

ELWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 7.00pm on Thursday 28th March 2019 at Wynyard School

Present: Cllrs. P. Hutchinson (Chair), H. Thompson, D. Atkins, E. Hurst, B. Irving, R. Musgrave, R. Thompson

In Attendance: Ward Cllr. B. Loynes, Mrs. M. West, Clerk

1. Apologies: Ward Cllr. M. Young - accepted

2. Public Forum: No issues raised

3. Declarations of Interest: None.

4. Minutes of 28th February 2019: With Item 7, the Wynyard Report amended as follows,

- Representatives had met with officers of Hartlepool and Stockton Borough Councils to discuss the preparation of a Masterplan for Wynyard. This will include the west gate roundabout area plus the Stockton sections and would include a safety audit. Cllr Hurst stated that Cleveland Police have recorded total of 24 accidents since November between the west gate roundabout and the A19. If they were successful in a bid to the Tees Valley Combined Authority, the Masterplan would be important in safeguarding any Section 106 monies.
- The traffic survey for the Masterplan will include an assessment of the need for a 50mph speed limit to be set through the whole Wynyard section of the A689.—A traffic audit is to be undertaken across all four seasons of a year to assess the volume of traffic. Cllrs Atkins and Hurst asked for the start of the 50mph limit be set well before the West gate roundabout travelling East, possibly as far back as the Castle Eden Walkway bridge.
- Concerns were expressed regarding the car parking at the new Wynyard school. Councillors felt that it was dangerous and an accident waiting to happen. Whilst recognising that this was a general problem outside schools, Cllr. Young agreed to investigate the possibility of a pedestrian crossing at the new road / Wynyard Woods junction where there is a designated crossing point.
- Members were also concerned about the mud left on the road by construction traffic at the junction of Wynyard Woods and The Wynd, where a cyclist had recently had an accident. Cllr Atkins stated that there are regular complaints about the state of the road and asked that Cllr. Young approach the HBC Enforcement Officer to ensure the road is cleaned regularly. Cllr Young agreed to investigate this.

With this amendment, Cllr Irving proposed, with Cllr R. Thompson seconding, acceptance of the minutes. It was **resolved** that these were a true record and the minutes were signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising:

- Church Bank pre-planning application:** The Clerk reported that the information required had now been received from Mr. J. Thompson and the pre-planning application had now been submitted along with a cheque for £144 required by HBC as a fee. It was **resolved** that the Clerk should go out to tender for the works immediately. **Action:** Clerk to prepare tender document and send out to a minimum of three potential contractors.
- Sponsored Waste Bin:** The Clerk reported that she had not yet managed to speak to Mr & Mrs. H. Sturrock about this issue. **Action:** Clerk to speak with Mr & Mrs Sturrock.
- Stolen bench:** Cllr R. Thompson asked whether an insurance claim had been made. The Clerk explained that the insurance company had been contacted to see if there would be an excess to pay before making a claim and whether a claim would impact on next year's insurance cost. Ward Cllr Loynes stated that she and Cllr Young had requested that £700

be made available for a replacement bench from Ward Cllr budgets, but the Clerk would have to complete an application for this ASAP. No decision would be made before the elections in May.

6. Ward Councillor's Report: Cllr. Loynes reported as follows:

- A decision had been made by the Borough Council to cease allocating budgets to Ward Councillors, this would come into effect in May 2020.
- Bollards were to be placed around the bend near Pudding Poke Farm rather than a crash barrier. Cllr Musgrave informed that Ralph Young, HBC had informed her that the potholes between Pudding Poke and Cole Hill Farm gateway were to be filled in.
- Drains on Church Bank – the work would be programmed in over the summer, when the A19 gaps are closed.
- It was unclear as to who owned the tree on Church Bank that required work – the Clerk informed her that Derek Wardle, HBC had stated that it was a Highways responsibility.
- Manor Close sign has been ordered.
- More 'significant' signs were to be placed on the road to indicate the weight limit.
- A speed survey is to be undertaken on the A689 through Wynyard.
- The pavements in North lane had been repaired – Cllr Irving immediately stated that the pavements had **NOT** been repaired as of that morning!

Cllr H. Thompson raised concern about the state of the Hart Back Lane from Hart to Worset Lane which is rapidly returning to a farm track – the whole road is disintegrating. Cllr Loynes agreed to report this.

Cllr Musgrave asked for an update on the A19 gap closures. Cllr Loynes responded that these would now be closed in the summer due to the delays with traffic lights at the Sheraton junction.

