

SESSAY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN SESSAY VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2021 at 7.00PM

Present : **Councillors: David Willoughby (Chairman)**, Elaine Andrews, Julie Ormston, District Councillor Mark Robson, District Councillor Bardon, County Cllr Baker Two Members of the Public.

Clerk: Sandra Windross

Public Forum

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Simon Walburn

2. Declarations of Interest

2.1 No declarations of interest were received.

2.2 No applications for dispensation were received.

3. Minutes of previous the meeting held on 26 August 2021

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 August 2021 which were approved, accepted and signed by the Chairman.

4. Co-option of a Parish Councillor

No further applications have been received to fill the vacancy.

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

5.1 Drains/Flooding – Cllr Willoughby updated the meeting of the two zoom meetings recently held with Yorkshire Water and a representative of NYCC. We need to wait for rain to see if the drains are better following work carried out by Yorkshire Water.

5.2 Update following virtual meeting with Officers of NYCC

5.2.1 Dalton Railway Bridge – the “Slow” signs are still awaited but we have been informed by NYCC Highways we are on the list of works to do.

5.2.2 The Fencing at Dalton Bridge and Pilmoor Bridge

The Clerk confirmed she had written to Network Rail but although a confirmation e-mail has been received there had been no other communication from Network Rail.

6. NYCC matters

Cllr Baker advised the Legal Department are still working on New Mills, the complexity of the issue is the reason it is taking so long to resolve. Cllr Baker confirmed Birdforth Bridge has been looked at but no work has been carried out yet.

The Police Commissioner eventually resigned after a vote of no confidence in him.

7. District Council matters

Cllr Robson reported the Making a Difference Grant is now live and we have until 5th December to put an application in.

Cllr Robson confirmed elections will take place in May 2022 to coincide with the unitary elections. Cllr Robson had noticed on our list of meetings we had no meeting scheduled for May it was therefore resolved to add 18 May 2022 to our meeting schedule.

8. Contract for the Parish Clerk

Cllrs Willoughby and Cllr Andrews have met on two occasions with the Clerk and it is hoped we can finalise the Contract asking for the Clerks comments and bring this for approval at a December meeting.

9. Adoption of the following policy documents:

It was resolved to adopt the following documents which had been circulated to all councillors:

9.1 Expenses policy

9.2 Disciplinary policy

9.3 Grievance policy

9.4 Sickness – absence policy

The following documents will be circulated for approval at December meeting.

9.5 Equality policy

9.6 Health & Safety policy

10. Community Speed Watch

Cllr Willoughby confirmed following authority being given to carry out a Speed Watch in Hutton Sessay, a Speed Watch has been carried out in both villages, Sessay and Hutton Sessay, and on both occasions one driver was caught travelling more than the allowed limit. In Sessay the same driver was recorded in both directions.

11. 20's Plenty for North Yorkshire

It was resolved to confirm our support to this initiative.

12. Website update and other social media platforms

Following discussion, it was agreed to bring the new website up to date by our next meeting with the documentation uploaded on to the website. We can then consider what social media platforms could be used in conjunction with the website.

13. Road signs and the ongoing cleaning of them

It was resolved the Parish Council will clean the signs in each village rather than employing a contractor to do this.

14. Hedge and Grass cutting in the village

Having considered the draft Tenders prepared by Cllr Willoughby, it was resolved to adopt Tender A for the grass to be cut and not the hedge for the cutting season in 2022. The contract to be for one year only and the closing date to receive the tenders will be noon on the 6th December 2021. It was agreed to invite tenders from the three contractors who put in the tender for this year plus the additional two contractors provided by Cllr Robson.

10. Consideration was given to the following planning application

Cllr Bardon declared an interest and advised he will listen to the debate but not make any comment.

20/02011/MRC variation of conditions attached to planning application reference number 97/50736/M (2/97/074/0001Y – variation of a condition to permit an extended period of time for the occupation of static holiday caravans at O.S. Fields 3900, 4700, 5190 and 5376.

Cllr Robson advised there seems to be some confusion of what the application actually is and suggested we ask for clarity on this point.

After discussion **it was resolved** to request the application be refused for the following reasons:

1. Sewerage – we need to advise the planning department we are having ongoing issues in the village and more static caravans will add to this problem.
2. Traffic, there will be an increase in traffic in the village causing a disturbance to residents of Hutton Sessay, also cars are often parked on the roadside rather than on the caravan site which is a nuisance.
3. Environmental issues, flooding from local experience due to the size now of the site some fields in Hutton Sessay flood.
4. Dog Mess, people staying at the caravan park walk round the village it is noticeable in the 10 months of opening of the park dog mess increases in the village.
5. Noise issues also when people are coming and going to the caravan park.

Although stated in the application the park brings no benefit to the village.

20/02817/DCN Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (materials), 4 (means of enclosure), 5 (sections/levels), 6 (foul and surface water disposal), & 7 (surface water drainage) to previously approved application 20/02817/FUL for the construction of one Dwellinghouse For Site Manager and Change of Use of Agricultural Land to Domestic Curtilage Woodside, Station Road, Sessay, Thirsk – **Council had no objections to this application and wished to see approved.**

21/01181/FUL Construction of dwelling, double garage, new access and change of use of paddock to domestic use and alterations to the elevations of the existing property as amended by plans received 29.09.2021 Aldorian, Main Street, Sessay, Thirsk – **It was resolved** to send an e-mail to Hambleton DC advising of our objection and requesting the application goes to committee at the request of the ward member. As per our original objection:

1. The application represents an overdevelopment of the site; what was the front lawn of Aldorian has already had two detached houses built on it.
2. The use of agricultural land to the rear of the property would set an unwelcome precedent for future development in depth of what is essentially a "ribbon" settlement (linear village).

21/01556/LBC Application for Listed Building Consent for Proposed extension and conversion of Grade 2 Listed barns into 1 new dwelling and conversion of Wood End Farmhouse into ancillary accommodation Woodend Farm Sessay – **Council had no objections and wished to see approved.**

16. Planning Decisions/information

No decisions were received.

17. Financial matters

17.1 The following accounts were approved for payment:

Luke Reynolds for the Grass Cutting. It was agreed to ask Luke for a full breakdown of what work he has carried out and Cllr Willoughby and the Clerk will reconcile the invoices. Approval was given for payment once the invoices had been reconciled.

Clerk's Salary £373.44 and office allowance of £32.00.

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

18. The following Correspondence was received by the Clerk and had been circulated:

E-mail received from YLCA advising of Hambleton Branch meeting forwarded 11.10.2021

E-mail received from YLCA White Rose Update forwarded 11.10.2021

19. Minor matters and Agenda items for the next meeting

The Precept needs to be included on the Agenda.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm the next meeting was scheduled for 15 December 2021 at 7pm in Sessay Village Hall.