

**LOCKTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the meeting of Lockton Parish Council held on 13 December 2021 at 7.30 pm at Lockton Village Hall, Lockton.**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	
	D Tomlinson (in the Chair), M Bentley, J Edenbrow, G Hodgson and J Collins (Clerk)	
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome to all</b>	
	Cllr Tomlinson welcomed all present to the meeting.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b>	
	Cllr Alex Warriner Karen Nattress, Ryedale District Council	
<b>3</b>	<b>Open Forum</b>	
	There were no Open Forum points of discussion	<b>Actions:</b> No action
<b>4.</b>	<b>Declarations of interest</b>	
	There were no declarations of interest.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b>	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 02 November 2021 were agreed and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Guest Slot: Karen Nattress, Community Link Officer, RDC</b>	
	Guest slot postponed due to the government Plan B announcement, and the RDC policy change regarding attending external meetings. To be rearranged.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>To receive information on ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary</b>	
	No information or ongoing issues recorded	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Planning applications received</b>	
<b>8.1</b>	None received	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Planning decisions received.</b>	
<b>9.1</b>	None received	
<b>10</b>	<b>Finance</b>	
<b>10.1</b>	Updated finance report: presented & discussed.	Noted Noted JC to confirm to RDC JC to draw up new table of cemetery fees
<b>10.2</b>	Payments In & payments to consider: presented & discussed.	
<b>10.3</b>	Budget forecast for 2021/22 & 2022/23. Budgets reviewed & agreed. Agreement to increase parish council precept by 3% for the 2022/23 financial year. Rents of parish council land were reviewed with agreement not to increase next year.	
	Cemetery fees reviewed, and agreement to increase the fees from 01 <sup>st</sup> January 2022. Fees will be available to view on the website by the end of 2021.	

<b>11</b>	<b>Chairman's report/Councillor's information</b>	
<b>11.1</b>	Cllr Geoff Hodgson to chase grass cutting contractor for the 2022 season quote. Parish Council to then review the new fees. Since the meeting, the quote has been received and all councillors agree to the new quote. JC to confirm to the grass cutter (JJ Harrison) the contract for 2022.	
<b>11.2</b>	JC covered the main slides from the recent NYCC presentation on the Unitary decision and handed out copies for review. Further updates to be provided once available. Key dates will be the 05 May 2022 for local elections, including Parish Councils, and the Vesting Day (01 <sup>st</sup> April 2023), which is the transition day into the new council, to be known as North Yorkshire Council.	
<b>11.3</b>	Precept for 2022/23 agreed (as above agenda point 10.3).	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Clerk's information</b>	
<b>12.1</b>	Funding updates: Grant application to Stronger Communities approved. Awaiting funds: once funds received, owners of the Tea Rooms will be tasked with sourcing best value materials and labour to construct the planters and organise the first crop of vegetables and herbs for the community. Further updates to be provided by JC.	
<b>12.2</b>	Cricket field update. Cllr Geoff Hodgson confirmed that the repair work had started on the boundary fencing.	
<b>12.3</b>	Highways/roads update: potholes update, white lines, signs & road sweeping in the village. JC confirmed that the white lines work and road sweeping had been completed. All signs erected, and an update had been sought on the date for the pot-holing work to commence. JC to update further.	
<b>12.4</b>	Dark skies/street lighting: Parish Council agreed to trial the "night-tune" lighting solution presented by Mike Hawtin at the November parish council meeting. JC to contact MH to discuss next steps.	
<b>12.5</b>	Review the volunteer work, including Pinfold area, village hall garden & bulb planting. JE confirmed all work on hold until Spring due to the weather conditions	
<b>12.6</b>	Technology/Best Practice: website update & laptop. JC confirmed that a new laptop has been identified with a budget of approx. £450 needed, which will include the transfer over of all data. JC to organise within the next 4-6 weeks.	
<b>12.7</b>	<p>Future initiatives: car charging point/Queen's Green Canopy/20's plenty speed initiative  JC has completed an Expression of Interest to RDC re car charging points. JC to update once more news is available</p> <p>The village has 2 new tree saplings to plant for the Queens Green Canopy, suggestions for a suitable location included the village hall garden. Agreement to host a Jubilee Fete in the month of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, date to be confirmed but possibly June 2022. Will include the tree-planting ceremony. Provisional budget agreed of £250.</p>	
<b>12.8</b>	Resident/Community: communications going forward. Council agreed to the possibility of a Lockton Parish Council Newsletter or the option to proactively signpost residents to the council website. This is due to the many regional initiatives and benefits available to the community, including the Green Homes Grant, latest news from the Northern PowerGrid regarding the power cuts, Bilsdale Transmitter, etc. JC agreed, in the meantime, to keep both council website updated and village noticeboard up to date with all relevant news events.	
<b>13.</b>	<b>Parish Plan</b>	
<b>13.1</b>	No further update. To remain as an agenda point	
<b>14.</b>	<b>Urgent business</b>	

	No urgent business
<b>15.</b>	<b>Date of next Parish Council meeting</b>
	Agreed for: Monday 24 January 2022 at Lockton Village Hall, Lockton at 7.30pm
	<b>Meeting closed at 9.00pm</b>