

Minutes of the Business Meeting held on 18.10.17 at Swinton Sports Hall

Present

Eileen Clark; Julie Waterworth; Peter Clark; Bruce Watson; Pete Galtry; Jonathan Piercy (Acting Chairman); John Horsman (Clerk).

Apologies

Anne & John Lund; Jane & Peter Blackburne-Maze; Mandy Prest; Bruce Wilson.

Minutes of the previous Meeting

These were read, approved and signed as a true and correct record. (EC; PC).

Matters Arising

The cost of the new 20W LED street light on Breedycroft Lane was in the region of £840.

NYCC had paid £316.80 towards grass cutting costs.

We had been given approval for buying a defibrillator and/or accepting donations by the legal department at Ryedale District Council. JBH had glued the legal documents into our minute book for future reference.

Clerk's Report

We had received the annual report from Howardian Hills.

Ryevitalise had sent flyers explaining its work. These were handed out and one will be placed on the noticeboard.

JBH explained the satisfactory outcome of submitting our accounts to the external auditor. There would be no charge for the audit.

JBH explained the planning issues and their outcomes since our last meeting.

We had received information about changes to the law which makes it mandatory for all organisations (including Parish Meetings) to appoint a Data Protection Officer. This would be applicable from May 2018.

Finances

JBH handed out balance sheets showing income and expenditure since our last meeting. HBW confirmed that he had carried out an internal audit and all was satisfactory.

Street Lights

We discussed the possibility of replacing some of our old 80W street lights with the more efficient 20W LEDs. It was agreed that we would only replace units when necessary. (JW; PG)

Provision of a Defibrillator

JBH was pleased to announce that Diane Crisp, a resident and retired nurse had volunteered to take charge of our defibrillator. We discussed the costs that would be applicable to the Parish i.e. ongoing training and replacement parts costs.

The meeting agreed that these were acceptable. We would take steps to order and install as soon as possible.

Precept for 2018

We decided to keep our precept at £1500. (PC:EC)

Standing Orders

We agreed that a quorum for future meetings would be a clerk plus three residents. (HBW; EC).

Vice Chairman's Report

Thanks were due to Anne and John Lund for agreeing to have the defibrillator mounted on their property and also for keeping the grass cut at the northern end of the village. Thanks to HBW for his continued efforts with litter picking, to JBH for work done as clerk and to all who had attended tonight.

Any Other Business

We agreed that our next meetings would be 18th April 2018. (Business followed by Annual), 7.30pm at Swinton Sports Hall.

John Horsman
Clerk