

GREEN HAMMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Green Hammerton Parish Council held on Monday 30th October 2017 at Green Hammerton Village Hall, Harrogate Road, Green Hammerton at 19:30

PRESENT: Cllrs I Andrew (Acting Chairman), D Copley, S Harland & J Lambert.
Cllr Paroskos.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk: Louise Pink. 3 members of the public (1 part meeting only).

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors I Bailes & A Tegerdine. District Cllr Ash Teague.

2. Declaration of interest and dispensations

None declared.

3. Public Participation

One resident spoke of issues with dog fouling on the playing fields, including within the play area. The resident advised that Kirk Hammerton have recently banned dogs from their playing field and as such, believes owners are now coming over to use the Green Hammerton playing field to exercise their dogs. Cllr Andrew advised the resident that as the playing field is not owned by the Parish Council we are only in a position to advise the recreational committee of the complaints received. After discussion it was RESOLVED for the Clerk to write to the recreational committee to advise that public concern for the health and safety of residents has been raised and to ask whether the recreational committee feel it necessary for the facility of dog walking on the playing fields to be removed.

One resident spoke of the recent daffodil planting that has taken place within the village. It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to write to all the residents who were involved with the planting to pass on the Parish Council's thanks for the work they carried out.

One resident spoke of an email from another resident regarding tree crown lifting on the Green. Cllr Andrew advised that when trees are on private land it is the responsibility of the land owner to apply for authority and to carry out any necessary works. It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to contact Harrogate Borough Council to enquire as to whether the Parish Council have any responsibilities relating to trees on Village Green land that is now owned by the Parish Council.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on 18th September 2017

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2017 were accepted as a true record. The acting chairman signed the minutes.

5. Update on the Redrow and Linden Homes development sites within the village.

Cllr Copley advised that there is a lot of concern regarding the Linden development with works vehicles accessing the site via St Thomas's Way before the allocated start time. Cllr Copley advised that she is in possession of photographs and video footage of offending vehicles. Cllr Copley advised that Cllr Teague was due to meet with a representative and is currently awaiting a report from Cllr Teague as to the outcome.

Issues were raised regarding vehicles accessing the Redrow development blocking both the road and residents driveways. The recent road closure was also discussed. Cllr Paroskos advised that he will raise these issues with the Head of Planning next week.

6. Request from Dr Tatham regarding future housing developments within the village.

Cllr Andrew advised that Dr Tatham has recently approached the Chairman advising that as a practice, it is hard for them to formally oppose any development because they are a public service and would be expected to expand to meet demand. However, he advised that if there is a significant development of houses, their current premises would be quickly unsuitable and they would have to consider extending our site on York Road or move to a new building on a new site, perhaps as part of a new settlement development. He advised that as there is no current NHS funding stream for such a development they would be expected to self-fund a build. He advised that he would like to propose that the surgery is considered in any Section 106 agreement made between the planning authority and the developers, either in terms of acquiring land for a new building or assisting in the building costs of an extension or new building. The Chairman replied by advising that the Parish Council will try to include the doctors requirements in any responses but our control of a section 106 agreement is very limited.

7. Planning

No new planning applications were discussed.

8. Local Plan Update.

Cllr Paroskos advised that nothing has changed at the moment. A members briefing is to take place on Tuesday 31st October.

The Action Group:-

They had submitted a Freedom of Information request to obtain details of the responses to the recent consultation.

They have not heard much from the Flaxton group.

They have recently had a successful bridge afternoon.

A race night has been organised.

9. Grass cutting within the village.

Cllr Andrew advised that a meeting and village walkabout has taken place with the contractor. Issue to be monitored during the Spring/Summer months when the grass starts to grow again.

10. 2018 Election Process.

Clerk advised that she has received an email from the Elections Officer @ HBC advising that the next parish council elections they will be held on 3rd May 2018. If HBC receive eight or more nomination papers there will be a parish council election to be held alongside the District Council election. If they receive seven or less nomination papers the election will be uncontested and the candidates will automatically become parish councillors. The Parish Council will be notified around March 2018, when HBC will send out nomination papers to prospective candidates

11. Ongoing Tasks.

Item to be deferred to the next meeting.

12. Current councillor vacancy.

Clerk advised that the current HBC notice expires on the 14th November. Shortly after this time HBC will advise the Clerk as to whether the Parish Council can go to co-option to fill the current vacancy.

13. Report from District & County Councillors.

District Councillor not present at the meeting.

14. Clerks Report.

Nothing noted.

15. Approval of payments

Cheque

100970	L Pink Salary - October 2017	£297.09
100971	L Pink Salary - November 2017	£297.09
100972	Farm & Land Services Grass Cutting	£165.60
100973	Harland Garden Machinery -Lawnmower service	£100.80

16. Invoices after production of agenda.

No invoices were received after production of agenda.

17. Correspondence.

Nothing new noted.

18. Reports from Representatives.**19. Items for the next agenda.**

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20. Next meeting date.

The next meeting date was agreed for Monday 11th December 2017 @ 7.30pm. This meeting has since been amended the Tuesday 28th November @ 7.45pm.

Meeting Closed at 8.50pm.