

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING HELD ON 13.4.16 AT SWINTON SPORTS HALL

PRESENT

John Lund (Chairman), Jonathan Piercy (Vice), Anne Lund, Bruce Watson, Pete Galtry, John Horsman(Clerk) and Councillor Fiona Farnell.

APOLOGIES

Rodger & Moira Slape, Mandy Prest, Peter & Margaret Clark.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

These were read, approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

NYCC has confirmed that its contribution towards grass cutting will be £271.54 this year.

Npower has written to apologise for making mistakes with our bill some months ago and to inform us that we are owed £13.10.

The spoil heap in the garden area that was Dhekelia's continues to concern us. RDC, in February, had assured us that action would be taken but on 30.3.16 more rubble was tipped on the site. JBH had phoned RDC to inform them and also that three residents had witnessed the tipping, one having taken the number of the vehicle used. Councillor Farnell said she would follow this up. The overgrown footpath behind Beech Crescent had been cleared. We would try to keep on top of any future issues. JBH would write to Guy Raines to thank him.

JBH had written to Northern Power to inform them of the leaking transformer. He had received no reply but an official from the company had visited the site and PC was pleased with their response.

We decided that in future years we would be responsible for topping up our salt bins which had been abandoned by NYCC.

REPORT FROM THE CLERK

We have had six planning applications since our last Meeting. In future, planning applications would be shown on the website.

Mandy Prest is our new web editor. She had attended a number of training sessions at Ryedale House.

JBH reported on changes being made to external auditing of accounts.

JBH reported on the Transparency Code which had been introduced in 2015 and emphasised that Parish Meetings were exempt.

JBH reported on a letter which was offering training and the opportunity to buy a defibrillator to be sited within the Parish. Much discussion followed and it was agreed that JBH would look into this more closely and report back.

JBH reported on the new online fault reporting system for our street lights which seemed to suggest that we had to sort out our own problems. He had made contact with NYCC and faults had been corrected but would this always be the case?

We have been asked and agreed to pay £150/year towards the upkeep of the Three Parishes Cemetery at Amotherby.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

JBH reported to the Meeting on our financial situation as of 13.4.16

STANDING ORDERS

We agreed to limit a speaker at future meeting to three minutes to address the meeting; two minutes to summarise.

JBH would amend our Standing Orders.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

HBW expressed concerns about the problem of dog fouling which he felt was the worst it had ever been. We wondered about more bins or siting the ones we had differently.

JBH would contact Brian Dunn, the local dog warden, to seek his advice.