Sinnington Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting 18th September 2023

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

- 39. <u>Apologies for absence:</u> No apologies for absence were received.
- 40. <u>Declaration of Interest and dispensations</u>: There were no applications for dispensations or declarations of interest.
- 41. <u>Approval of Minutes:</u> The council **resolved** to approve the minutes from the meeting held on the 24th July 2023.
- 42. <u>Public Participation</u> There were no member of the public present.
- 43. <u>To receive updates on the following and decide on further action if necessary:</u>
 - i. Tree work carried out. The council noted that the scheduled tree work identified in the November tree inspection report has been carried out. Photos of the large sycamore on the green were sent to the arboriculturist and no further action is needed at the moment. Following the identification of several ash trees, by the National Park tree inspector, that may require work in the near future the council resolved that the clerk should contact the arboriculturist to carry out an inspection next spring or summer.
 - ii. North Yorkshire Council Grit Bins The council have been advised following an inspection by North Yorkshire Council the grit bins at the bottom of Dark Lane/Church Lane and at the junction of Friars Hill/school road will be removed.
 - iii. Grass cutting in The Garth The council were advised that the clerk has been in touch with North Yorkshire Council regarding the grass cutting on The Garth and is still awaiting an update as to who owns it and is responsible for the work.
 - iv. **Caravan outside Victoria Gardens** Councillors were advised North Yorkshire Council have been out to inspect the caravan following several complaints from residents. As it is not blocking a Highway or causing any obstruction, they have no course of action to take.
 - v. Parking area on the Village Green It has been brought to the councils notice that as Village Greens are protected registered spaces the proposed work to convert an area into a car parking area would not be permitted unless the Parish Council apply to the Secretary to State for a Grant of Easement over the land. Due to this information the council resolved to discontinue work into planning to provide parking spaces on the green. The council also resolved to contact a contractor to carry out some repair work to the green to re-instate the area that has been damaged by cars parking on it. Councillor Morse will contact a local contractor to ask if they would be able to carry out this work.

44. Matters requested by Councillors:

- Location of bulbs to be planted The council resolved to purchase two bags of bulbs and to ask the clerk to confirm with Highways that they would be in favour of the Parish Council planting the bulbs on the south and north side of the junction leading onto the A170 and the road towards Marton. Other bulbs would be planted on the Village Green near to the wall of the Village Hall storeroom and the Limes. Councillor Asquith would purchase the bulbs.
- ii. Birds mouth fencing around the green The council resolved to remove the decayed fencing and replace it with like for like fencing. They resolved that the clerk would obtain quotes from local timber merchants and fencing contractors for the cost and also get a quote for new fencing from the

pack horse bridge to The Limes to see if it would be feasible to fence this off in future to protect the area of the green from car parking.

iii. **Birch tree** – The council **resolved** to plant the birch tree, given to the council by the Woodland Trust, on Croft Green. Councillor Swinnerton would organise the planting.

45. Financial Matters:

- i. **To note income and expenditure to 31st August 2023** The council noted income and expenditure from the 24th July to the 31st August 2023 as listed below.
- ii. **To receive and approve the July/August accounts paid and due for payment** The council **resolved** to pay the accounts totalling £2949.85 as listed below.
- 46. <u>Resignation of the grass cutting contractor</u> The council noted receipt of the letter of resignation from the grass cutting contractor. The council **resolved** that the clerk should send a letter of thanks from all members to express their gratitude for the many years' service. The pasture topper that was used for the cutting has also reached the end of its useful life and is no longer fit for purpose; the council **resolved** to dispose of this asset. The council **resolved** to authorise the clerk to approach a local farming contractor to see if they would be interested in taking on the Village Green grass cutting from next March.

The meeting closed at 19.26pm

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				<u>amount</u>	<u>reclaimed</u>	<u>amount</u>
735	Sinnington Village Hall	S137	Donation to Village Hall event	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00
736	RE & A Dowson & Son	Village Green maintenance	Riverbank cutting	£80.00	£16.00	£96.00
737	James Brown	Village Green maintenance	Tree work as per inspectors report November 2022	£2,160.00	£432.00	£2,592.00
31.08.23 738 Clerk	Clerk	Staff	M5 salary	£161.85	£0.00	£161.85
			TOTAL FOR AUGUST PAYMENTS	£2,501.85	£448.00	£2,949.85
			Councillor			
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INCOME & EXPENDITURE JULY/AUGUST 2023	
Balance of funds as at 30th June 2023	£19,066.88
Income July/August 2023	£291.95
Expenditure July/August 2023	-£3,708.49
Balance of funds as at 31st August 2023	£15,650.34
Represented by:	
Nat West Current account	£18,504.19
Less unpaid cheques	-£2,853.85
Total council funds as at 31st August 2023	£15,650.34