

North Rigton Parish Council
Meeting held remotely via Zoom on Wednesday 1 July 2020 at 7.30

Present: Mary Hopkins (Chairman) Barbara Massey (Vice Chairman), Lisa Edwards, John Ellacott , Tim Bennett, Amanda Martyn and Mike Richards (Clerk). Also in attendance Cllr. Victoria Oldham (HBC) and Cllr Stanley Lumley (NYCC).

1. Apologies for absence –There were no apologies for absence as all councillors were present.

2. Agenda order variation and Declaration of Interests. There were no requests for agenda variation or declarations of interest.

3. Approval and signing of minutes, matters arising.

The minutes of the last meeting held on 6th May were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Ellacott. The Chairman then signed the minutes as a true record.

Reports on matters arising – all covered as part of the agenda.

4. Finance

a) The schedule of payments for the period 7 May to 26 June, as shown below, was approved.

M Richards May Salary	£150.20
HMRC PAYE	£88.00
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Yorkshire Water	£5.66
S Bush – grass cutting	£165.00
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M Richards – security software	£49.99
BHIB insurance	£293.20
A&S Keane – garden services	£434.25

Councillors also approved payments to be made to Colton Signs for £29.70 and to Burnett’s for £660 (Cherry trees trimming)

b) The clerk had circulated the AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Return) and had confirmed that its submission to the external auditor was again not required, but would need to be completed for publishing on the Council’s website. A Certificate of Exemption will need to be submitted. Councillors approved submission of the Certificate.

i) Councillors then approved the Annual Governance Statement.

ii) After comparing the Annual Accounting Statements with the Annual Accounts, prepared by the clerk, councillors then formally approved the Annual Accounting Statements. The clerk and Chairman will liaise to add signatures to the Statements where required.

c) Approval of expenditure. The Chairman sought approval to purchase a large gazebo for the Village Gala and other events, to replace the existing smaller less robust items. She had noticed that there appeared to be some attractive offers price wise, giving substantial discounts at the moment. Councillors agreed and the Chairman undertook to circulate details of the chosen item for final approval.

5. Planning

a) Applications received. The clerk confirmed that no new applications had been received, but reminded councillors of the responses to 20/01851/PBR, conversion of

agricultural building to form a dwelling, land at Tatefield Hall, and the Crag View Grange barn conversion. Councillors noted the responses.

b) Councillor Oldham mentioned that she had been made aware of some of the previous history re Brackenwell Lane, particularly with regard to car parking opposite the proposed new development. The Chairman confirmed that comment had been made when the “affordable” house had been built and that the original objection had been included as part of the Parish Council’s objection to the proposed new development. She would forward the detailed objection to Cllr Oldham.

c) Briscoe Ridge Lane. A building can be observed at this location, particularly at night due to excessive lighting, but no planning application appears to have been made. The clerk will follow up with HBC Enforcement.

6. Highways, footpaths and verges

a) Brackenthwaite Lane – a resident is proposing to circulate residents with a questionnaire regarding traffic flow and potential traffic calming measures along this road. His stated objective is to provide the Parish Council with evidence to support approaches being made to the appropriate authorities to achieve action. The Chairman had responded, urging caution over the Parish Council’s power to influence the regulatory authorities, but would nevertheless support the initiative. Cllr Lumley observed also that the police were normally reluctant to, for example, extend speed limit areas, unless there were compelling reasons to do so.

b) VAS – the clerk had obtained two quotations for the supply and installation of this equipment. The details supplied were quite complex, with several different options available at varying prices. Councillors decided that the best option would probably be solar powered rather than re-chargeable battery power. The clerk will obtain further clarification as to what the best option would be and report back to councillors. Cllr Lumley confirmed that he would reserve £1000 from his Locality Budget, as a contribution towards the purchase of this equipment.

c) “AJ1 Fund” – councillors had been made aware of this fund (arising from the sale of an ex- Chief Constables car registration plate) which was available for bids for road safety measures. Councillors agreed that a bid should be made for the installation of VAS equipment and the erection of “picket fences” on the entrance roads to the village. The clerk will pursue.

7. Village Garden, Amenities and Activities

a) Village Garden – ownership. The Chairman has located another legal document pertaining to the ownership of the village garden, which includes details of the solicitors who were involved in the original transaction. She will contact the solicitors and make further enquiries to resolve the matter.

b) Common Land. Contact was made with YLCA to determine which was the correct defined area of Common Land located at Hill Top Common. YLCA’s response provided some additional details but also raised a further question. Further contact will be made.

c) Ownership of the strip of land between the Square and Compass and the Primary School, has changed, as reported previously. The clerk has submitted an application for a "Hedge Protection Order" and a Tree Preservation Order but no acknowledgement has been received. He will follow up.

d) Play area – the Chairman reported that, with regret, it seems that the contract with Caledonia Play would not now proceed. She had therefore sent the details of our requirements to another company, and a response was awaited.

8. Other matters

Coronavirus issues. Cllr Massey reported that she had been asked about the possibility of basic IT training being provided, for those individuals lacking these skills which now have increased importance. The clerk responded that the "IT Buddy" scheme sponsored by HBC last year, had not identified any willing individuals in the Parish but he would include this request in the next issue of the Village News.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45.

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 2 September 2020 at 7.30pm, remotely via Zoom, unless coronavirus restrictions lifted. That being the case an alternative venue to the School, will be needed as the School will not be open.

Signed

(Chairman)

Date