

Snape with Thorp Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 28 September 2021 at 6.30 pm in Snape Institute

Present: Councillors John Duck, Colin Hodges, Richard Poole, Sara Pringle, District Cllr David Webster and PCSO Lees

1. Apologies for absence – Cllr Liz Watson.
2. Declarations of Interest – The Chairman declared an interest in item 9.
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 26 July, copies of which had already been circulated, were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.
4. Matters arising
 - a. Kerbing – The Chairman advised that the Contractor would commence work in 2 weeks' time. He proposed a follow up meeting with the Contractor and 2 representatives of the Council to confirm precise details.
 - b. Deeds and other legal documents– the Clerk reported that she had approached a further firm of Solicitors, Place, Blair and Hatch based in Northallerton, who had confirmed they would hold the deeds free of charge. The previously discussed solicitors would have made a charge for holding the deeds. It was AGREED to deposit the deeds with Place, Blair and Hatch. The Clerk would ask them to advise on the cost of registering the property with the Land Registry.
 - c. Do not Litter signs – The Clerk confirmed these had now been delivered. The Chairman and Cllr Hodges agreed to erect the signs.
 - d. Queen's Platinum Jubilee – The Clerk advised that no-one had come forward to offer to be involved in organising events for the Jubilee. It was AGREED to ask the Institute Committee to work with the Parish Council to organise a single event over that weekend.
5. Police report – PCSO Lees presented the latest police report for the Ward highlighting issues around security against theft. This advice would be included in the next newsletter. As there were a number of new residents PCSO Lees agreed to provide the details for the Police messaging service which would also be inserted in the newsletter.
6. Financial Matters
 - a. Grass cutting Tender – the Council considered the letter previously used to seek tenders and the approach for this tendering process was AGREED; the Clerk would action this as soon as possible with a return date in November to fit with the precept discussion and submission to HDC. The Clerk advised that she had 3 companies to invite to tender. Cllr Duck would ask the current contractor to cut the grass again and to strim between the new trees on both sides of the avenue, to strim the edges of the playing field and, at the appropriate time, to remove the epicormic growth from the Avenue trees and one tree on the green.
 - b. Receipts and payments since the last meeting were noted and approved (a finance report and reconciliation had been circulated with the agenda):

Receipts Interest - £0.07; Northern Power Grid (wayleave) - £3.45; NYCC (urban grasscutting) - £310.37

Payments Sarah Lowe (salary) £120.00, £26.40; Sarah Lowe (expenses) - £24.69; Farm & Land Services - £638.40

Bank accounts as at 21 September 2021

Current account – £8089.10

Deposit account – £2647.31

Deposit account re Institute - £22,759.47
 - c. Hours of work undertaken by the Clerk since the last meeting: it was noted that the Clerk had worked 15 hours 15 minutes since the last meeting.
7. Financial Resolutions – The Clerk advised that she and Cllr Hodges had not yet had a chance to meet up to review this document. They would report to a future meeting.
8. Planning applications –
 - a. 21/01962/FUL - Change of use of land to equestrian and replacement of existing timber stables with new timber stables - The Villa, Meadow Lane Snape – it was noted that the application

referred to a separate form that had not been added to the planning portal. The Clerk would seek this information. If there was no further documentation to consider and on the basis of what had been seen it was AGREED that the Council had no comments to make on the application.

- b. Prices Paving and Tile Ltd – The Environment Agency (EA) had reassessed and lowered to 1 the flood risk on the site on the basis of a new report submitted on behalf of Prices Paving and Tile Ltd. As a result the EA had withdrawn all objections to the planning application. The Council was seeking further clarification of this process and the impact elsewhere in the village. Cllr Webster advised that there still remained the outstanding issues of access and affordable housing. In recent correspondence seen from HDC it appeared the reassessment of the flood risk could affect the level of affordable housing. It was AGREED that the Clerk should write to the HDC Planning Officer for clarification of this point and to confirm that the Council would wish to have an opportunity to comment on any revised proposals in connection with this case.
 - c. Enforcement issues – It was noted that the Enforcement Team from HDC had investigated an issue in the village for which retrospective planning would be required.
 - d. HDC Revised Plan – Cllr Webster explained the current position and the changes being proposed for elsewhere in the District due to comments made by the external Examiners; these had no impact on Snape with Thorp.
9. Weed in the beck – There was discussion about the Council's position should excessive weed in the beck clog up the flow of water and create a flood at the pinch points of the bridge by the Institute and at the Marina bridge. It was AGREED that the beck should be fully cleared to meet riparian obligations and to minimise any risk of weed impacting on the flooding of the beck. Cllr Pringle would contact the group currently assisting with the weed removal to organise further work in the beck. The hard work of the team organised by Cllr Pringle was acknowledged.
 10. Green Canopy for the Queen's Jubilee – documentation regarding this initiative had already been circulated and was noted.
 11. Land at the top of the playing field – The content of a letter to residents was discussed. The Clerk would prepare a document for agreement with Councillors for inclusion in the next newsletter.
 12. Proposed Changes to the Institute – Sarah Lowe, Chair of the Institute Committee, presented proposed changes to the Institute to extend the current porch area to improve toilets and storage and to include a small meeting room. The Council supported the proposals which would next go forward for planning approval.
 13. 20s Plenty national speed campaign – communications received on a national campaign to reduce the maximum speed limit from 30 to 20 mph in villages and urban areas had already been circulated and was discussed. The Council AGREED that a response should be made to confirm that the Council supported the initiative in principle but a blanket 20 mph was too broad a statement in all village streets. The previous discussion on speed activated signs was raised and the Clerk was asked to pursue this again with the Parish Council which had shown some interest in sharing the cost and equipment with the Council
 14. Dog dirt – a statement would be included in the newsletter following further incidents of dog fouling and to indicate that these had been reported to the Dog Warden.
 15. Works to the stonework on the beck side at the bridge by the Institute – Cllr Duck advised that this work had been undertaken but at no cost. Cllrs Duck and Poole would look again at the upright on the road bridge by the monument to ascertain what works were necessary.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm