

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Kelfield Parish Council held in the Village Institute on Wednesday 13 November 2013.

Present Cllr S Savage, Chairman in the Chair, Cllrs R Bramley, P Brelsford, R Cooper, C Gascoyne.

The Clerk.
Cllr Ian Reynolds SDC.
6 members of the public.

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies; Cllrs C Cade, T Bell, County Cllr E Casling.

2.0 PUBLIC SESSION

The following issues were raised;

2.1 Hare's Paddock. An update was requested and two residents commented on the issues.
As the item was also on the agenda it was agreed to bring it forward from Item 10 to immediately after Item 3.

3.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS NOT ALREADY REGISTERED/DISPENSATION REQUESTS

Cllr R Bramley declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 11 due to one of his vehicles being involved and would not speak or vote on the matter.

10.0 HARE'S PADDOCK – TO RECEIVE A RESPONSE FROM THE SDC ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The Enforcement Officer has evidence that a section of the Paddock had been used for at least the past ten years and aerial photographs were presented to the meeting dated from the late 1990s. Additionally, several letters from existing residents and some former residents of the Parish had also been provided to the Officer verifying the fact that a hardcore base had been laid in 2013 by the Yorkshire Water Authority.

The Officer would visit and define the area of lawful use and if the breach ceased or the use change then the lawfulness gained in this part of the site will be lost.

It was moved and seconded and

Resolved: that the Enforcement Officer's decision be noted and that the Council should continue to monitor the situation.

4.0 MINUTES

4.1 The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 11 September 2013, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.
Prop Cllr R Bramley sec Cllr C Cade

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 Police; the Police Volunteers at Eggborough Police Station produce a monthly newsletter containing information about police and criminal activities throughout the District and are offering it to Parish Councils who express a desire to receive it.
Agreed that the Clerk's action in accepting this offer on behalf of the Council be endorsed.

5.2 County Cllr; none.

5.3 District Cllr; Cllr Reynolds informed members that Selby District Council's Core Strategy had now been finally approved and adopted by the Council and would now be given full weight on all planning decisions dealt with by the Authority.

6.0 UPDATE ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

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- 6.1 **Speeding.** A total of seventeen '95 Alive' forms were handed in on behalf of members of the public for forward transmission to NY Police, Traffic Management Office, York. The Clerk confirmed that this had been done.
- 6.2 **Allotments complaint.** The Council decided at the September meeting to arrange to visit the allotment at 7.00pm the following evening to which all members of the Council were invited, each member to be supplied with a copy of the Allotment Agreement. Following this meeting on site the complaints were considered along with the terms of the Allotment Agreement. Members present found that there were no grounds for complaint and it was moved and seconded and Resolved that; *the Council take no further action in the matter and that the Clerk be instructed to inform both parties of this decision in writing.*
- 6.3 **Footpath gate.** As the Parish Council is not the owner of the land leading from the gate to the Public Footpath along the flood bank to Cawood Bridge, the Senior Ranger had indicated verbally that he would contact the owner of the land in order to obtain consent to install a wider gate capable of allowing the passage of wheelchairs, prams and pushchairs. *The response of the Senior Ranger NYCC was noted.*

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- Cllr JCat'ch It was reported at the last meeting that the No42 bus service. Weekday and Saturday service will continue until April next year. Both Arriva and Utopia have confirmed that they would run their services on a commercial basis without subsidy from NYCC and that Arriva had confirmed that the Saturday night service will continue on a commercial basis until 21 December 2013. Arriva has now supplied costs for running the service between 26 December 2013 and March 2014 and for Sunday/Bank Holidays from November to March which amounts to a further amount from this Council of £67.00 for the period. Members had tentatively approved their agreement in principal by email, but a formal resolution is now necessary in order to confirm this amount.
It was moved, seconded and Resolved;
that the Council agree to make a further contribution of £67.00 subsidy to Arriva Limited to enable the service to continue.
- Selby Dial Request for a funding contribution.
It was agreed to take no action.
- NYCC A questionnaire on the future policy for charging for the disposal of householders builders waste at Household Waste and Recycling Centres.
Circulated.
- NALC A note was received on the Introduction to Borrowing by Parish Councils.
Noted.
- YLCA The following Briefing Notes were received;
Update on Order to Legitimize Electronic Payments.
A Legislative Reform Order is currently progressing through Parliament and could be in place by Christmas or the New Year.
Council Tax Support Funding Survey.
This was completed and returned by the Clerk on behalf of the Council.
Parish Precepts – Grant from Central Government.
Notification that the Funding Grants given to principal authorities was expected by Government Ministers to be passed on to Local Councils.
NALC was urging Government to enact legislation to make this compulsory.
- Healthwatch Request to display poster. Distributed with circulation envelope for members to display locally.
- Access Selby Notification of Selby District Core Strategy Local Plan Adoption.
Noted.
- Rural Action Community Hubs Event on Saturday 23 November 2013 – 10.45-14.15
Pannal Village Hall, nr Harrogate.
Noted.

