

LOCKTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Lockton Parish Council held on 02 November 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. Andy Dunlop, Levisham Parish Council Guests: Mike Hawtin, Dark Skies, North Yorkshire Moors National Parks Authority	
1	Welcome to all	
	Cllr Tomlinson welcomed all present to the meeting.	
2	Apologies for absence	
	Cllr Will Oxley, Ryedale District Council	
3	Open Forum	
	<p>Statement received on the day of the meeting from Ms A Broadbent. The request was for the statement to be read out in the meeting. The Chair, D Tomlinson read out the statement, all Councillors were asked to vote on the removal of agenda item no.7 as per the request. The Councillors voted unanimously for the agenda item to remain. A member of the wildflower meadow group was also present, and questioned the council on their approach to biodiversity, the emotional impact on the group and the possibility of a survey amongst residents. S Warriner registered her concerns of the past management of the site, and the need for intervention from non-members of the WFM group, she also wished to record the emotional impact of those visiting loved ones in the cemetery. The subject was concluded by the Chair summarised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cllr DT confirmed that the support from the Council for a WF meadow remains- Cllr DT confirmed that the Council cannot bind future parish councils of Lockton to a long-term tenure, as this is not currently the practice for those currently renting and paying for existing parish council land- Cllr GH had previously approached the cricket club with the possibility of the WFM using part of the football pitch- Cllr M Bentley suggested the WFM group should also consider the richness of the biodiversity of the proposed site due to the area previously and currently being a grazing area, and whether this had been considered.-	Actions: No action
4.	Declarations of interest	
	There were no declarations of interest.	
5.	Minutes of the previous meeting	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2021 were agreed and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record.	
6.	Guest Slot: Mike Hawtin, Head of Polyhalite Projects, NYMNPA	
	<p><u>Background to the presentation</u> Following a Dark Skies-friendly lighting trial in the Lake District, MH had approached both Lockton and Levisham parish councils to consider a similar trial. The presentation provided a background to Dark Skies, the history of the movement, the recognition awarded to the North York Moors as a Dark Skies designated area, and the various types of lighting considered as Dark-Skies friendly, including both street lighting and residential lighting.</p>	

	Following the presentation, the consensus from Lockton parish council was to consider whether this would be something that the parish council would like to take forward. The general agreement was to take the concept forward as an agenda point at the next meeting, consider the options and the potential need to give the project some thought before canvassing opinion.	
7.	To receive information on ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary	
	<u>Wildflower Meadow</u> Following the email to the Parks Authority, which confirmed the unanimous decision to end the use of the cemetery for a wildflower meadow, the Clerk confirmed no response has been received from the Parks or the WFM group. Following the discussion in the Open Forum, it was agreed no further action was required from the council, and that the item be removed from the next parish council meeting agenda.	
8.	Planning applications received	
8.1	NYM/2021/0731/FL – Sunnyside, Lockton (ongoing) NYM/2021/0579/FL – Forester Hill, High Street, Lockton (ongoing) The Clerk mentioned the Forestry Commission Consultation Register for comments to be made by the 03 November 2021, re Case Reference: FL-012-2132-2021	No objections Noted
9.	Planning decisions received.	
9.1	None	
10	Finance	
10.1	Report presented, including any pending invoices.	Noted
10.2	Payments covered	Noted
10.3	Planting tools received for the bulb planting (expenditure of £22.82)	Noted
11	Chairman’s report/Councillor’s information	
11.1	Still awaiting quote for the 2022 season. JC to chase. Agreed to carry forward to next parish council meeting and then decide on next steps.	
11.2	JC to chase date for pothole repairs. Further pictures of repairs to other areas in the village to be sent through from Cllr M Bentley and Cllr A Warriner.	
11.3	No action identified at this point. To await further instruction and information from NYCC. There is a zoom invite from NYCC for early December, which JC has agreed to attend.	
11.4	The Council agreed to pass the motion re the “20’s Plenty speed initiative”. Motion as follows: <i>“This parish/town council supports the implementation of 20mph as the default speed limit for our parish and in all the urban and village streets in North Yorkshire where people live, work, shop, play and learn. This parish council will write to the Leader and Cabinet Member for the Highway Authority (currently North Yorkshire County Council) to implement a County wide policy on this issue to support 20mph as the default limit with higher limits only where the needs of vulnerable road users are fully taken into account”</i> JC to action and forward agreement of the motion to the “20’s Plenty” action group. DIY signs: discussion took place regarding the option of introducing speed signs within the village, where possible, on private land. These signs can be home-made, and the option of inviting the children within the village to create signs, including the possibility of choosing the preferred ones in a competition. JC to progress further and report back to the parish council.	
12.	Clerk’s information	
12.1	JC circulated the grant application for upgrading the Tea Room area/car park, with the intention to provide a community edible garden, in the form of planters. Andrew and Michael (the owners of the Tea Room) are awaiting further guidance re the planters from NYMNPA. JC advised that the plan will be to submit the grant application once approval is obtained from the Parks.	
12.2	No update. Further action to be agreed at the next meeting.	
12.3		

12.4	A new horse sign has been sited on the approach into the village near the cemetery, which was welcomed. No further update on the white lines. Request for road sweeping to be actioned within the next couple of weeks. JC to enquire into whether RDC can agree a specific date/day so that residents could move their vehicles. JC to advise.
12.5	Dark Skies project to be discussed further at the next parish council meeting in December, including the potential of canvassing support and feedback from residents.
12.6	Consensus was to put the volunteer/garden work on hold until the weather improves. Spring bulb planting to go ahead within the next couple of weeks.
12.7	The parish council website has been updated, re-formatted, re-organised, new policies included and updated. Document sharing has been corrected and training completed. JC to advise further on the options for purchasing a new laptop, and to advise the council at the next meeting.
12.8	The Queen's Green Canopy tree has been ordered, and due for planting in November. Location was discussed and still to be agreed, as is the special/VIP persons to plant the tree. Car charging point initiatives to be monitored for any updates and potential benefits for the village.
12.8	Budget and precept to be discussed in more detail at the December meeting.
13.	Parish Plan
13.1	No further update. To remain as an agenda point
14.	Urgent business No urgent business
15.	Date of next Parish Council meeting
	Agreed for: Monday 13 December 2021 at Lockton Village Hall, Lockton at 7.30pm
	Meeting closed at 9.30pm