

SMEATON WITH HORNBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 27th June 2023 at Great Smeaton Village Hall

Present: R Goodchild, C White, S Ferrie, G Tuer, P Spence, J Evans, R Thomas, A Wilkinson

- 1. Apologies:** None
- 2. Minutes:** Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 30th May 2023 were agreed and signed.
- 3. Crime report** – Unfortunately, no crime report was received in time for inclusion this month.
- 4. Matters Arising -**

Public Open Space and Recreation Plan – Two of the three proposals are now in place (benches and interpretation boards). The third allocation of funding which amounts to £2960.00 is suggested for childrens play equipment.

Discussions are still ongoing as to how this money could be spent.

Community Infrastructure Levy – Following another payment received, Smeaton with Hornby Parish Council now have a fund totalling £16,030.26 that can be used to enhance the public areas in the Parish. It is proposed that this could be also used to help with the childrens play area, combined with the Public Open Space and Recreation Plan funding. Discussions are still on-going with Great Smeaton Primary School to investigate the potential of a joint play area. The Board of Governors from the school are keen to pursue this further.

A new School Governor structure has slowed this progress down. There is now a new Chair and Vice-Chair and Cllrs Goodchild and Evans will arrange a meeting to recommence discussions.

Speeding – The paperwork for the new Vehicle Activated Sign has now been signed and submitted to the supplier, Swarco. The total cost of this is £3947.50 excluding VAT. There is an approximate 10 week lead time on manufacture and installation. In addition, the locations of where the sign can be positioned in Great Smeaton have been agreed with Highways, and the work will be carried out in preparation.

Unfortunately, due to the street lighting being solar-powered in Hornby, a different model of VAS is required. We will obtain a quotation for this, with a view to ordering a sign for Hornby too.

Little Smeaton Bridge – Unfortunately, the repair works still haven't commenced. Cllr Wilkinson is continuing to pursue this with Highways, but unfortunately works aren't a priority due to the bridge not being on a major road.

Grasscutting – It has been identified that there are some areas of Great Smeaton that are being missed or we would ideally like to see cut by Walkers. A map has been obtained and the areas confirmed, and the Clerk will confirm these to Walkers.

Village Signage – It has been reported that the entrances to the Villages, mainly the Village name signs, are looking rather worn. We would also like to see the areas round the signs maintained. An idea submitted would be ‘gateway’ style entrances to the villages; this would highlight to motorists that they are entering a village area and hopefully help to alleviate speeding issues. This will be explored further by Cllr Spence, who will obtain some costs. Any replacement village name signs would need to be purchased by the Parish Council and fitted by a Highways approved contractor – Clerk to contact Highways to obtain the list in preparation.

Communication – Not enough content has been received to go ahead with the production of the next newsletter. A decision was made to delay this publication, and to produce one later in Summer. Cllr Thomas expressed concern about the relatively low visit rate to the website. His concern was perhaps the website name (smeatonswithhornby.com) was not an easy find on search engines. The domain name Greatsmeaton.com has been purchased, with a view to using this name for the website instead.

Footpaths – The missing footpath sign at the entrance to the track to Thorpe Farm will be replaced, but unfortunately not until the end of next year. The other footpath, which originated from Woodbine Cottage, Great Smeaton, and is no longer accessible, could potentially be reinstated, with a new starting point. This is on the list, but not a priority for North Yorkshire Council.

5. Planning Applications

Construction of 3 highly energy efficient dwellings – Land adjacent to The East House, Great Smeaton (Ref: ZB23/OO945/FUL) - Ongoing

Conversion of Barn to form 2 dwellings - Barn Adjacent to Bon Lea House, Little Smeaton (Ref: 22/02668/FUL 23/0001/REFUSE) – NEW – APPEAL MADE TO SECRETARY OF STATE

Remove or reduce the height of a sycamore tree in a conservation area– The Green, Great Smeaton (Ref: 22/00078/CAT) –(No observations, if not in breach of TPO) - ONGOING

Application for outline planning permission with all matters reserved for 1 dwelling – Land to the South of Craig Isla, Long Lane, Hornby (Ref: 22/O1179/OUT)– (No observations) - ONGOING

6. Finance

Cheques Signed Off

£72.00 CE & CM Walker Ltd – Invoice 23082

£81.60 CE & CM Walker Ltd – Invoice 23081

£150.00 Claire Copeland – Clerks Salary

7. Correspondence

Hornby Resident Email – The Parish Council have received an email from a Hornby resident expressing concern about the trees on the village green. Unfortunately, a large branch fell into the road, which fortunately missed any passing pedestrians or traffic. The resident also said that several trees have very low canopies which make walking on the village green difficult. Clerk will investigate when the next tree inspection is due, and Cllr Tuer will look at the tree in question to see if he can identify any obvious problems in the meantime.

Cllr Tuer will also look at Hornby notice board to see if it needs replacing in the near future, or if it could be refurbished.

Great Smeaton Resident Complaint – A verbal complaint was received from a Great Smeaton resident via Cllr Thomas. The resident had emailed the Parish Council and unfortunately, did not receive a reply. This was due to an administrative error, and sincere apologies to the resident. With regards to the residents initial enquiry, which suggested a footpath between Great Smeaton and Hornby, this was discussed and the Parish Council would certainly be behind the idea in concept, as this would be a much valued by the villages. Cllr Wilkinson will look into the matter to see if it could be possible.

8. Any Other Business

9. Date of next meeting – 19.30, Tuesday 1st August, Great Smeaton Village Hall

Signed:..... Date:.....