

LITTLE RIBSTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Little Ribston Parish Council Annual General Meeting, followed by the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting.

Held on Tuesday May 23rd 2023 at 7pm

PRESENT: Cllr R. Sullivan, Cllr J. Steele, Cllr. G. Spencer, Cllr. J. Dent, Cllr. A. Paraskos

IN ATTENDANCE: Melanie Spencer (Clerk and RFO),

2272 Election of Chairman

i) Cllr. Sullivan was proposed for the role of Chair by Cllr. Steele, seconded by Cllr. Spencer.

Cllr. Dent was proposed for Vice-Chair by Cllr. Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. Steele

Resolved: to approve and note the election of Cllr. R. Sullivan as Chairman and Cllr. J. Dent Vice-chair to Little Ribston Parish Council

ii) Declaration of acceptance of office

Resolved: To note the declaration of acceptance of office form was made and signed by all Councillors, the Chair and Vice-chair

Chairman's review of the year

The Parish Council 2022-2023

The Chairman would like to thank the Clerk for her hard work and determination in successfully securing a grant for a Jubilee celebration which was the highlight of the year.

The village wildflower verge at the Knaresborough end of the village has had a positive impact on the village. We have received many positive remarks about the successful wildflowers and donations of seed.

The Chairman would also like to thank Cllr. James Dent for his generosity, time and hard work returning the stone sign to its rightful place.

The Parish Council after realising there was a demand in the village for a defibrillator asked Cllr. A. Paraskos to re allocate a grant earmarked for a speed sign to the village hall committee's defibrillator fund which helped to make this a viable project.

This year we hope to continue to develop links with the Cricket club, parking and tackle speeding using speed gun volunteers alongside raising funds for a VAS speed sign.

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2273 APOLOGIES

None

2274 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 31 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT INTERESTS UNDER THE MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Resolved: To note that no interests were declared and no dispensations were requested.

2275 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 4th 2023 as a true and accurate record.

Resolved: To confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting April 4th as true and accurate record.

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i) To note previous payments

YLCA invoice £130

Overpayment of Clerk's salary returned to LRPC bank account

Resolved: To note the invoices received and paid and noted that the overpayment has been repaid and checked against the bank statement.

ii) Appointment of internal auditor.

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Mr. R. Whitehead as the internal auditor at a cost of £175

2277 Planning Notices

NA

2278 To consider questions from members of the public

NA

2279 To consider and note correspondence received and decide action where necessary

i) Overgrown public rights of way

Cllr. J. Steele had walked the area where there seemed to be issues and pointed out that the overgrown area in the photograph is not the official footpath and therefore

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the landowner is under no obligation to keep this area clear. Cllr. A. Paraskos stated that it was North Yorkshire Council who was responsible for the cycle way.

Resolved: To action the Clerk to write to the complainant to clarify these points.

ii) A parishioner has complained about the grass verges not been cut, the damaged area around the stone sign and the wildflower verge.

Cllr. J. Dent explained about No Mow May to encourage and support wildlife. A parishioner has donated seed to improve the diversity of flowers on the wildflower verge .

The Chairman kindly cleaned the stone sign , the Clerk has asked the contractor to mow around the sign and the grass will reseed in time so the council decided no further action is needed.

Resolved: To monitor the wildflower verge , reseed with the parishioners seed donation and put the wildflower verge as an item on the next agenda.

2280 To note items for the next agenda

Resolved: To note the following agenda items -

Wildflower verge

Speeding

2281 To approve and note the date for the next meeting.

Resolved: To note and approve Tuesday July 18th 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall as the date for the next meeting

Meeting closed at 7.55pm

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