

Sinnington Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting 24th July 2023

PRESENT: Cllr Swinnerton, Cllr Stephens, Cllr Asquith, Cllr Morse and Alison Mitchell Parish Clerk.

32. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr Nightingale and the council **resolved** to approve these.
33. **Declaration of Interest and dispensations:** There were no applications for dispensations but Cllr. Asquith declared an interest in Agenda item 6ii) as vice-chair of the Village Hall Committee and stated he would not be participating or voting on this item
34. **Approval of Minutes:** The council **resolved** to approve the minutes from the meeting held on the 26th June 2023.
35. **Public Participation** – There were no member of the public present.
36. **Matters requested by councillors:**
- i. **To consider the purchase of bulbs to be planted.** The council noted that there was still a sufficient amount left in the legacy from last year to buy more bulbs for planting in the village verges. The council **resolved** that Cllr. Asquith should purchase more bulbs, when available, up to a cost of £150.00, the council would make a decision on where to plant them at a later meeting.
 - ii. **To consider a request from the Village Hall** – The council have been advised that the Village Hall Committee is planning a Yorkshire Day event on the 5th August. Residents have all been invited and there will be games and live music. The Parish Council has been asked if they could make a donation towards this event so that the Village Hall Committee can keep it free for residents attending. The council **resolved** to make a donation of £100.00 towards the cost of the event.
 - iii. **To consider the D-Day 80th birthday beacon lighting** – YLCA have advised Parish Councils of events taking place to mark the D-Day 80th birthday next year. They have suggested Parish and Town councils have a beacon lighting event to mark the occasion. After some discussion on the matter regarding a beacon purchase and likely attendees the council **resolved** that no plans would be made at the moment for this event but would consider it if residents expressed any interest.
 - iv. **Parking on the Green in winter** – Councillors discussed the Village Green and the awful state it gets in during the winter months when the weather is wet and the damage caused by vehicles parking on it and subsequently driving right over it when the cars get stuck and drivers feel this is the only way off the Green. The council **resolved** that as soon as the weather becomes wet towards the end of the year the part of the Green will be fenced off temporarily to stop access. Notices would advise visitors to use the car park near the Village Hall.
 - v. **Spraying vegetation on the riverbank** – It has been brought to the councils notice that some form of chemical spraying has been undertaken in front of the properties on Riverside East. As this land forms part of the Village Green and is adjacent to the river permission is needed from both the Environment Agency and the Parish Council before any work of this nature can take place. No permission from any householder or contractor has been sort so the council **resolved** that the clerk should write to all householders on Riverside East explaining the situation and asking that in future if any resident wishes to undertake this work then all necessary permissions should be sort before work commences.
37. **Financial Matters:**
- i. **To note income and expenditure to 30th June 2023** – The council noted income and expenditure from the 30th April to 30th June 2023 as listed below.

- ii. **To receive and approve the May/June/July accounts paid and due for payment** – The council resolved to pay the accounts totalling £1149.34 as listed below.

38. **Banking arrangements** – The council heard that the clerk had been having difficulty with Nat West getting the address changed on the account as well as registering for online banking. Only one bank is still present in the nearest town of Pickering but they have just announced closures of three branches in our locality. As such the council **resolved** to stay with Nat West for the time being and the clerk would work with the signatories to try and get the changes required to access the account.

The meeting closed at 18.56pm

<u>Payments May/June/July 2023</u>							
<u>Date</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Beneficiary</u>	<u>Merchant Category</u>	<u>Summary of the purpose of the expenditure</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Vat to be</u>	<u>Gross</u>
<u>incurred</u>					<u>amount</u>	<u>reclaimed</u>	<u>amount</u>
19.05.23	Direct debit	ICO	Administration	Data protection renewal 2023-2024	£35.00	£0.00	£35.00
01.06.23	727	Clerk	Staff	M2 salary	£183.85	£0.00	£183.85
26.06.23	729	Clerk	Administration	North Yorkshire Council - Garth lease reimbursement	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00
30.06.23	731	Clerk	Staff	M3 salary	£161.85	£0.00	£161.85
24.07.23	732	YLCA	Administration	Internal audit 22-23	£155.00	£0.00	£155.00
22.07.23	Direct debit	HMRC	Staff	Q1 PAYE/NI payments	£254.10	£0.00	£254.10
24.07.23	733	Clerk	Village Green maintenance	Reimbursement JT Atkinson 4 bags gravel for Stripe repairs	£156.24	£31.25	£187.49
31.07.23	734	Clerk	Staff	M4 salary	£162.05	£0.00	£162.05
TOTAL FOR MAY/JUNE/JULY PAYMENTS					£1,118.09	£31.25	£1,149.34

<u>INCOME & EXPENDITURE MAY/JUNE 2023</u>	
Balance of funds as at 30th April 2023	£20,006.72
Income May/June 2023	£639.00
Expenditure May/June 2023	-£1,578.84
Balance of funds as at 30th June 2023	£19,066.88
Represented by:	
Nat West Current account	£19,238.73
Less unpaid cheques	-£171.85
Total council funds as at 30th June 2023	£19,066.88