

LOCKTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Lockton Parish Council held on 20 September 2021 at 7.30 pm at Lockton Village Hall, Lockton.

	PRESENT	
	D Tomlinson (in the Chair), A Warriner, M Bentley, J Edenbrow, G Hodgson and J Collins (Clerk) Residents of the Lockton village Guests: Andrew Graham and Michael Hester of Lockton Tea Rooms and Gallery	
1	Welcome to all	
	Cllr Tomlinson welcomed all present to the meeting.	
2	Apologies for absence	
	No absence/apologies	
3	Open Forum	
	There were no Open Forum items.	Actions:
4.	Declarations of interest	
	There were no declarations of interest.	
5.	Minutes of the previous meeting	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 09 August 2021 were agreed and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record. The Clerk to publish on the Council noticeboard and website.	
6.	To receive information on ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary	
6.1	<p>Wildflower Meadow</p> <p><u>Background to the agenda item:</u></p> <p>25 August 2021 – email received from the wildflower meadow group confirming that they wish to remain at the existing site within the parish council cemetery</p> <p>09 August 2021 – Parish Council response presented at the pc meeting, confirming that the council could not agree to the WFM conditions. The council re-iterated their support for the new proposed area, including help with grant applications. Councillor J Sanderson also re-iterated her support, with advice offered on grant application and the role of the council as a custodian for any grant.</p> <p>5 August 2021 – proposal (with conditions) received from the wildflower meadow group in response to the Parish Council request to re-site the area.</p> <p><u>Outcome at the meeting</u></p> <p>The Chairman outlined the current position.</p> <p>On the 18 October 2013 the Parish Council (PC) entered into an agreement with the North York Moors National Park Authority under the North York Moors Conservation Scheme. These were the only parties to the agreement. In that agreement the PC undertook to create a wildflower mini meadow in the cemetery, which is PC land. The NYM Authority's contribution was to provide tools and equipment for use by volunteers engaged in conservation work. Those volunteers happen to be the WFM Group; however, ultimate responsibility for the upkeep of the land consisting of the WFM attaches to the PC – no tenancy or licence to occupy has been granted by the PC.</p> <p>There is no agreement between the Parish Council and the Wildflower Meadow Group for the group to occupy Parish Council land. The continued existence of the WFM is therefore a matter of discretion for the Parish Council.</p>	

	<p>The Chairman requested the views of all Councillors and members of the public present. Following the views and subsequent discussions, a vote was taken on the option to re-site the meadow from the cemetery.</p> <p><u>Result</u> 5 votes from the 5 Councillors present agreed for the meadow to be removed from the cemetery. The Chairman requested the Clerk to approach the Parks in writing to confirm the decision taken.</p> <p><u>Timescales</u> Exit of the wildflower mini meadow from the cemetery within 12 months of the meeting date, 20 September 2021. All equipment initially provided by NYMPA to be returned at the end of this period.</p>	
7.	Guest: Andrew and Michael of Lockton Tea Rooms and Gallery	
	<p>Andrew and Michael presented their latest plans on improving the area adjacent to the Tea Rooms, which is currently being used as a car park and is rented from the parish council. The idea is gravelling the area, provide a U-shape of planters, transforming into a community edible garden for residents of the parish. The Council liked the principle of the idea and encouraged the owners to approach the Parks to discuss the idea further. The Council agreed to support the project, including assisting with any application of grants.</p>	
8.	Planning applications received	
8.1	NYM/2021/0579/FL – Forester Hill, High Street, Lockton	No objections
9.	Planning decisions received.	
9.1	NYM/2021/0456/FL - Hill Crest, High Street, Lockton (approved) NYM/2021/0523/FL – Keepers Cottage, Kingthorpe (approved)	
10	Finance	
10.1	Report presented, including any pending invoices.	Noted
10.2	Payments covered	Noted
10.3	Excess spends agreed to be used to purchase bulb planting tools (£17)	Agreed
11	Chairman's report/Councillor's information	
11.1	Agreement to approach current grass cutting contractor with a view to offer an additional 1-year contract for the 2022 season. Clerk to approach in writing.	
11.2	Agreement to wait 1-2 weeks for further information & feedback from Councillor J Sanderson. Latest quote received was for approx. £600 for a temporary repair to the potholes in the Square. A further quote for a long-term/re-surfacing solution was received at approx. £6,000. These quotes were received from the new Highways entity at NYCC. Clerk to progress onto next pc agenda.	
11.3	Data logger/speed results were reviewed following the report provided by Highways. This was for the section near the playground. This was for a period of 1-week, with the results indicating very little evidence of excess speed in this area. No further action requested. The Clerk noted that there is a new speed awareness initiative being launched in North Yorkshire under the new name of "20's plenty" (20mph). The Clerk agreed to include on the next pc agenda.	
12.	Clerk's information	
12.1	GH agreed to approach cricket club to encourage the requested repairs to the fencing	
12.2	A new playground sign has been sited on the back lane. The horse-riding sign is due to be sighted in October by Highways. The Clerk agreed to chase the request for new white lines, mainly at junctions within the village.	
12.3	The Parish Council acknowledged the importance of the climate emergency debate, the use of both street lighting and artificial lighting within the village and agreed to use the Lockton pc website to	

	educate & signpost residents to the latest advice, by mirroring the Ryedale District Council "Our Climate Change Commitment". This will not only look to encourage the use of energy efficient LED and part-night lighting, but also look at other carbon-reduction projects such as, electric vehicle (EV) charging points, improving the way we manage waste, becoming more efficient in our use of energy, water, and other resources. The Council will also continue to engage with NYMPA and RDC re the Dark Skies initiative, with previous agreement to attend local-level meetings once these are arranged. The Clerk to contact RDC to agree on the most suitable web link to utilise on the Lockton pc website. Any suitable and appropriate posters will also be sited on the general noticeboard within the village.
12.4	JE to send round an email within 7 days of the meeting requesting volunteer work for the village hall garden, spring bulb planting in and around the cemetery, and the Pinfold area.
12.5	Clerk agreed to review technology and pricing for a new laptop, and present either before or at the next pc meeting. The Clerk agreed to update the pc website with new policies, which reflect both the agreements used at RDC and NYCC level, around Request for Information and Vexatious.
12.6	The Clerk agreed to continue to monitor available grants and their suitability for various causes, such as the village hall, playground, the church, and the parish council. Of particular interest was the Community Connect and RDC community grants.
12.7	The Clerk agreed to monitor any further information on the use of EV charging point grants, possibly to be sited on pc land. The Clerk agreed to apply for a sapling to plant to commemorate the Queen's Green Canopy in 2022, and a commemorative plaque. Potential site in the village to be discussed at the next pc meeting.
13.	Parish Plan
13.	The Clerk agreed to issue a mini plan following further consultation with the Councillors to support the longer-term Lockton pc plan. This will be discussed and considered at year end (2021) and will incorporate the precept budget and allocation of this to the 2022 planned expenditure and will be made available on the Lockton pc website. To be included on the December pc meeting agenda.
14.	Urgent business No urgent business
15.	Date of next Parish Council meeting
	Agreed for: Tuesday 02 November 2021 at Lockton Village Hall, Lockton at 7.30pm Monday 13 December 2021 at Lockton Village Hall, Lockton at 7.30pm
	Meeting closed at 8.50pm