

ASENBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the above named Parish Council held on
THURSDAY 27th JULY 2023 at Topcliffe and Asenby Village Hall at 7.00 PM

Present:-

Councillors M Sollitt (Chairman), S Hazelton, C Grimston

Parish Clerk P Palmer

NYCC Councillor N Brown

No members of the public.

1) ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

As there have been no nominations to hold the office of Chairman for the full forthcoming year, it was agreed that a Councillor would be elected to chair the current meeting, and to hold the position until the next meeting.

Accordingly Councillor Sollitt offered his resignation as Chairman from the previous meeting held on 18th May 2003 this meeting, and it was proposed by Councillor Sollitt and seconded by Councillor Hazelton, that Councillor Grimston should take the Chair for this meeting. The proposal was unanimously accepted.

2) ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Grimston accepted the role of Chairman until the next meeting.

3) ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was agreed that there would be no appointment of a Vice Chairman.

4) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Cockburn due to his continuing ill health.

5) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed by Councillor Sollitt and seconded by Councillor Grimston that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday May 18th 2023 be accepted as a true and fair record and signed by the Chairman. All agreed.

6) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

7) MATTERS ARISING AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no matters arising and no public participation.

8) REPORT FROM EXTERNAL COUNCILLOR

Councillor Brown, our North Yorkshire Councillor submitted his report. He confirmed that the integration of the new local authority continued to be challenging.

Councillor Brown confirmed that he is a member of the NYCC Health Scrutiny Committee and a Governor on the Harrogate NHS Foundation Trust. He is also a substitute member of the Harrogate Planning Committee.

Councillor Brown left the meeting after delivering his report as he had other parish meetings to attend.

9) PLANNING

It was noted that the Bridge Farm application has been withdrawn.

10) PLAYING FIELD

It was agreed that information gathered through the questionnaire should be included in the next edition of the Tattler, through the Sunday email and the Facebook page. An open meeting should be arranged for September.

11) VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- Correspondence has been received from a resident regarding the length of the grass on the verges around the village, and the Parish Council confirmed its disappointment at the lack of grass cutting on the playing field, despite assurances of action from the current grass cutting contractor. It was agreed that the arrangement with the existing contractor should be terminated and effort should be made to appoint a replacement.

It was agreed that there should be a review of the areas of the village to be covered prior to appointment of a new contractor.

- Work on the lime tree should begin as soon as insurance details are received.
- The two bridges along the riverbank have some wooden planks which need attention. It was agreed that a local contractor should be approached to replace the defective planks.

12) DEFIBRILLATOR

The weekly inspections of the defibrillator have been maintained.

13) HGV MONITORING

Further monitoring has been carried out in conjunction with Topcliffe PC,

14) FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- HSBC Community Account 27th July £ 823.51
HSBC Business Money Manager 27th July £ 8,075.00
- It was agreed to advertise the position of Clerk, and the vacancy for the additional Councillor.

- Bank mandate to be updated.
- Letter to be sent to NYCC requesting the maintenance of the current level of bus services through the village.

Date of next meeting to be arranged.