

Minutes of the Business Meeting held on the 16th April 2015 at Swinton Sports Hall at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

John Lund (Chmn), Anne Lund, Bruce Watson, Pete Galtry, Thomas Lund, Jonathan Piercy (Vice Chmn), Eileen Clark, Mandy Prest, John Horsman (Clerk), Martin Rivett.

APOLOGIES

Gill Woodhead, Rodger and Moira Slape, Peter and Margaret Clark, Emma Lund, Will and Gill Lund, Claire Piercy, James Clark, Simone Rivett.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

We discussed the lack of action regarding the footpath. There was disappointment that having been assured by Highways that the work would be carried out before the end of March 2015, other work had taken precedence and we would have to wait our turn this financial year.

JBH reported on correspondence from NYCC regarding grass cutting of verges in the future. This correspondence arrived after we had awarded the grass cutting contract to a private individual. In view of the fact that our contractor would be cutting grass described by NYCC as “defined visibility areas at road junctions” we would be able to claim back £452.57 on an annual basis.

JBH emphasised that NYCC would need to be invoiced, for this payment to be processed.

CLERK’S REPORT

JBH had received a request from Nigella Ballard, Amotherby Parish Coucil, asking for financial assistance towards grass cutting in the Three Parishes Cemetery. For the last 20 years this had been done, for no charge, by a parishioner who had now passed away.

JBH had consulted with JL and JP and all were agreed that £150 would be our contribution.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

JBH reported on our present financial situation.

He also reported a recently arrived bill from npower for £909.91. On receiving this bill he had telephoned the company to query the amount. Usually our electricity bill for the street lights is £500 to £600. Having received no satisfactory answer he had written. The main concern was that in previous

years there had been an “admin charge” of £66 but this year this had risen to £315.

(Since the Meeting I have received an apology for the mistake and a promise that a new invoice would be issued. However, this new invoice has not arrived 14.5.15)

SALT BINS

NYCC had written to state that the only salt bin they would refill in future would be the one on the junction of Moor Lane and the B1257. We agreed that we would ensure that the others were maintained.

AGENDA ITEM

MR spoke about the known problems associated with fracking in the hope that more of us would take up an “anti” stance. JL and JBH provided information that took an opposing view. Others joined in to make for an interesting debate.

JL decided that in view of our inexperience in such matters that it would be wrong for the Parish to adopt a position, one way or the other without much more information. He therefore declined to put the motion to a vote. This was accepted by the Meeting.

STANDING ORDERS

We had no amendments to make.

AOB

JBH was asked to see what could be done about the spoil heap on the building site on Moor Lane.

The hedge, near the stile, towards the top of Moor Lane needs trimming.

We discussed the siting of our new planters.

MP asked about recent problems with the sewers. JBH reported that the last one only affected a small number of houses in Manor Park and as before it was a result of wipes being disposed of down the toilets.

HBW stated that he thought the village looked good with the spring flowers out.

Our next meeting would be held on Thursday 29th October 2015 starting at 7.30pm at Swinton Sports Hall.