

## **ASENBY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the above named Parish Council held on  
**WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY 2024** at Topcliffe and Asenby Village Hall at 7.00 PM

Present:-

Councillor C Grimston (Chairman) M Sollitt, S Hazelton, S Gallon,  
County Councillor N Brown

Parish Clerk P Palmer

### **1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Miles.

### **2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was proposed by Councillor Sollitt and seconded by Councillor Gallon that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024 be accepted, and signed by the Chairman, all agreed.

### **3) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **4) MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

There were no matters arising.

## **5) REPORT FROM EXTERNAL COUNCILLOR**

(i) Councillor Brown's report centred around the requirement for an expansion of community led social housing within North Yorkshire. This will result in a "call for sites" as a part of preparations for any ongoing local plan, as part of the overall new North Yorkshire Local Plan.

(ii) Councillor Brown's May forum was attended by Councillors Hazelton and Gallon, where a member of NYC Community Assets Department gave a presentation on Commuted Sums and CIL.

Councillor Brown reminded the meeting of the availability of funds from his Locality Budget.

He also drew attention to the Uredale Community Partnership. He encouraged the Parish Council to back the idea, as the rural areas will be focussed on Ripon as the Urban Centre, and will be represented in equal number alongside Ripon City representatives.

## **6) PLANNING**

Plans for an extension to Three Chimneys were reviewed, and it was agreed that the Parish Council had no objections.

## **7) PLAY PARK**

- (i) It was generally agreed that the Play Park looks very impressive, reflecting the amount of work carried out. The planted trees and the grass areas have taken shape, the only minor problem remains the occasional instances of dog fouling. It was agreed that use should be made of the weekly email and Facebook to draw attention to this ongoing difficulty.
- (ii) Cash to be banked from the Fun Day totalled £1,140.50, with an additional £30 donation due to be paid directly into the bank.

The Fun Day has been a huge success, and congratulations and thanks go to one particular resident and her daughter for their overall effort and enthusiasm in organising the day. Appreciation also to the other volunteers for obtaining the raffle and tombola prizes, and for running the stalls.

It was agreed that the funds raised should be ring fenced within the finances of the PC, and that a further outdoor event should be considered before the end of the summer.

- (iii) Consideration should be given to the future provision of a Community Garden.
- (iv) It was agreed that Councillor Gallon should progress that acquisition of some directional signage from the area around the bus shelter towards the Play Park.

## **8) VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

- (i) NYC have been contacted regarding the removal of the abandoned caravan, van and rubbish at the loop on the local traffic road off Whaites Lane. Whilst NYC claim this is private land, the adjacent landowner states that the land belongs to NYC as it is the old Asenby to Cundall Road. Councillor Grimston will follow up with NYC..
- (ii) Residents have raised the overgrown condition of the hedge and the footpath alongside the road to Topcliffe. It was agreed that our contractor should be asked to remedy the situation as soon as possible.

## **9) DEFIBRILLATOR**

It was confirmed that weekly checks are being maintained.

## **10) FINANCES AND ADMINISTRATION**

(i)	HSBC Community Account	10 July 2024	£ 680.47
	HSBC Business Money Manager	10 July 2024	£9,409.81

Expenditure approved since last meeting:-

Play Park various items	£892.40
Play Park water charge	£ 16.24

Income received since last meeting:-

CIL for Laneside development	£2,415.00
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- (ii) It was agreed that the offer of a mulled wine evening from the Crab and Lobster should be pursued.
- (iii) The Chairman's notes on the future roles of Chairman and Clerk were discussed. It was agreed that Councillor Gallon would take responsibility for overseeing the maintenance and upkeep of the Play Park, hopefully with help from other Councillors or non-Councillors.
- (iv) Date of next meeting to be arranged..

