



Minutes of a meeting of Sutton on the Forest Parish Council held on Wednesday 2021 at 7.30pm using Zoom.

Present: Councillor Anderson
Councillor McMeekin
Councillor Prowde
Councillor Rankin
Councillor Shearman (Chair)

In Attendance: Sue Bracewell (clerk)
District Councillor Di Watkins (HDC)

One member of the public.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Matthews.

Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

21.1 Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18 November 2020

1.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18 November 2020 had been circulated. These were proposed as a correct record by Cllr McMeekin and seconded by Cllr Anderson.

21.2 Matters arising

2.1 Update on Sewage issues: A letter to the Consumer Council for Water had been drafted by Councillor McMeekin and circulated. Cllr hoped that it might give us some clarity but was unlikely to resolve the issue. The Council thanked Cllr McMeekin for an excellent letter. Cllr Shearman proposed and Cllr Anderson seconded that the clerk be asked to send the letter. **Action: clerk.**

2.2 Update on YCA Tree planting: Cllr Shearman reported that the YCA had decided not to proceed with this project at this time.

2.3 Update on public footpaths: Cllr Anderson had been in touch with the farmer and was waiting to hear back. Cllrs Anderson and Prowde agreed to walk the path and report back to the next meeting on its state. The issue with the path from Main Street to the Playing Field was also raised as this was very waterlogged. It was agreed that some gravel should be laid. Cllr Anderson to contact Jagers to get a costing for this. **Action: Cllr Anderson**

2.4 Update on MVAS signs: The clerk reported that the order had been placed and confirmed but we were awaiting a delivery date. No invoice had been received as yet. Swarco had given us a contact for the project manager for our project and clerk to send this to Cllr Prowde. **Action: clerk**

21.3 **Public Participation**

3.1 There was no public participation.

21.4 **Report from North Yorkshire County Council**

4.1 County Cllr Patmore had not been able to join the meeting.

21.5 **Report from Hambleton District Council**

5.1 District Cllr Di Watkins reported that the Hambleton Making a Difference scheme was open and applications close on 31 January. The application form is online. Cllr Watkins also told us about a Snow Warden scheme operated by Derbyshire County Council which she thought may be of interest. NYCC had produced some Thank You notes for local people who had helped during the lockdowns. Clerk to send her Caroline Mytum's address so she could distribute them to the appropriate people. **Action: clerk**

21.6 **Finance**

6.1 The following payments were proposed for payment by Cllr Rankin and seconded by Cllr McMeekin.

6.2 The financial update had been circulated and was noted.

21.7 **Rock Salt**

7.1 A resident had suggested holding a stock of rock salt in the village and set up a group of volunteers to distribute it to footpaths when the weather was bad. The PC were being asked to fund the cost of the bags of salt. This was agreed. **Action: Cllr Shearman.**

21.8 **Moor End**

8.1 Cllr Anderson had put together some suggestions for a way forward. After considerable discussion it was agreed that we needed to formulate a long term plan that could be broken down into sections which would allow us to look for funding. Cllr McMeekin suggested that we should find someone knowledgeable to do this for us. Cllr McMeekin agreed to make contact with someone she knew and also make contact with Askham Bryan College to see if they would be interested in taking it on as a project. Once this was done a working group would meet to discuss further. **Action: Cllr McMeekin.**

8.2 Cllr Shearman to circulate the Naturally Wild Ecology report. **Action: Cllr Shearman.**

21.9 **Millennium Oak**

9.1 Some work was needed to protect this tree. Cllr Anderson reported that it needed a tree surgeon to lift it and to raise the canopy. Cllr Anderson agreed to get a costing for this work. He also said he would wish to be present when the work was done. **Action: Cllr Anderson.**

21.10 **Planning**

10.1 The planning update as circulated was noted.

21.11 **Reports from village organisations**

11.1 Village Hall: Cllr McMeekin reported that the Village Hall had received three lockdown payments from HDC, totalling £18,000. The committee were considering using it to waive fees when the hall re-opened and also perhaps to pay for some entertainment evenings.

11.2 Newsletter: nothing to report

11.3 Website: nothing to report

11.4 Thirsk & Malton Constituency Area committee: nothing to report

11.5 Easingwold & Villages Forum: nothing to report

11.6 Playing Field: nothing to report

21.12 **Canadian Visit 2021**

12.1 Alan Dolding had received an email from the Canadians who agreed that a visit in May was extremely unlikely. However August is the 80th anniversary of one of their Squadrons so they were asking if we might like to have a visit then to combine to two events. It was agreed to say yes 'in principle' and subject of course to current travel restrictions in both countries being lifted. **Action: Cllr Shearman**

21.13 **Flooding**

13.1 Cllr McMeeking asked if we could approach Highways to come and clear the gullies to help reduce the flooding on our local roads. **Action: Cllr Shearman to contact Highways.**

21.14 **Date of next meeting**

Next meeting **Wednesday 10 March 2021 7.30pm**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm

These minutes are considered draft until ratified at the next Parish Council meeting.