

SESSAY & HUTTON SESSAY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM
ON WEDNESDAY 20 January 2021 at 7.00PM

Present : **Councillors: John Macpherson (Chairman)** Simon Walburn (Vice Chairman), Elaine Andrews, Darren Ratcliffe, David Willoughby, District Councillors Mark Robson and Peter Bardon, County Cllr Bob Baker

Clerk: Sandra Windross

3 members of the public

Public Forum

No matters were brought up in the public forum.

1. Apologies

None received.

2. Declarations of Interest

02.01 To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – **none**

02.02 To receive and consider any applications for dispensation - **none**

3. Minutes of previous the meeting held on 16 December 2020

Having been circulated by the Clerk the Minutes were approved and will be signed at the next face to face meeting.

4. Receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary

4.1 Drains/Flooding – The clerk had circulated an e-mail this afternoon which advised that Dan Macey (YW) would like to schedule a telephone discussion next week the e-mail also advised they had not had any calls from residents of Sessay at the end of last week. Cllr Willoughby confirmed that Mr D Robson had telephoned Yorkshire Water. Cllr Macpherson agreed to produce a log to hand out to the residents with the sewerage problems requesting they complete these so we have some evidence to produce to Yorkshire Water.

4.2 Proposed car park at Sessay Church of England School – Following an e-mail received by Cllr Ratcliffe from the Headteacher this matter will be deferred to a future meeting.

4.3 Grasscutting and Hedgecutting – The plan to show the areas in the villages we require to be tendered for needs finalising then we can finalise the specification and put the tender out. **It was resolved** to continue with the arrangement with the Church whereby they include the cutting of the grass on common land outside the church and the triangle near the school, with the cutting of the churchyard grass.

4.5 Meeting with NYCC Highways – The clerk confirmed she had forwarded to Gary Hind, Cllr Robson and Area 2 at Thirsk the information requested to allow them to ensure the appropriate officers are able to attend a virtual meeting, a date is awaited. Cllr Baker confirmed he had received the e-mail but this may take a little time to co-ordinate due to staff shortages at NYCC.

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Chairman

5. NYCC matters

Cllr Baker advised Highways there was nothing to report.

6. District Council matters

Cllr Robson advised that the date for the Making a Difference Grant deadline has been extended to the end of January. Cllr Bardon advised he had nothing to report.

7. The website

After discussion it was resolved to ask Solutions Now to provide a quote for a new website. Cllr Macpherson will make contact asking them to provide a quote.

8. Village Hall matters

No update was provided due to no meetings in the present circumstances save that the Village Hall is now closed until further notice.

9. The following Planning applications were considered

9.1 White Rose Caravan Site – Cllr Andrews updated the PC that owners had withdrawn their planning application on the 26th November and had subsequently progressed an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness. Whilst this is likely to progress Cllr Andrews still requests clarity on the issues already raised by the residents of Hutton Sessay namely:-

- Safety Issues
- Existing asbestos panels in the outbuildings (which are due to be demolished)
- Flooding and the impact on the pumping station
- Drainage
- Sewerage
- Ecology implications of the terms of the conveyance

A Parishioner commented that he had consulted with a Planning Consultant and had an appointment scheduled to speak to the Environmental Health Officer tomorrow. **It was resolved** to lodge the observations on the HDC planning portal in response to the application for a Certificate of Lawfulness and also to discuss the issues with the Environmental Health Officer. Cllr Andrews agreed to put together the observations.

9.2 Planning applications – see appendix 1.

10.2 Planning Decisions/information

None received.

11. Financial matters

11.1 Approval of the Clerk's Salary for the months December and January.

11.2 Progress of online banking – the clerk confirmed she is completing the application form and this will be circulated for signature.

12. **Correspondence** – A letter was received from Thirsk Library asking to be considered for a donation due to lack of funding. **It was resolved to take no action.**

13. Minor matters and Agenda items for the next meeting

Cllr Andrews requested 1) the Action/Issues log 2) a review of the Standing Orders, 3) a Notice Board for Hutton Sessay

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Chairman