

## ASENBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the above-named Parish Council held on **TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023** at Topcliffe and Asenby Village Hall at 7.00 PM

Present: -

Councillors C Grimston (Chairman) S Hazelton, M Sollitt

Parish Clerk P Palmer

Members of the Public – Rachel Tyreman

**1) ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR** – It was confirmed that C Grimston will act as the Chairman

**2) APOLOGIES** – NYCC Councillor N Brown, Councillor D Cockburn

**3) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of previous meeting held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**4) BUS SERVICE** - Confirmation of continued support for the local bus service

**5) DECLARTIONS OF INTEREST** – None

### **6) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (FOR INFORMATION ONLY) AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None

### **7) PLANNING**

1. Noted that Hayloft House – New Front Porch – Approved
2. Confirmed the Council's letter of objection to the proposed development of five additional commercial buildings at Asenby Business Park, Wide Howe Lane. Noted that the recent email correspondence on the planning portal was not sufficient to address all the concerns raised. It was proposed that a letter should be sent to Harrogate Borough Council informing them of this although it was also noted that the deadline for objections has passed. It was agreed that both Councillor N Brown and Chris Brown at Baldersby should both be contacted and any help/support that they could offer be requested as a matter of urgency.

*To be actioned by P Palmer and to come back to the parish council with the outcome.*

## **8) PLAYING FIELD**

Results of the recent survey were discussed

1. There has been contact from a relative of the original landowner, who suggested that there was a clause/stipulation within the original conveyance that the landowner could 'buy back' the land. Peter and Colin have both viewed the original conveyance documents and can see no evidence of this. It was decided that a reply should be sent to the gentleman concerned advising him that 'nothing in the conveyance documents substantiates what he is suggesting'

*To be actioned by Colin – Parish Council to updated with any reply/outcome*

2. ROSPA report – a visit to the playground was carried out in September, and that report was discussed. Various minor issues were found, and it was felt that these could hopefully be dealt with by the volunteers that had expressed an interest on the original survey. It is hoped that some working groups can be developed and that the issues can soon be put right as most are simple maintenance type jobs. It was proposed and seconded that the volunteers would be contacted, and that an initial meeting should be arranged in order to discuss and finalise this process. It is hoped that some of the volunteers will help with small jobs and that progress/movement will be made on the ideas that were put forward regarding future use of the playground green areas including but not limited to looking into wildflower/orchard and seating areas

*To be actioned initially by Colin, who will contact the volunteers, it is hoped that a meeting will be arranged for the 25<sup>th</sup> October as suggested by Colin as being a preferable date.*

## **9) VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

It was agreed that the new contractor should be allowed to continue this year, and when his new quote is received next year (2024) it is hoped that the parish council will continue to employ their services

An invoice has been received from the original contractor for grass cutting that had been carried out, it was agreed that this would be paid

The lime tree has now been trimmed and completed. This invoice should also be paid

An issue was raised by email from a resident of the village that there had been a 'near miss' with a falling tree branch near to Crab Manor, this particular branch was removed by the gardener from Crab Manor. However, it was noted that from the entrance to the hotel, and on towards the bus stop that most of the trees lining the pavement need pruning before they too cause a problem or worse an injury as the overhang is quite severe. It was agreed that a letter/email would be sent to The Crab to politely bring this to their attention and ask that they are able to deal with this

*To be actioned by Parish Clerk*

## **10) COMMUTED SUMS**

The commuted sums were discussed and the coding (Typology) for attribution needs to be explored, it was agreed that if we were able to claim some or all of these funds then the Parish Council should try to do so. It appears to be quite a convoluted process but should be looked into.

*To be actioned by P Palmer who will look into the coding and let the Parish Council have the details*

## **11) DEFIBRILLATOR**

This is currently checked weekly by P Palmer would like to pass this on. Its a simple but important task and it was felt that we were lucky as a village to have this defibrillator. It was discussed, that should the interest be there, a refresher for how to use the defibrillator could be arranged.

*To be actioned by Malcolm who will take over the checking of the defibrillator. P Palmer will pass on the details of a chap who could provide a short refresher, and this will be discussed further.*

## **12) FINANCE and ADMINISTRATION**

1. There has been little to no response regarding the additional councillor, it is hoped that there might be some interest shown at the playground meeting. Further requests to be made via Doug Allan's emails
2. It was agreed that the invoices for grass cutting, and the tree pruning would be paid, along with the invoice from ROSPA
3. The website was discussed, it was suggested that a new domain name be used, and a web hosting service could be provided at a cost of approximately £100 per year, this will need further investigation as all parish council websites have to comply with certain requirements.

*To be actioned by Colin who will discuss further*

Items Carried Forward

D Day 80

Hedgehog Highway Project

Breakthrough Website Training

By-election recharges

**13) NEXT MEETING** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in January the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2024