8.0	FINANCE		80.359
8.1	Receipts		
	No1 A/c		
	Precept 2 nd instalment	2,225.00	
	Northern PowerGrid – wayleave	8.09	
		2,233.09	
8.2	Payments		
	<i>It was moved and seconded that the following accounts be paid</i>		
	Kelfield Institute hall hire November13	9.00	
	J Deans - Clerk's Salary Sep/Oct13	as agreed	
	J Deans – postage stamps	6.00	
	Autela Payroll Service	23.40	
	Royal British Legion	17.00	
	Sub total	219.40	
	Resolved: <i>that the above accounts be paid.</i>		
	Prop Cllr R Bramley sec Cllr R Cooper.		
8.3	Statement of Accounts to 31 October 2013		
	It was proposed by R Cooper and seconded by R Bramley and Resolved:		
	<i>that the Statement of Accounts to 31 October 2013 be accepted.</i>		
8.4	Report of the External Auditor on the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2013		
	The report from Littlejohn LLP declared that there were no matters that they wished to draw to the Council's attention.		
9.0	PLANNING		
9.1	Applications Received and Circulated to Members Previously.	None.	
9.2	Applications received since publication of the agenda.	None.	
9.3	Decision Notices.		
	<i>Cllr R Bramley, having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item took no part in the debate or voting and left the room.</i>		
11.0	REPORT AND UPDATE ON DAMAGE TO STREET LIGHT NO15		
	Street light No15 on Main street was hit by a tractor on Friday 27 September 2013 and the concrete column demolished. The power supply was made safe and estimates sought, received and submitted to the insured party's insurance company. The offer made by the Loss Adjuster was below the estimated cost of replacement and was not accepted. A competitive estimate has been requested from a different contractor that is now awaited.		
	<i>Members noted the current position and endorsed the Clerk's actions to date.</i>		
	<i>Cllr R Bramley returned to the room and rejoined the meeting.</i>		
12.0	SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR INCLUSION IN THE BUDGET FOR 2014-15		
	The Clerk reported that he had attended a seminar for Parish Clerks presented by the Council Tax Officer the previous evening at Selby District Council. The CTO stated that SDC would not be passing on any Central Government grant to parish councils this year to compensate for the reduction in the Tax Base and described four alternative methods of calculating next year's Precept requirement.		
	<i>It was agreed to consider how the Council would approach it's calculation at the December Precept meeting.</i>		

13.0 MATTERS FOR THE CLERK'S ATTENTION AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

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13.1 None.

It was moved and seconded and agreed that the Press and public be excluded for discussion of the following item by reason of the nature of the confidential business to be transacted, in accordance with Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, if there will be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Section 100(1) of the Act as described in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act.

14.0 LETTER FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

Prior to the commencement of discussion of this item the Clerk left the meeting

A letter containing a number of complaints against the Clerk of the Council by Mr I Weeks, which was addressed and delivered to the Deputy Chairman of the Council Cllr T Bell, was considered in the absence of the Clerk.

After due consideration and debate and following an investigation of each of the complaints in turn it was moved, seconded and Resolved; a) *that each one of the complaints listed in the letter is deemed to be unfounded and that the Clerk be completely exonerated.*

b) that the Clerk be informed of the decision immediately after the close of the meeting by the Chairman and

c) that the Chairman inform the complainant in writing of the Council's decision.

15.0 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Extraordinary Precept meeting on Wednesday 4 December 2013.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm.