



Minutes of a meeting of Sutton on the Forest Parish Council held on Wednesday 11 January 2023 at 7.30pm.

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

In Attendance: Sue Bracewell (clerk)
County Councillor Taylor (NYCC) – until 8pm
County Councillor Watkins (HDC) – until 8pm

No members of the public.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Knighton

Chairman agreed to take reports from NYCC and HDC first to enable Councillors go to another meeting.

23.1 Report from North Yorkshire County Council

1.1 County Cllr Taylor reported that the new council starts on 1 April. 2023 Everything is going to plan and no interruptions to services are anticipated.

1.2 Cllr Taylor and Cllr McMeekin reported that NYCC are sending a Project Manager, Paul Crosby to meet in village at 1pm Wednesday 18th January to look at the possible new kerbs on Main Street and to hopefully give us some costings to work with.

23.2 Report from Hambleton District Council

2.1 District Cllr Watkins had nothing to report as her role is now diminishing.

Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

23.3 Minutes of the meeting held

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2022 had been circulated. These were agreed as a correct record, proposed Cllr Barry and seconded Cllr McMeekin.

23.4 Matters arising

4.1 Cllr McMeekin updated on the village greens project. Cllr Taylor had already told us of progress. (see minute 23.1.2)

4.2 Cllr Knighton had sent a note to say that he had been in touch with Quentin Matthews re the Broadband project and was awaiting a response. In the meantime he had done research himself and thought perhaps he would restart the process, given the time lapse. It would be useful to have the list of respondents from the survey we did. **Action: Cllr Knighton**

23.5 Public Participation

5.1 There was no public participation.

23.6 Finance

6.1 The following payments were approved, proposed Cllr Rankin seconded Cllr McMeekin.

17.11.22	BACS	7/23	D S Marwood	Grass cutting	196.00	
17.11.22	BACS		R Delaney	Moor End	802.96	
19.11.22	BACS		S M Bracewell	Sugden Voucher	80.00	
19.11.22		7/23	HSBC	Bank charges	8.00	
23.11.23	BACS	10/23	Sutton PFA	Equipment mtce	500.00	
13.12.23	BACS	7/23	York Christmas trees	VH tree	149.00	24.83
13.12.22	BACS	7/23	R Delaney	Moor end work	265.60	
13.12.22	BACS	8/23	Incldot	Newsletter DEC	132.94	
16.12.22	BACS	8/23	Incldot	Newsletter SEPT	128.60	
19.12.22		7/23	HSBC	Bank charges	8.00	
23.12.22	BACS		R Delaney	WSA Trough install	1,114.40	
4.1.23	BACS		CPRE	Subscription	36.00	
4.1.23	BACS		Grey VH	Rent	175.00	
4.1.23	BACS		HMRC	Clerks paye	179.80	
4.1.23	TRF		To Reserve	Rent x 4	400.00	
4.1.23	TRF		To reserve	WSA memorial	125.00	

6.2 The financial update had been circulated and was noted.

23.7 Moor End

7.1 Cllr Shearman reported that the second notice board was now in place and the artwork attached. The area at the Well Lane end is now looking really good. At the top end however, rutting from vehicles was much worse and Cllr Shearman said there had been complaints. It was agreed to ask Nigel Jagger whether hoggin or hardcore would help and, if so, what it would cost. **Action: Cllr McMeekin.**

7.2 The issue of the safety of the ponds was discussed in the light of the recent drowning of 3 boys who skated on ponds they believed were frozen. The decision not

to erect 'water hazard' notices was made after taking account of the following: (a) the depth of the Well Lane pond (shallower than the height of a toddler); (b) no-one had ever seen unaccompanied children or youths along Moor End and small children would invariably be accompanied by adults; (c) members were reluctant to discourage use of the track by introducing notices warning of highly remote risks when the overall objective of the Council was to encourage the public to use and appreciate the reserve. On the earlier advice of a conservationist, it was preferable to grow brambles and bracken along the track sides as a natural deterrent to walkers from straying into the woodland itself.

23.8 Trees

8.1 Cllr Barry had circulated a draft policy for the maintenance of trees in the village for which the PC is responsible. Councillor Barry suggested we might consider one or two Councillors obtain a LANTRA Basic Tree Inspection certificate so that we could do some of the work ourselves. Cllr Barry agreed to work the policy up to a second draft and look into the LANTRA course and report back to the next meeting. He was also going to contact some Tree surgeons for costings on a survey. It was agreed to move towards finalisation and adoption of the policy **Action: Cllr Barry.**

23.9 Planning

9.1 The planning update as circulated was noted.

23.10 Reports from village organisations

10.1 Village Hall: There is a problem in the gents, the floor is getting soft and needs some work. Another Quiz is to be held in March to raise funds.

10.2 Newsletter: clerk advised that our web manager asked if we could, in the next issue, remind residents to let her know about events in the village, so they could go on the website. **Action: Cllr Barry**

10.3 Playing Field. No report

23.11 RCAF ceremony 2023

11.1 Councillor Prowde reported that Alan Dolding had been in touch regarding the Canadians visit which he is happy to organise for us. The suggested date is Saturday 13 May.

23.12 The Green

12.1 Members discussed whether the annual service charge and rent (currently £100) was enough to grow the sinking fund to cover future capital costs. The clerk reported annual outlay was for weeding only and the sinking fund currently stood at £2100. Cllr McMeekin told the meeting the area had been drained and resurfaced at a cost of almost £7000 in 2014. Members concluded arrangements currently in place were sufficient for the time being.

23.13 Date of next meeting

Next meeting **Wednesday 8 March 2023, 7.30pm**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10pm

Signed:

Date: