

Rainton with Newby Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 11th February 2020

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Present: Councillors C Egerton, J Spence, P Speed and J Williams

In Attendance: A Little (Clerk), 4 members of the public and County Cllr M Atkinson

Cllr Egerton agreed to chair this meeting

20/010 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs O Jones, M Jones and P Cave, also Cllr B Bateman. No Declarations of Interest.

20/011 Members of the Public's Comments/Observations

Cllr Atkinson advised council that the Harrogate Local Plan had been returned from the inspector and would be adopted at full Council in March. This will inform planning decisions moving forward.

North Yorkshire County Council gritting programme is working well.

An increase in council tax is expected for 2020/2021.

A resident asked Cllr Atkinson what the planning requirements were for properties in a flood area. She advised that Harrogate Borough Council would not grant permission to planning on a floodplain.

A resident raised the issue of damage to the grass verge near the former Lamb Inn where lorries are turning in. Councillors will find details for the business owner and raise this with them.

Representatives from the Village Hall Committee and Rainton Recreation association were present and their comments are included under item 20/015.

20/012 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14th January 2020

The minutes of the meeting were signed as a correct record.

20/013 Matters Arising from the Minutes

The parking observed on the village green has not been seen again.

20/014 The Defibrillator Battery has been checked

20/015 Consider a donation to Rainton Village Hall and Rainton Recreation Association

Discussion took place with input from all parties regarding the economic viability of both Rainton Recreation Association and Rainton Village Hall. Key points as follows:

Rainton Recreation Association

There has been deterioration of the provision, particularly timber supports, incurring costs

Income is generated by fundraising and the Cricket Club contribution to the cost of Insurance

Urgent repair and replacement of some items is necessary to ensure safety is not compromised

Car Parking and Accessibility is an issue

Review is ongoing to establish how the area can be best used in the future

Rainton Village Hall

Sustainability was called into question after the Montessori finished their regular hire

Signed:

Chairman

Date:

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Income comes from hiring revenue and fundraising activities

Some funds have been built up but day to day running costs are £3500pa and much improvement work is needed

Improvements to accomodation will attract more hirings and enables groups to deliver more services

Much positive work has taken place since December 2019, including partnership work with Community First Yorkshire and scoping to look at potential projects may be undertaken

Cllr Egerton reminded council that the parish precept is set in November and that not all councillors are present to consider a contribution now. The parish council holds 12 months expenditure in reserve so, taking that into account, currently has up to £500 which may be used as a donation.

Cllr Egerton proposed a donation of £250 be given to the Recreation Association, based on their need for immediate remedial work, this was seconded by Cllr Williams, a vote took place and this was agreed 3-1.

Resolved £250 be donated to Rainton Recreation Association immediately and a review of Parish Council financial position will take place in April 2020 to allow consideration of a one off donation to Rainton Village Hall in April

Resolved an agenda item to be included at September 2020 meeting to discuss possible ongoing contribution to Rainton Recreation Association and Rainton Village Hall and both organisations will supply relevant information for the council to make an informed decision at that time

20/016 Finance

a) Payments	Clerks Salary	DDM
	Rainton Recreation Association	£250.00
b) Receipts	Balance of Defibrillator Funds	£210.00

Resolved payments be approved and receipts noted

20/017 Correspondence

Items for information have been circulated by email between meetings.

A resident has reported drone flying over the village.

Wildflower/Bulbs from Harrogate Borough Council have been offered, Clerk to respond requesting snowdrops.

20/018 Members Reports

Residents and councillors agreed that a Community Litter Pick will be organised for 29/03/2020 provisionally.

Clerk will check documents on the website are up to date.

20/019 Next Meeting Tuesday 10th March 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Closure of the Meeting at 20.50

Signed:
Chairman
Date: