

WARMSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th.
January 2022 at 7pm at Warmsworth Community Centre.**

Members Present: Cllrs. C. Pattison (Chair for the opening part of the meeting), K. Lenham, A. Bennett, P. Cole, N. Robertson, C. Woolven, S. Auty & J. Auty

In Attendance: The Clerk, Mr A. Bosmans.

Apologies: Cllrs. D Maxey & P. Cole

Members Absent: None

In the absence of the Chair, Cllr C. Pattison Chaired the initial proceedings until the election of a new Vice-Chair as she was stepping down from the role.

22/001

To receive Disclosures of Interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting

None Received

22/002 To identify items for which the Press and Public may be excluded

Agenda Item 17 – Staffing Issues was identified and agreed, in the event of Press and/or public attending for the duration of the normal meeting. At that time no Press or Public were present.

22/003 To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8th. November 2021 be signed as a correct record.

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th. November 2021 are accepted as a true record.

22/004 To Receive Nominations and Select a new Vice Chair.

Cllr. Pattison asked for nominations for the role of Vice-Chair, and one was forthcoming: Cllr Simon Auty was nominated, seconded, and overwhelmingly endorsed as the new Vice-Chair for Warmsworth Parish Council.

RESOLVED: Cllr Simon Auty is elected as Vice-Chair for the remaining duration of this Council.

Cllr. S Auty then Chaired the remainder of the meeting in the absence through sickness of the existing Chair and Cllr Pattison remained in the meeting resuming her role as a Councillor. Cllr S Auty then thanked Cllr Pattison for her time as Vice-Chair and for all the work that she continues to do behind the scenes in Warmsworth. Further endorsements were received from other Councillors.

There was also a short discussion over where the Public Participation Session should sit on the agenda and the consensus (endorsed by the Clerk) that it would be appropriate to take this after "Matters Arising" from the Minutes, but it could be moved at the discretion of the Chair and the agreement of Councillors present in future.



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22/005 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- a. Holiday Inn Wall Repair – Cllr Pattison had now received a response from Head Office and had been contacted by the Hotel Manager – she would be arranging a site visit to progress- **ONGOING**
- b. Stapleton Road Resource Centre – Acquisition – Cllr S Auty had been liaising with the DMBC Assets team and reported that the building was undergoing a deeper cleanse and the room with the leaking radiator was also to be attended to. A Draft lease he had received was circulated and there was a short discussion over the annual lease which was thought adequate. The alarm system was also getting a makeover - **ONGOING**
- c. Lords Head Lane Petition – Cllr Cole and Cllr Cole to follow up with DMBC Highways over making the Lane one-way with other measures to slow traffic down as increased flows were expected with the housing development on the former pit tip site – although “quiet” the development will still go ahead. Cllr Cole was watching this - **ONGOING**
- d. Gala Committee - the Committee have agreed a door to be fitted and a date agreed for this to be done in now in January – Cllr Pattison had spoken a representative from the Committee, and it was hoped that the Gala would take place in 2022, but a slightly “scaled down” version - **ONGOING**
- e. Portable Toilet – Allotments – SY Pumps have been contacted Clerk has chased this three times with SY Pumps who indicated they would contact but did not – Clerk to look at a contract with Initial or PHS instead – **ONGOING**

22/006 Public Participation Session

There were no members of the public present and the Clerk and Councillors indicated that no issues had been raised for the meeting with them since November meeting.

22/007 To Hear Reports on the work of External Bodies

- a. Allotments – Cllr. S Auty / Bennett / Lenham - A new padlock had been ordered to fit the key stock that the council had and was to be paid by the Clerk in advance of receipt. An explanation was given by Cllr Bennett over the previous problem with the lock which has now been sorted.
A meeting was planned with Cllr. Lenham and the ladies of the allotments to hear their concerns and problems especially over lone working and any anxiety over this. Previous concerns had been expressed verbally to councillors.
The Clerk requested a breakdown of the last block payment made to into the account from subscriptions – there were a couple outstanding, however these could have been made directly.
- b. Environmental Group / Playing Fields – Cllr Pattison apologised for the lack of written report this time but reported that a lot had been done by the Council in conjunction with the Environment Group.

There was a short discussion over the fencing and dumping at the Hairpin bend – it would appear that DMBC do not wish to spend any more time or money on this, and the fence is the responsibility of the landowner, this despite he being willing to assist DMBC and Warmsworth Council in the past. Cllr Bennet agreed to raise the concerns with the Don Gorge Group and that this issue would be persisted with to DMBC.

