

SESSAY & HUTTON SESSAY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM
ON WEDNESDAY 24 March 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 and 1 member of the public.

Clerk: Sandra Windross

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 17 February 2021

The Clerk had circulated Minutes from the meeting held on 17 February 2021 which were approved and accepted and the minutes 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 – Yorkshire Water have been working at the pumping station. Hopefully we will get an update at our next virtual meeting with Kevin Hollinrake to take place early April.

4.2 Update following virtual meeting with Officers of NYCC

4.2.1 Condition of Birdforth Bridge – The condition of the bridge is no better, cones have been placed at the bridge. An update from NYCC is awaited.

4.2.2 Dalton Railway Bridge – At our virtual meeting signs were promised to be erected at both sides of the bridge, this does not seem to have happened. It had been noticed some of the fencing has been replaced apparently by a Parishioner. **It was resolved** to write to Network Rail regarding the fencing and making them aware that a Parishioner has replaced part of the fencing.

4.2.3 Fingerpost signs - Again a response from NYCC Highways is awaited.

4.2.4 Condition of road through Sessay – again a response from NYCC Highways is awaited following the Engineer inspecting the road in the village. Cllr Willoughby offered to provide photographs to accompany a letter to NYCC which was accepted.

4.2.5 Access via New Mills – At our meeting Deborah Flowers advised she would ask Neil Leighton to update us of the position, this has not come to us.

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4.2.6 Grass Cutting in Sessay – Again NYCC were supposed to be getting back in touch to advise what grant we may be given towards the cost of the grasscutting.

It was resolved to contact NYCC regarding all the matters referred to at 4.2.1 to 4.3.6 above to remind them of what was promised at our meeting and we expect a response from them as soon as possible.

4.3 New Notice board in Hutton Sessay it was agreed to defer this to our next meeting.

5. NYCC matters

Cllr Baker was not in attendance so nothing was discussed regarding NYCC matters.

6. District Council matters

Cllr Robson updated the Council what contribution Sowerby PC received from NYCC for grass cutting.

Discussions took place regarding the Unitary reorganisation and a letter Cllr Macpherson had sent privately to Cllr Robson. With agreement the letter was read out and **it was resolved** to write a similar letter to the government link n consultation.

Cllr Bardon advised he had nothing to report.

7. Tenders for Grasscutting/Hedgecutting

Three tenders were received. After discussion Council felt they could not accept any of the tenders due to lack of funds and not budgeting for this expense when agreeing our budget in December. **It was resolved** contact the 3 people submitting the tender asking them to re-tender for the following:

Areas 1 and 2 of our specification – 12 cuts

Areas 3 East side only (alongside the footpath) – 5 cuts

Area 4 as per our specification – 3 cuts.

Areas 5 , 6 and 7 to be excluded.

The contract to be for 12 months only.

8. The website

The clerk advised Steve Snow is working on our website and will probably hold a zoom meeting with the Clerk and Cllr Andrews to show the website.

9. The following Planning applications were considered

21/00562/APN application for prior notification for the construction of an agricultural building for the purpose of a storage/straw shed at Bruce, Scaife Shay Lane Sessay **Council had no comments**

21/00410/LBC listed building consent for replacement windows and door honeysuckle cottage, Main Street, Sessay. **Council had no comments**

10. Planning Decisions/information

None at time of publication of the Agenda

11. Review of the “Log of current issues” Cllr Andrews had updated and circulated this prior to the meeting. Cllr Andrews advised that on reviewing the log it is apparent that there are a

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lot of outstanding issues which should be dealt with and we need time at a meeting to consider the issues long outstanding. **It was resolved** all Councillors would look at the log and bring this back to the next meeting on how we are going to move outstanding matters forward. Some items need to be Agenda items.

12. Financial matters

14.1 Approval of the Clerk's Salary for March.

Payment of our subscription to YLCA in the sum of £127.00

14.2 Bank reconciliation having been circulated by the Clerk this was accepted.

14.3 Progress of online banking – a new mandate form needs to be lodged with the local branch and a new application for internet banking to be completed, signed and re-lodged with HSBC.

15. Parish Council Standing Orders

Having looked at The model standing orders received from YLCA and considering Standing Orders of other Parish Councils it was felt the model standing orders are long and confusing. **It was resolved** to extract from the model standing orders what needs to be included and try to make our standing orders less complicated. The clerk and Cllr Willoughby will work on the standing orders.

16. Correspondence – none received

17. Minor matters and Agenda items for the next meeting

Cllr Andrews asked by protection of trees in particular a weeping willow tree at Hutton Sessay as some trees have been felled and cleared from the Caravan Park in Hutton Sessay. Cllr Andrews to consider whether a Tree Preservation Order would be appropriate and possibly bring this matter back to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 21 April 2021 at 7pm to be held by zoom.

