

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF
LITTLE OUSEBURN, KIRBY HALL & THORPE UNDERWOOD
held in the Village Hall
on Thursday 19th August 2021 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs Doug Smith (Chairman), Nicholas Orr, Russ Harrison, Caroline Bligh. County Cllr. Andy Paraskos. Amanda Kennerley (clerk) James Nellist

21/29 To receive apologies for absence: Ann Myatt

21/30 To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest (not previously declared) on any matters of business. None

21/31 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 20th. Approved and signed as a correct copy.

21/32 Public Participation: We aim to allow approximately 15 minutes for comments and questions. Standing orders are suspended for this item.

County Cllr. Paraskos: NYCC Highways to mark and repair potholes in the next week with a view to resurfacing in the next financial year. LOPC expressed disappointment that resurfacing wouldn't be done sooner especially as Back Lane had been repaired to such a high standard.

Cllr. Doug Smith informed County Cllr. Paraskos of a possible sink hole at the edge of the road at the junction B6265 to New Road.

21/33 To consider/approve the co-option of James Nellist onto the Parish Council. The Parish Council approved the co-option of Mr Nellist and welcomed him onto the Parish Council. Clerk to inform relevant authorities.

21/34 Planning – To note decisions made since last meeting:

21/02076/FUL Installation of two 12kw air source heat pumps, Willow Tree Cottage, Main Street, for Ms B. Shallcross – NO OBJECTIONS. APPROVED by HBC

Reported to Environmental Agency - potential breach in the environmental laws by Mr D. Almond of The Caravan, Waters Meadow, Thorpe Underwood YO26 9TA

21/00385/PR15 alleged planning breach – siting of caravan, Great Ouseburn/ Little Ouseburn

To consider at the meeting: None

Finance:

21/35 The current financial statement was circulated to the PC prior to the meeting. As of 14th July, there was £5727.84 in the current account and £2450.95 collectively in the reserve accounts. Account paid: Clerk's expenses £80.88

- a) HSBC have been uncooperative in the PC's attempts to consolidate the reserve accounts, wrongly stating the bank mandate was incorrect, which caused unnecessary concern. Clerk to try again.
- b) Two packs of defibrillator pads were purchased by clerk as current ones are out of date. @ £49.20

21/36 Clerk's notes (need no approval)

1. The PC would like to thank Fiona Slight for supplying and planting the lovely display of flowers in the Planter on the Green.
2. Lack of Little Ouseburn village sign on approach from Great Ouseburn – NYCC highways to place a sign at the edge of the village on approach to Fishponds Bridge.
3. There have been issues regarding grass cutting due to covid. Isolation requirements have caused many crews to be out of action. Priority has been given by HBC/NYCC to waste removal services at the expense of grass cutting. The PC's own grass contractor has tried to step in when there have been issues but he too is experiencing problems with covid and isolation requirements.
4. Potholes were reported on Main Street
5. Back Lane was resurfaced on 6th April. LOPC wrote to Highways to ask why this road was chosen rather than Main Street, which is in greater need of repair. NYCC Highways replied that "Back Lane was identified as one for surface dressing based on need and the available funds in that budget pot. On the other hand, Main Street has a higher classification so funding for surfacing dressing comes from a different budget pot. NYCC can confirm that Main Road is due to be patched in the late summer period."

6. Overgrown hedge/sight lines over Fishponds Bridge reported to Highways. Matter still unresolved so clerk has reported again. County Cllr. Paraskos to help chase up.

21/37 To note correspondence received and circulated by the clerk.

1. Bulletins and Covid-19 updates from HBC & NYCC. Forwarded to resident's email where appropriate.
2. A virtual public inquiry into proposed increased toll charges on Aldwark bridge 22nd June.
3. Home upgrade grant circulated via residents' email
4. Oak and Sycamore saplings requested by HBC. Clerk delivered to Harlow Nursery
5. Meeting of Selby and Ainsty ACC 11th June
6. Local councils in North Yorkshire, with the exception of York, will be reorganised to form one council across the whole of the county.

21/38 The date of the next meeting is provisionally 4th November at 7.30pm. The meeting closed at 20.30