The Clerk was asked to order a St George’s Flag for that day to be flown from the new flagpole.

The installation of the CCTV opposite the Children’s Play Area had been a continuous bureaucratic nightmare for both the Cllr Pattison and the Clerk with the officers at DMBC giving conflicting and rather ridiculous often obvious information. A further fee was now payable upfront to DMBC which Cllr Pattison and the Clerk had raised with Cllr Phil Cole at DMBC – why the need to pay for this upfront?



There had been concerns that the Chapel development on High Road had not been progressed for some time. There were various rumours, but Cllr Pattison was to have a conversation with Planning at DMBC to ascertain what the situation is at present.


There was also a request for the Clerk to send a letter of thanks to the garage owner at the crossroads who always allows the Council to use his electricity supply annually for the tree lights which was gratefully appreciated – the lights had been even more well received this year with the handyman's additional displays on the tree trunks. This was not connected with the supply of electricity from the garage.

There was also a request from Cllr Pattison to consider some budget monies to be set aside for repairs to railings and seating in Warmsworth.

- c. Cricket Club – Nothing to report
- d. Football Club – Cllr Maxey was absent, but the club appears to be doing well. Drainage issues were still apparent and there may still be a need to look at funding for this.
- e. PCJCC – Cllr Woolven reported that the meeting was three hours and achieved very little – the minutes are awaited and would be circulated for information.
- f. PROW – No Meetings, however Cllr Pattison reported that the access to the pathway from Halt Road to the old railway viaduct had indicated access was limited because of the amounts of sludge. This had been reported to DMBC and it emerged that there was a path under the sludge and that Streetscene had not cleansed this area for some time. It was to be monitored to see if this changes.

Mention was also made of the path between Mill Lane and hairpin bend which needs some attention. This path is privately owned, and access is facilitated by the owner – Cllr Bennett offered to mention this to Don Gorge with a view to collaborating with the owner.

- g. DTUG – The Clerk mentioned that Stagecoach was struggling as the drivers were taking selective action on pay which meant that services through Warmsworth towards the Dearne Valley were being affected on a week on week off basis.
- h. Don Gorge – The meeting was cancelled, but the group was looking at preserving the Copley Water wheel, which needed some attention, and was of historic significance.
- i. Quarry Liaison – Cllr S Auty had asked for articles from Sibelco for the next Chronicle, but none had been forthcoming. It was reported that excavation of stone was at a lower level and the picking noise was less intrusive. The land grab by certain residents was hopefully being attended to but there was no evidence of the trees being restored at present.
- j. Accounts Inspection – Cllrs S Auty & Maxey – another was to be planned for January 2022.
- k. HR Committee – As Press and Public were not present, a Confidential paper giving an update on these matters was circulated and noted.
- l. Gala Committee – No meetings
- m. YLCA – SY Branch – A meeting is planned for February – those members who attend should be notified in due course.
- n. Stapleton Road Centre – this had already been covered.



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22/008 To Again Review Risk Register and confirmation of arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insured risks

Councillors were reminded that the Clerk needed them to review the register he had previously circulated. The Clerk would review the register and update the Covid Register.

Cllr J Auty updated Councillors on a recent incident at playgroup – the group had voluntarily asked the Fire Service to undertake an audit of the Community Centre and had worked in co-operation with the Clerk over measures because of a prompted OFSTED inspection.

The result of the Fire Inspection had resulted in a few quick fixes and a few items which require a little further expenditure but not a great deal. The Alarms had been serviced and various emergency lights had been replaced.

The OFSTED inspection had resulted in then visit flagging up NO issues of concern.

The full Fire Inspection report was awaited.

22/009 To Discuss Environmental / Climate Change Issues

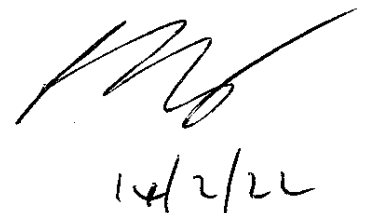
Cllr. J Auty would be attending a virtual meeting on Friday arranged by YLCA which will be looking at ways in which Councils can encourage their residents to reduce their carbon footprint.

Re-cycling and categorising rubbish were requested instead of just one large bin with everything – The Clerk stated he would investigate it.

