

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF LITTLE OUSEBURN, KIRBY HALL & THORPE UNDERWOOD held on 25th May 2023 in the village hall, following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm

Present: Cllrs. D Smith, C Bligh, J Hawkins. A Kennerley (clerk) County Cllr. A Warneken (till 8.30pm)

23/17 **To elect the Chairman** of the Council and receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office. It was approved by all that Cllr. Smith be re-elected as Chairman for the coming year. Declaration signed.

23/18 **To elect the Vice Chairman** and to receive the Vice Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office. It was approved by all that Cllr. Harrison be re-elected as Vice - Chairman for the coming year.

23/19 To receive apologies for absence – Cllr. R Harrison (approved)

23/20 To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest (not previously declared) on any matters of business. None

23/21 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2023. Approved by all and signed as a correct record.

23/22 Public Participation: We aim to allow approximately 15 minutes for comments and questions. Standing orders are suspended for this item.

County Cllr. Warneken - Change to a unitary authority has not been seamless, especially regarding IT and customer services. In addition, there have been issues in the planning department where all information is not up to date. However, it is early days and hopefully these issues will soon be rectified.

23/23

Finance:

- a) To note that LOPC is exempt from External Audit for 2022-23. Noted. LOPC is exempt from external audit as its annual turnover does not exceed £25,000.
- b) To note the Annual Audit Report for 2022-23 of the Annual Governance Accountability Return (AGAR) 2022-23. Noted.
- c) To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2022-23 of the AGAR. Approved and signed accordingly.
- d) To approve the Accounting Statements 2022-23 of the AGAR. Approved and signed accordingly.
- e) To approve the publication of documents required by Accounts and Audit Regulations (2015), the Local Audit Regulations and the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities. Approved.
- f) As of 19.5.23, there is £8836.89 in the current a/c and £2560.66 in the reserve a/c

Date			Paid In	Paid Out	Balance
		BALANCE 19.5.23			£ 8,836.89
19/05/2023	DPC	Internal Audit		£ 50.00	£ 8,836.89
28/04/2023	BAC	N YORKS COUNCIL 1st half precept	£ 4,465.00		£ 8,886.89
05/04/2023	DPC	Bramley Acc (PAYE)		£ 60.00	£ 4,421.89
16/03/2023	DPC	Clerks wages 4th quarter		£ 744.92	£ 4,481.89
10/03/2023	DPC	Clerks Exp. Nov - Mar 23		£ 138.56	£ 5,226.81

- g) To approve the Council Insurance Policy renewal. It was approved to insure through Gallagher for one year (not fixed for 3) @ £374.95
- h) To approve the Risk Assessment. Approved and signed.
- i) To review the Council Asset Register. Done
- j) To approve to close the HSBC reserve account and transfer funds into the current account. Closing the account would need the approval of all on the original bank mandate. It was approved to initially attempt to change this account to online (requiring authority from two on the bank mandate). This would give the PC easier access to the funds.

23/24 Planning –

a) To note decisions made by LOPC since last meeting

ZC23/01501/TPO - Pruning of T255 Sycamore by 1-2m to suitable growth points. Pruning of T260 White poplar by 3-4m to give clearance from building to suitable growth points. Trees covered under order 23/1996. Queen Ethelburgas College	A: The Parish Council has no objections.
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b) No decisions have been made by NYC since last meeting.

23/25 To approve the purchase of a new noticeboard on Main Street. Queen Ethelburgas have kindly offered to help part fund the cost and erection of a new one if required. Three quotes had been obtained. It was approved to purchase a man-made timber design (as this would require less maintenance) with a lock. Clerk to ascertain how much more a header would cost as this was preferable.

23/26 VAS and speeding Main Street and B6265 – The homeowner of the property where the VAS was to be situated, preferred a position 30m further down the road. Unfortunately, NYC have said that this is not suitable. The PC need to consider a new position or the possibility of two poles, moving the VAS between the two. A solar powered VAS is still the most convenient option as there are no batteries to remove and charge. County Cllr. Warneken had suggested advisory signage on the B6265 would be a good option to reduce speeding. However, this has to be funded by the PC. The PC decided that the speeding issue on the B6265 took priority funding over a VAS so approved to postpone any VAS purchase and pursue the advisory signage with NYC along with additional “Slow Down” signs on the village signs.

23/27 Clerk’s notes (need no approval)

1. NYC say that a replacement Cherry tree cannot be planted where the old one was, due to proximity to pipes and cables.
2. Telegraph poles have been placed at Fishponds Bridge without prior notice to GOPC or LOPC. County Cllr. Warneken informed the meeting that Swish Fibre installed the poles. He and NYC are trying to establish if they applied for a permit to do so, and if it was to the correct department. No signage is on the poles as required. Update pending.
3. Rumble strips requested junction of B6265/Main Street Little Ouseburn 12.12.22 101009754692. Area6 said these were not allowed due to noise pollution, but it was remarked that small rumble strips were already in place, albeit worn down. Clerk and County Cllr. Warneken to pursue this and other speed restriction measures with NYC.
4. Unclear signage regarding weight restrictions on Fishponds Bridge reported to NYCC 2.12.22. On-going
5. Road cracking and patches of crumbling surface on Main Street reported to Highways 23.2.23
6. Poor condition of sign on B6265 southbound at junction of Main Street reported to Highways 23.2.23. Repaired.
7. Ill-fitting gate on public footpath off Moss Hill Lane re-reported to NYCC paths.
8. Missing "Little Ouseburn" sign on village gates B6265 reported to NYCC Highways 101009665372
9. Potholes and eroding road surface Moss Hill Lane reported to NYCC Highways (some have been repaired).

23/28 To note correspondence received and circulated by the clerk.

1. Bulletins and updates from HBC and NYC
2. 20's Plenty updates circulated
3. Relevant information sent out on the residents' email.

In addition – Clerk to report to highways that currently all Aldwark Bridge traffic from the B6265 is directed only through Little Ouseburn, even though it is over half a mile shorter to go through Great Ouseburn from Boroughbridge.

23/29 The next meeting will be on Thursday 7th September at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.40pm