm and Land Services | Grass Cutting / Inspection | 857.95 |

14) **AOB / Urgent Matter**

1. VAS
The Vas sign in Leeming Bar is not working and hasn't since it was put in place in Leeming Bar. Cost of new VAS? How is that managed when moving around or turning off and on? Cost of usage?

Action: Clerk to report to Highways and seek information

2. Signage for Aiskew
This still has not been completed.

Action: Contact Cllr AW

3. Repeater 30mph
Contact Highways to see if this can be put in place in Aiskew / Leeming Bar

Action: Contact Highways

4. Weight Restriction Notice on roundabout near Corner House Hotel.
The notice states a weight restriction but with access and therefore is being abused by some drivers because of this. Can this be changed?

Action: Contact Highways and copy in Cllr AW.

Meeting Closed at 7.45pm

Signed:.....

Dated:.....