

MINUTES OF KIRKBY-IN-CLEVELAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 15th April 2024

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Attendees: County Cllr B Griffiths, Cllrs M Frew, T Seymour, M Weighell, A Scott J Passman, clerk Mrs L Smith

1. The Chair reminded the Council that there was a possibility for the audio recording of the meeting – none were made

2. Apologies of absence – North Yorkshire Police.

3. No declarations of interest were made.

4. The minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2024 declared as a true and correct record and signed accordingly by Cllr Frew.

5 Ongoing issues and the decisions made

5.1 The police report – A report was received from NY Police stating that there had been one crime of Anti-Social Behaviour during March.

5.2 Tree Pruning – Cherry tree on the green near the church. The tree surgeon advised that as it was in blossom it would be better to leave the pruning until a later date, therefore this will take place on 28th May. The details of the Spring Village Tidy Up Session were confirmed – Sat. 11th May, meet up at 9.30 a.m. at the crossroads. Cllr. Frew to put a notice in the Church newsletter.

5.3 Code of Conduct/Standing Orders - Ongoing

5.4 A fulsome note of thanks has been received from Mrs. Cove-Smith saying the drain outside her house at the bottom of Hill Road has been successfully repaired and jetted. The problems at The Grange also appear to be less severe. Clerk to report other blocked drains through the Portal.

6.0 Planning applications

6.1 ZB24/00451/FUL- Replacement of existing garden room roof at Field House, Station Road, Stokesley, Middlesbrough, North Yorkshire TS9 7AB **NO OBJECTIONS**

6.2 Ivy House 22/02032/LBC, 21/013551/LBC and 21/01350/FUL – There are some concerns that planning permissions and conditions thereto have not been followed. An email is to be sent to Planning Enforcement outlining these concerns.

6.3 A resident has expressed concerns over a tree in their garden. They wish to cut down the tree, but it has a TPO. Cllr Griffiths advised an arborists report should be obtained and then consult the planning department for advice. Cllr Passman is to liaise with the resident.

7.0 Planning decisions - None

8.0 Finance

8.1 Payments to be approved

i) Charitable donation - it was unanimously agreed to give a donation of £100 to the Great North Air Ambulance.

ii) Play Park maintenance – invoice awaited.

iii) Internal audit fee

8.2 Payments made - none

8.3 Confirmation of bank balance - £8424.40 as at 5th March 2024

8.4 Internal Audit – An internal auditor has been secured.

8.5 Training on VAT for unregistered councils – webinar on 21st March. The clerk/RFO gave a report. This was more relatable to larger councils but was informative and clarified a few points.

9.0 Correspondence

9.1 Possible amalgamation with Busby Parish Meeting – As more volunteers have come forward from within Busby the possibility of an amalgamation has now been abandoned.

9.2 Possible effect on Kirkby-in-Cleveland village if Hunger Lane is closed to HGVs – A request by Busby residents to Highways for closure to HGV and farm vehicles has been refused. The PC would not have supported such a closure.

9.3 Enhancing digital skills from YLCA/CloudyIT - there was no interest.

9.4 Western Area Forum - Thurs 9th May 7.15 p.m. at Ingleby Greenhow. As Cllr Weighell is unable to attend Cllr Passman volunteered to step in.

9.5 It was confirmed that following the Biodiversity Policy, there would be two cuts only to the verges this year, the first in May/June cutting sufficient width to enable pedestrians to step off the road when necessary and then the full width in September/October when the wildflowers would have set their seed.

10.0 Date of next Parish Council meeting - Monday 20th May 2024 at 7.30pm in Kirkby Church Hall.