

## ASENBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the above named Parish Council held on **MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023** at Topcliffe and Asenby Village Hall at 7.00 PM

Present:-

Councillors M Sollitt (Chairman), D. Cockburn, S Hazelton, C Grimston

Councillor Brown NYCC (part of the meeting)

Parish Clerk P Palmer

No members of the public.

### **1) APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Harrogate BC Councillor S. Green.

### **2) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

It was proposed by Cllr. Grimston and seconded by Cllr. Cockburn that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2023 be accepted as a true and fair record and signed by the Chairman. All agreed.

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

Cllr Hazelton declared an interest in item 8 (i) "The Grange".

### **4) MATTERS ARISING AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no matters arising and no questions from the public.

## **5) REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Brown updated the meeting on the forthcoming changes resulting from the establishment of the new North Yorkshire Council Unitary authority on 1<sup>st</sup> April:-

Savings of £30 million per year for the next three years are anticipated, although the new authority would start with a £30 million deficit.

There will be six Planning Committees, based on the parliamentary constituencies (Skipton and Ripon in the case of Asenby).

The new Council is formulating a two year plan, with social care remaining the major challenge.

Two borough councils, Scarborough and in particular Harrogate will become “parished”. This will benefit the rural areas in the sharing of the financial burden of the new Council, as will the implementation of the Parish Charter.

## **6) ALLOTMENTS**

Having investigated the situation regarding the registration of the land at the allotments on the Rainton Road, the Council agreed by a majority vote not to seek to register the land in the name of the Parish Council at this juncture.

## **7) FOOTPATHS**

Nothing further to report.

## **8) PLANNING**

### **(i) The Grange**

Cllr. Hazelton had indicated an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion. The Council had previously indicated that it had no objection to the removal and rebuilding of the storage structure. Subsequently, Harrogate Planning have approved the scheme.

**(ii) Barton House**

A report of a planning breach at Barton House, Cundall Road had been received by Harrogate Planners. It has been inspected and no enforcement action has been required.

**9) PLAYING FIELD**

- (i) There have been discussions with the neighbouring residents and suitable arrangements are now in place regarding access to keys and to the playing field. The clerk confirmed that he now has the key to the equipment container.
- (ii) The formulation of a questionnaire to address potential future uses of the playground was discussed, and it was agreed that a copy of a recent similar exercise in Topcliffe would be a useful starting point.

**10) VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

- (i) It was agreed to seek some quotes from tree surgeons for the removal of the loose and dead branches from the lime tree.
- (ii) It was noted that the number 70 bus service contract has been renewed through to April 2024. The only change is the withdrawal of the 17.35 service from Ripon to Northallerton.
- (iii) Contact should be made with BT to ascertain any action they may deem necessary to maintain the integrity of their telephone line through the chestnut tree.
- (iv) The establishment of the NYC Enterprise Prosperity Fund was noted.
- (v) The resources provided by the Electric Car Guide were noted.

**11) DALTON INDUSTRIAL ESTATE/HGV MOVEMENTS**

Cameras, tripods and hi vis vests have been obtained through funds made available by NYC/developers to enable HGV monitoring to be carried out by the two Councils at the Topcliffe and Asenby entry and exit points of the 7.5 ton limit.

**12) DEFIBRILLATOR**

The Clerk confirmed that the defibrillator continues to be monitored weekly as recommended.

### **13) FINANCE, CHEQUES AND COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION**

- i) The final receipts and payments account for the year to 31 March 2023 was presented, showing total closing funds at that date of £6,739.

A forecast receipts and payments account for the year to 31 March 2024 shows an excess of forecast expenditure over forecast income of £1,701.

- ii) **HSBC Community Account at 27<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 £ 4,192.53**  
**HSBC Business Money Manager at 27<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 £ 2,555.83**

With HSBC now paying a meaningful interest rate on money held in the Money Manager account, it was agreed that a suitable transfer of funds should be made.

**The next meeting, which will be the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May.**