Danby Wiske with Lazenby Parish Council

Meeting held on Thursday 25th May 2017 at 8pm in the Village Hall

<u>Minutes</u>

Present: - Chairman Margaret Goldie

Councillors Geoff Solomon, Jeannette Darwin, and Alastair

Wilkin. District Councillor Brian Phillips and a special welcome to <u>our new NYC Councillor Annabel Wilkinson</u>.

Also Malcolm Rayfield, Shirley Dale and Jean Norris

1. Apologies:- Steve Knight

2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th April 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th April 2017 were circulated, read but with the need of two amendments 1st re the introduction of the Parish Portal and its role for Parish Councils. Councillor Phillips pointed out that the spelling was incorrect re the letter sent to Rishi from the Corporate Director of NYCC Mr Bowe. The amended version to be resigned as true record at the next PC meeting.

3. Matters arising:- Trees on Village Green:-

The diseased tree on the Green has now been felled. The Council were proposing to replace the tree with a new one but some of the parishioners have made it known to some of the Councillors that they prefer the open space. The PC would like to hear from the Villagers their views on whether it should or should not be replaced. The Clerk will get a quote for grinding the stump to prevent the tripping hazard that has been left following the tree felling. The invoice for the work done to all the trees including the felling work had been received for the amount of £960.00, this was approved and a cheque raised for the amount.

Footpaths:-

The current situation re the footpath problem for the Coast to Coast walkers was explained to Councillor Wilkinson and the letter of support from MP Rishi Sunak read out. She would take the issue up with NYCC to see whether there could be any progress made on repairs to the path to Lovesome Hill.

The Parish Councillors also proposed walking the path again to see the current condition. It had also been reported by some of the walkers that the footpath at Streetlam was also blocked and the Council are to investigate and report back. It was also reported in the past that the blocking of a right of way was a police matter.

Viewley Hill

Some pictures of the inconsiderate parking have been received but the Parishioners are asked to provide more with dates to the Clerk in order that he can take the matter up with our only course of action, with the Highways Dept.

Broadband Box

Nothing further to report at present.

Dog fouling

The new bin has now been installed near to the Childrens Play Area and the invoice received for £319.00. This was approved by the Council and a cheque raised for the amount.

Verges

The work to cut the verges on Danby Lane and Crowfoot Lane has been organised for the safety of walkers and drivers. Election

The Village Hall will be used as a Polling station for the General Election on June the 8th. The Clerk has posted the required notices.

4. Children's Play Area:-

Malcolm and Shirley attended the meeting by request of the Council for an update and to agree a date for the official launch. Malcolm reported that the reseeding was now complete and the Play Park could now be used. The Clerk was asked to contact Streetscape in order to have the swing seats and Zip wire completed after which the Park could be opened. After discussion it was agreed to have the official opening on the 1st of July after the Strawberry Teas and Councillor Annabel Wilkinson kindly accepted the invitation to perform the opening ceremony. It was agreed that a further meeting to discuss the detail of the arrangements on Monday 5th June at the Chairmans house at 8pm.

5. Purchase of land adjoining Play Area:-

There had been a lot of discussion from various groups in the village about purchasing the land adjoining the Play Area for the benefit of the Parishioners. Margaret Goldie declared an interest and left the meeting at this point. Geoff as Vice Chair took over in chairing the meeting.

A discussion took place as to whether it was possible for the PC to bid for the land owned by Mr and Mrs Goldie or would it be better handled by the Village Hall Committee which was represented by Jean Norris. At this point Councillor Alastair Wilkin declared being on the VH committee as well as a Councillor.

The Clerk had done some research re 106 money already held for the Play area and some additional money held by HDC which could also be released for land purchase to either the PC or VH committee.

There was unanimous agreement from the PC in supporting the VH committee in what financial help that could be provided from money already held and in talks with HDC in bidding for the land as a recreational area for the benefit of the Parishioners.

Further meetings would take place after various consultations had been made.

Margaret was invited back to the meeting.

6. Planning Applications:- Since the Agenda was issued the Clerk had received an application. Single storey side extension and change of use from existing garage to a kitchen annexe at the Byre, Mossa Grange, Little Langton for Mr Peter Johnson.

After discussion the PC had no objections or observations on the application.

7. Police Report:- There was no report received this month. Alastair reported that Farm Watch had been busy and had identified some potential criminals in the area which had been reported to the police. There had been another case of fly tipping at Streetlam which had been reported to the police and HDC.

8. Any other business:-The Clerk reported on his attendance of the Parish Liaison meeting and its content. One point that was raised was the green bins that do not have a licence will be collected during August. The Clerk also reported receiving an email from a resident concerning the poor state of the road from the village green to the church, this has been raised many times recently but it is not in the plans to repair it for several years yet. Councillor Annabel Wilkinson was aware of the situation and would take the matter up with Highways dept.

9.Date of next meeting:- Thursday 22nd June 2017

Signed.....Chairman

Signed.....Clerk

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