

# REETH FREMINGTON & HEALAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, REETH on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Present: Councillor M. Bearpark (Chairman), Councillor B. Rutter (Vice-Chair), Councillor G. Frankland, Councillor P. Terry, Councillor H. Guy, and L. Bridge (Clerk).

### 1. Apologise for absence and approve reasons for absence.

Apologies were received from County Councillor Peacock and Councillor Dawson

### 2. Declarations of interest.

There was one declaration of interest from Councillor Terry in relation to item 15.2.1 and Councillor Longstaff in relation to item 5.1. They did not contribute to the discussion on either point.

### 3. Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 were circulated and approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Councillor Guy and Councillor Rutter.

### 4. Public session.

Three members of the public attended to speak on items 10.1 and 18.1.

### 5. Aspirations of Expenditure for 2022/23

5.1. Due to being unable to gain a third quote the Councillors proposed that this item needed to be dealt with as it had been on the Agenda for so long. All Councillors apart from Councillor Longstaff considered this and decided that they would give the work to Stephen Longstaff on the basis of the best price and his history of quality of work. Councillor Terry proposed and Councillor Guy seconded, all voted in agreement.

**Resolved.**

#### 5.2. Lawn Mower

5.2.1. The valuation received from Ripon Farm Services was considered and approved.

The clerk will contact the greenkeeper to see if he is interested after the below is checked. **Ongoing.**

5.2.2. The replacement lawn mower was considered again after the updated costs had been received and Councillor Terry proposed that they buy the John Deere X584 c/w 48A, seconded by Councillor Longstaff and all voted in agreement. **Resolved.**

#### 5.3. Emergency Contingency Fund

5.3.1. To set up a Community Emergency Fund was considered and the idea in principle was proposed by Councillor Guy and seconded by Councillor Rutter and all agreed. However, due to a series of current and future outgoings, this would be discussed at

a later date when these had been dealt with. Items 5.3.2 – 5.3.5 were tabled for a later date.

**6. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide on further action where necessary:**

**6.1. Playground.**

**6.1.1.** Dan Norwood's quote was considered along with adding another gate post to the job, and the Councillor voted to proceed with the work. Proposed by Councillor Terry and seconded by Councillor Rutter and all agreed. **Resolved**

**6.2. Hudson House, Warm and Welcome Spaces Award.**

**6.2.1.** The Councillors discussed this after hearing more about this scheme from District Councillor Good and Councillor Guy and decided that they would be willing to provide additional help either in the form of money or volunteers but initially Hudson House would start it and see what the response was. **Resolved.**

**6.3. Memorial benches**

**6.3.1.** It was noted that the bollard had been installed by the greenkeeper. **Resolved.**

**6.3.2.** It was noted that due to the weather Councillor Frankland had been unable to progress with this yet. **Ongoing.**

**6.3.3. The Green** - This was discussed and the Councillors were happy for the Museum to use their own post as a replacement for the damaged one. **Resolved.**

**6.3.4.** The clearing of the cobbles near the Black Bull was discussed and agreed that this area needed tidying up. However, due to the time of year and the hose pipe ban which is still in force, did not feel this was the right time of year for a proper job. So proposed that the greenkeeper did an initial clear of the area with a more concentrated cleaning in spring. It was also identified that the parking exit way was being blocked by a silver car and the clerk was asked to deal with that.

**6.4. White lines on High Row and Parking spaces for Community Buses.**

**6.4.1.** It was noted there had been no further update on this and work would probably not be done until next year. **Ongoing.**

**6.5. Footpath No. 44 by Yorkshire Dales National Park**

**6.5.1.** It was noted that there has been no further update. **Ongoing.**

**6.6. Low Cottage area, streetlight**

**6.6.1.** The clerk is waiting for an update from District Councillor Good. **Ongoing.**

**6.7. Overton Garth, streetlight.**

**6.7.1.** The clerk is waiting for an update from District Councillor Good. **Ongoing**

**6.8. Changing banks to enable Online Banking.**

**6.8.1.** To note that authorised Councillors signed the bank forms again.

**6.8.2.** Councillors Bearpark, Longstaff and Frankland confirmed that Councillors Rutter Guy and Dawson are authorised signatories to the parish council.

**6.9. Jubilee 2022**

**6.9.1.** It was noted that due to being busy and bad weather the Jubilee Stone had not been built yet. **Ongoing.**

**6.10. Precept 2023 – 2024**

**6.10.1.** This was considered and due to the level of income the parish is able to receive, they voted not to request any precept for 2023 – 2024.

