

## **Minutes of the Business Meeting held on 2.11.16 at Swinton Sports Hall**

### **Present**

John Lund(Chmn), Jonathan Piercy(Vice), Bruce Watson(Acting Clerk), Anne Lund, Bruce Wilson, Pete Galtry, Patricia & Keith Maddox, Steve Waterworth, Eileen Clark, Maggie Farey, Councillor Fiona Farnell.

### **Apologies**

John Horsman, Margaret & Peter Clark, James Clark.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read, approved and signed.(JP and PG).

### **Matters Arising**

JBH has written to NYCC requesting payment for grass cutting. (£271.54).

Dhekelia building site has been cleared of rubble.

JBH had enquired about obtaining a defibrillator. The machine would cost about £400 to £700 but would be stored in a lockable cabinet protected by a coded lock. When 999 was called the operator would reveal the code so that the defibrillator could be accessed.

NYCC had contacted us regarding our street lights. We had the option of finding someone to service and repair our lights or signing up to NYCC. There was a deadline given of 1<sup>st</sup> October so JBH liaised with JL and JP and they agreed to hand over responsibility to NYCC. When the service is in place it should be easier for any resident to use the NYCC online “reporting a fault” system.

### **Report from the Clerk**

Accounts 2015/16

The accounts had been approved by the external auditor and there would be no cost to the Parish. However, JBH had been criticised on two counts

- 1) The first part of the form should have shown the date that he prepared the accounts prior to the AGM.
- 2) He had offered no explanation as to why the Parish had such high reserves but was still setting a precept.

NY Community Messaging. (This used to be Neighbourhood Watch)

This is available to anyone at:

w.w.w.nycm.co.uk

BT intends to remove the public phone box (it has been used once in 12 months).

We had no objections.

### **Financial Statement**

HBW handed out accounts showing our financial position as of 31.10.16.

### **Precept 2017/18**

We decided to keep the precept at £1500.

We needed to protect our reserves because it was our intention over time, to convert all 14 street lights to LED at a cost of £300/unit. This would reduce running costs.

### **Standing Orders**

We decided that no changes were necessary.

### **Chairman's Closing Remarks**

He was pleased with the efforts of the grass cutters. He expressed concerns about the safety fencing which had been erected across the front of the proposed building site. One resident had questioned about access to the electric pole and transformer. We should enquire of Northern Powergrid about future access. Discussion then followed on splaying entrances for all new plans in Ryedale.

He thanked FF not only for attending tonight but for her efforts behind the scenes in helping to have the building site cleaned up.

### **Any Other Business**

Maggie Farey (Rural Action Yorkshire) spoke about setting up a pilot scheme so that the Parishes within the Amotherby Ward (Broughton, Swinton, Amotherby, Appleton le Street, Eastthorpe, Great Habton and Kirbymisperton) would work more closely together on a number of issues. Meetings would be held over the next few months so that something concrete would be in place by March 2017.

HBW was asked to explain the new road layout when entering Malton on the B1257.

PM asked about the siting of a defibrillator. FF explained how the system worked at Slingsby.

Our next Meetings would be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017 when we will start with the Business Meeting followed immediately by our Annual Meeting.