7. Wynyard Report: Cllr Atkins reported as follows:

- Mud on roads – the wheel wash is working fine but it appears that site vehicles are not all using it; residents in Manorside, next to the development site, are having to drive through mud every day.
- At the entrances to Wynyard, on the Hartlepool side, the number of developers' signs have proliferated and are making Wynyard entrances unsightly; she asked if developers had requested planning permission for these and noted that, on the Stockton side, a Stockton Councillor had made the developers take them down.
- The sign for the new school is too small and easily missed.
- Parents are parking without due care and consideration near the school at start and end of school day, causing problems for pedestrians. The Clerk agreed to ask the PCSOs to investigate the problem.
- There is a large pothole near the site of the temporary school that needs attention.

8. Village Maintenance Group Report: Cllr Irving informed the meeting that she had not prepared a written report since no action had been taken on any of the issues raised in January. All the tasks identified for action by HBC still needed doing; the zip wire was still not sufficiently high, and it needs another plastic pipe putting over the chain to prevent children from hurting their hands; the 'No Parking' signs and new Playing Field sign had still not been erected either.

- There had been a pile of rubble dumped at the bottom of the slope in the Playing Field. The Clerk noted that she had asked John Pearson to remove this when he next cut the grass.
- The bridge repair was excellent.
- The first Litter Pick of the year would take place on Saturday 6th April between 10.00am and noon.

9. Social Activities Sub-Committee: Cllr. H. Thompson reported that:

- The Easter Egg trail will take place between 1.30 and 3.00pm on Easter Monday, 22nd April.
- The Parish Summer Fête will be on Sunday on June 23rd.
- The surprise autumn event is now well developed, though there are still some issues to

overcome. Cllr Hutchinson reported that he had spoken with Libby Charlton and that there should be no problem with parking for the event. As a result of this news, Councillors **RESOLVED** to go ahead with plans for the autumn event as outlined. The Clerk was asked to contact the police about closing the road for the event, and to request their attendance at the April 15th meeting of the Social Activities Committee.

- 10. Financial Report:** The Clerk presented the monthly reports. Cllr Atkins noted an error on the Actual against Budget report, which had excluded the Payment towards the Clerk's Tel/Broadband costs. The Clerk apologised for this and the omission of Room Hire costs from the Financial Transactions list, though these had been included in the Actual against Budget report. Amended reports would be issued with the draft minutes.

Receipts:	£	Payments	£
Wayleaves	<u>20.00</u>	Room Hire	70.00
		D. M. Ireland (annual contribution to tel/broadband costs)	120.00
		HMRC (PAYE)	139.68
		D. M. Ireland (Salary Jan-March 2019)	<u>558.72</u>
Total:	20.00	Total:	888.40

- 11. Red Gap Community Fund:** The Clerk requested that Councillors consider what, if anything, they would wish to bid for in the next round of funding allocation. The closing date for bids will be 29th May. Suggestions made included: CCTV camera for the Playing Field; more play equipment; repairs to the road access along the north side of The Green from beside Holmlea, eastwards, where the road is collapsing. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for the latter. **Action:** Clerk to obtain three quotes for repairs to road.

- 12. Annual Parish Meeting:** Councillors agreed that this should be held at the Elwick WI Hall if available. The date proposed was Monday 20th May, with the usual refreshments available for all. Cllr H. Thompson suggested that the Annual Newsletter could contain items such as: the Rural Plan being made; the refurbishment of the Playing Field; the new Social Activities Committee, Christmas and Easter events. **Action:** Clerk to seek availability of WI Hall, circulate invitations and draft Newsletter.

13. Correspondence:

- (a) Email received from another resident about the problem of vehicle owners parking without due care and consideration when visiting the school. This resident finds vehicles using their dropped kerb and driveway to do 'u' turns or parking half on/half off the pavement either side of their property effectively blocking the footpath and making it extremely difficult for pedestrians, especially those with pushchairs, walking aids and wheelchairs. **Action:** Clerk to respond as before and to notify the police.
- (b) HBC – quote for emptying bins at Playing Field - £91.41 + VAT. Agreed unanimously. **Action:** Clerk to inform Garry Jones, HBC
- (c) Jane Mauden, Victim Services, Hartlepool Community Safety team – introducing herself and the service. Noted. **Action:** Clerk To produce precis for the Notice Boards.

14. Planning Applications:

- H/2019/0069 – Sunset Cottage – No objection
- H/2019/0122 – 20 Wellington Gardens, Wynyard - No Objection

15. Matters of Concern to Councillors

Cllr H. Thompson raised the following:

- Mrs. Shields had been informed that the fence around the Wildlife garden was not a priority
- The site of the November bonfire still looked terrible due to insufficient turf having been removed; Cllr Irving offered some free turf if someone would help her to lay it.
- The waste bin at the bottom of the Church steps is overflowing and there are bags left around the base of the bin.

There being no other matters raised, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.22pm.

16. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 25th April 2019 at Elwick WI Hall.