**6.11. Meeting Dates for 2023.**

**6.11.1.** This was discussed and the meeting dates were approved for next year.

**6.12. Fremington Dog Bin**

**6.12.1.** This was considered and due to the cost, it was proposed by Councillor Rutter only to have one, seconded by Councillor Terry.

**6.12.2.** The locations were considered and proposed by Councillor Rutter that the one lower down near the field gate would probably be more successful.

**6.13. Emergency Response Plan for Reeth, Healaugh and Fremington Parish Council.**

**6.13.1.** The clerk will see Joe Rushbrook from North Yorkshire County Council about this next week and should be able to make more progress. **Ongoing.**

**7. Parish Council Policies.**

**7.1.** None.

**8. Remembrance Item**

**8.1.** The cost of the wreaths was considered and the Councillors were happy with the amount the clerk paid. **Resolved.**

**9. Carols Round the Christmas Tree**

**9.1.** The only thing for consideration was the collection of the Christmas Tree which will be next Monday morning.

**10. Planning applications to consider.**

**10.1.** Planning application R/07/361 was considered and all Councillors voted not to support this, proposed by Councillor Rutter and seconded by Councillor Terry agreed by all.

**10.2.** Planning application R/07/170A was considered and all Councillors supported this application.

**10.3.** Planning application R/07/181B was considered and all Councillors supported this planning application.

**10.4.** Planning application R/07/222B was considered and all Councillors supported this application.

**11. Planning decisions received.**

11.1. The notification to remove trees at Briar Cottage, Fremington was noted.

**12. Matters requested by councillors:**

12.1. No items requested.

**13. Matters requested by Clerk.**

13.1. No items requested.

**14. Financial matters:**

14.1. It was resolved to make the following payments, proposed by Councillor Rutter and seconded by Councillor Dawson.

<b>Person</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
L. Bridge	Salary November	£350.00
L Bridge	Expenses	£54.81
Memorial Hall	Invoice for September meeting	£16.00
Beverley Rutter	Expenses for Playground gate Latch	£15.30
Graham Frankland	Expenses for plants for Phone box planter and cenotaph	£44.00
Croft Christmas Trees	Invoice for Christmas Tree	£336.00
EA Sunter Catering	Invoice for Remembrance Tea	£600.00
Kevin Turner	Invoice for greenkeeping	£3,450.84
Hudson House	Donation	£1,000.00*
Reeth Memorial Hall	Donation	£1,000.00*
Fremington Village Hall	Donation	£1,000.00*
Swaledale Scouts	Donation	£1,000.00*
Reeth Brass Band	Donation	£1,000.00*
Two Dales Football Club	Donation	£1,000.00*
Reeth Young Farmers	Donation	£1,000.00*
Swaledale Seedlings	Donation	£1,000.00*

\*retrospective

**To note the following receipts**

Honesty Box	Cash Deposit 22/10/2022	£1,021.00
Market		£864.00
Market	Cash Deposit 24/10/2022	£294.00

**Bank Account Balance as of 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022** **£42,247.47**

**15. Market Report and Honesty Boxes**

15.1. Councillor Frankland reported that he had taken £843.00 from the Honesty Box, which included £59.10 from Healaugh. He paid the Fireworks Committee £18.00 towards the Guy Competition and so banked £825.00.

**15.2. Market Report** - Councillor Bearpark reported that he had banked £315.00 from this month's market. He confirmed that 16<sup>th</sup> Dec would be the last market rent until Good Friday.

**15.2.1.** This item was discussed and Councillor Terry informed the council that he had spoken to the driver.

**15.2.2.** The year's rate for the market stalls was considered and due to the current economic climate, it was decided to leave the rate as it is, £2.35. Councillor Rutter proposed and Councillor Guy seconded, all agreed. The clerk will pay in December when all the receipts are collected.

### **16. Highway matters:**

**16.1.** Highways Parish Workshop was noted and the report is attached to the Minutes.

**16.2.** Highways notification about Hags Gill was noted.

**16.3.** Highways notification about roadwork from Sedbusk to Litherskew was noted.

**16.4.** Highways notification about roadworks from Newbiggin to Street Head was noted.

**16.5.** Highways notification about roadworks from West Burton to Newbiggin was noted.

### **17. Streetlights:**

**17.1.** The streetlight outside Reeth School repair was noted.

### **18. Correspondence received.**

**18.1.** The request for a speed concern form to be completed was discussed and the clerk was asked to do it.

**18.2.** The Councillor Officer Protocol adopted was considered and the Councillors decided that this was not required as they knew how to behave and treat people with basic civility and respect.

**18.3.** The clerk was asked to leave the room while this item was discussed. The Councillors decided that the clerks pay rate would increase by £1.50 per hour to £11.50, which would be backdated to April 2022.

**18.3.1.** To councillors considered updating the clerk's contract with the hours agreed on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 of 35 and the new hourly rate and all agreed this had to be done.

**18.4.** The Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission Climate Action pledge was considered and decided not to join.

**18.5.** The invitation from North Yorkshire County Council to submit expressions of interest was considered and Councillor Terry proposed that one be submitted for the public toilets and Councillor Guy seconded, the majority supported the proposal and one expressed concern about there were too many unknown elements.

**18.6.** Yorkshire Flood Resilience's week of webinars was noted.

**18.7.** The DLUHC Committee Funding review was noted.

**18.8.** RDC Playground inspection report for October was noted.

**18.9.** YLCA's training and other various emails were noted.

**18.10.** The Two Dales Police report for October was noted.

**18.11.** The National Parks newsletter was noted.

- 18.12. The Parish PTC meeting was noted, the clerk plans to attend it due to item on the agenda about the Parish Charter.
- 18.13. The latest devolution's phase of Let's Talk Money was noted.
- 18.14. The Little White Bus diversion route due to Gatehouse Bridge roadworks was noted.
- 18.15. The survey from Commissioner Zoe gauging public confidence in the police service was noted.
- 18.16. The timetable for adopting the Parish Charter was noted.
- 18.17. The Little White Bus additional changes to routes and services from 28<sup>th</sup> November was noted.
- 18.18. The Richmond Area Constituency Committee meeting was noted.
- 18.19. The survey from Commissioner Zoe about anti-social behaviour was noted.

### **19. District Council Report**

District Councillor Good reported to the council that due to the devolutionary change over things were quiet however, they had agreed to commit more money to the swimming pool to help with heating costs etc. Also the Area Partnership fund is still open for people to claim and to remind people that this will not be there next year due to devolution.

### **20. County Council Report**

County Councillor Peacock was not able to attend but Councillor Good reported on her behalf that she managed to sort out the route of the school bus, while Gatehouse Bridge repairs were underway and after that it would return to its normal route.

### **21. Future meetings**

The next meeting will be on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 in the Memorial Hall at 7pm.

Meeting finished at 21.02 pm.

## **Report about Highways Parish Workshop attended on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November.**

The workshop started with an overview of the Parish Portal which clerks are encouraged to submit all Highways related problems. Highways personnel have access to this while they are on the road via a tablet, so if they are in the area of a reported problem they will attend to it immediately even if the report has only just been made.

At the same time as talking through the Parish Portal clerks asked questions about the devolution and the effects it would have. Such as emails for north Yorkshire and Richmondshire which ones would change and which would stay the same. We were told that all North Yorkshire email addresses would stay the same and only Richmondshire emails would change to northyorks.gov.uk addresses.

There were lots of local inquiries asked about problems, getting a streetlight fixed or road repair. I commented on the lack of communication Reeth had about the Higgs Bridge, Marske's outstanding Bushy Park road condition, drainage outside Marske Hall, why scaffolding was required to repair a streetlight, and Arkengarthdales drainage issue between Langthwaite and Arkle Town also the river wall repair in Whaw.

Interesting insights were gained throughout the meeting such as to relocate a street sign requires traffic regulation to be submitted and is a very expensive and lengthy process, which is highly discouraged. The horrible white plastic bollards are not in use anymore. If you have your village name on a stone plinth, find a way to repair it yourself as if Highways gets involved, they will want you to remove the plinth and put it on something else less dangerous. This is called Passive Safety Protocol; if the stone plinth is not there then car drivers can't crash into them! This one is really useful – when the utility companies dig up the road to install/repair something they must restore the road to its original condition. From the date this is completed if the road repair fails for any reason in the following 2 years it is up to the utility company to make good. It would still be reported to Highways but they would pass it on the Utility company to do the work. Finally, regarding drainage, Highways only have the jetter one week a month. With devolution they are creating a map which shows silt build up indicating high risk areas and this is what they will be basing their drainage maintenance on in the future.

All in all it was a useful meeting putting faces to names and meeting other clerks