22/010 To Discuss and Receive Correspondence

- a. Community First Yorkshire – Newsletters – Various
- b. Volcom & Faith Sector – DMBC – various Issues
- c. NALC – Newsletters
- d. Fields in Trust – Update Newsletter
- e. YALC – White Rose Update
- f. Northern Gas Networks – Update
- g. DMBC – various advice on Coronavirus and from Head of Public Health
- h. Police & Crime – Commissioner Blogs
- i. YLCA – Virtual Training Programme – November
- j. SLCC – Newsletters
- k. SYPTE – Changes to Bus Services – Doncaster – staff shortages
- l. SYPTE – Strike by Stagecoach – dates and arrangements
- m. Cllr R Reid – Various DMBC Information including Cold Weather Guidance
- n. YLCA – Governance Bulletin
- o. Police & Crime – Consultancy on Council Tax Setting
- p. NEST – Further routine correspondence
- q. HMRC – Government Support for Omicron Virus
- r. DMBC – Request for vaccine Centre volunteers
- s. SYPTE – Christmas Holiday Travel Arrangement
- t. SYPTE – Face coverings on Public Transport
- u. DMBC – Coronavirus Update
- v. YLCA – Sickness Absence – Government Short Term Measures (Covid)
- w. DMBC – Request for new Electoral Register (restricted to Clerk, DMBC Councillors & candidates in elections)
- x. YLCA – 2022 Meeting Dates – South Yorkshire Branch

These were all noted.



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22/011 Members Items

Cllr Pattison was concerned that police cover since the officer concerned had been transferred to Thorne, was not acceptable and there appeared that liaison with the police and the council was lacking. She suggested that she co-operate with the Clerk to send a letter of concern to the Superintendent / Commissioner in charge of the Doncaster Division to ask what cover was being offered, when and whether there was to be a dedicated liaison with the Parish Council at Warmsworth.

22/012 To Discuss Financial Matters

- a) To approve Orders for Payment: APPENDIX 1
- b) To approve Budgets and Bank Reconciliation – to end December 2021 – APPENDIX 2 & 3 – as Attached to Agenda

RESOLVED: That the payments, Budget & Bank Reconciliation be approved and signed as a true Record.

- c) To Approve a Budget as indicated by APPENDIX 4

The Clerk ran through the proposed Budget and a suggestion that there should be a modest increase in the budget whilst taking account of the Business Plan for the Stapleton Road Centre and existing projects from reserves.

Councillors were happy with the budget and agreed the proposal unanimously.

RESOLVED: That the Budget for 2022 - 2023 as presented in APPENDIX 4 is approved.

- d) To Approve the setting of the Parish Council Precept – APPENDIX 5

The Appendix was introduced by The Clerk, and a modest increase in the precept was proposed from £49,500 to £50,500, which, given the reserves and careful planning for the Stapleton Road Centre and other projects, would be adequate for 2022 – 2023.

It would effectively mean a rise in the benchmark Band D properties from £44.08 per property, to £44.45 per property, and would be an effective annual increase overall of 2.02% for the precept and only 0.84% for Band D residential properties.

This was favourably received and approved unanimously.

RESOLVED: That the Precept for 2022 – 2023 is increased from £49,500 per annum to £50,500 per annum, and that the benchmark precept for Band D properties in Warmsworth is increased marginally by 0.84%.

Councillors thanked the Clerk for a comprehensive review of the figures and recognised the work that had gone into setting the Budget for 2022 – 2023.

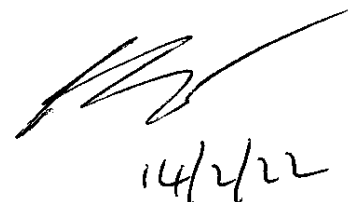
22/013 To Consider Resolutions Notified by Members

Cllr Pattison had requested a discussion on 20mph zones, but this needed further clarification from DMBC Councillors Rob Reid and Phil Cole.

22/ 014 To Consider Planning Matters

21/03098/FUL – Erection of side extension above Garage and to front – 4 Gullane Drive
21/03457/FUL – 20 Pamela Drive – Erection of Home Office – Rear Garden

No observations were suggested for either of these proposals



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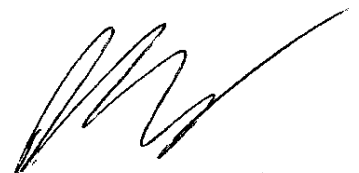
22/015 To Confirm the date of the Next meeting

Confirmed as 7.00 pm on 14th February 2022 (Monday) in the Community Centre.

The Meeting concluded at 8.45pm

22/016 – To Resolve that Press and Public are Excluded

The discussion had mainly taken place earlier and there was no need to dismiss Press and Public as neither were present and the meeting finally concluded at 8.50 pm.



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