

**MINUTES OF THE REMOTE MEETING OF RUDBY PARISH COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY
11 JANUARY 2021 at 7.15pm**

In attendance: Councillor A Mortimer (chairman), Councillors K Clifford, A Collingwood, E Foden, T Jopling, M McCluskey, A Mortimer, D Simpson, S Tate, N Thompson, A Voke, County Councillor D Hugill, four members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence.** Councillor Bridget Fortune.
2. **Minutes of the meetings held on 14 December 2020.** Cllr Mortimer said that Broadacres had been sent the draft minutes as a matter of courtesy and had suggested various amendments. Councillors have the option to propose to refuse all the suggested amendments; to agree all the suggested amendments; or to agree some of the suggested amendments. The first option was proposed by Councillor Collingwood, seconded by Councillor Simpson, and supported by one other Councillor. The second option was proposed by Councillor Jopling, seconded by Councillor McCluskey. Councillor Foden proposed that all the amendments be agreed, save that the explanatory section added in red to correct a misunderstanding that the housing figures referred to were gross and not net should stand. This was a point that had been clarified by Councillor Simpson at the meeting on 14 December 2020 in any event. Seconded by Councillor Mortimer and supported by three others. For the avoidance of doubt Councillor Mortimer used his casting vote as Chairman and it was Resolved accordingly.

3. **Meeting open to the public.** Zoom Meeting ID: 845 1311 6770 Passcode: 923843

No members of the public wished to speak. Meeting closed to the public.

4. **Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch.** Report received dated 9 January 2020. Three incidents reported, two of which were Covid related. Noted.

5. **Matters arising.**

- a. **Neighbourhood Plan**

Councillor Mortimer confirmed that expenditure to date is around £16,000, £86.40 will need to be returned before applying for a grant for the next stage. Councillor Mortimer circulated a paper from the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Robert Jenrick which seems to be in line with existing Hambleton policies.

There have been some exchanges of emails with Andrew Garrens of Broadacres but as yet there has been no confirmation as to whether the sites Broadacres are promoting can be split. In response to a question from Councillor Jopling, Councillor Mortimer suggested that the Parish Council should speak to the landowners directly if the

feedback was that they did not want to split the sites, before looking at any other options.

With regards to the proposed public consultation phase this is not a statutory requirement but is strongly the preference that it should be done. It is seen as the most effective way of engaging with as many members of the Parish as possible. No decision will be made on alternatives for at least a couple of months by which time there should be a better idea of the effectiveness of the vaccine and extent of the rollout.

b. Footpaths

Chappies Field – the landowners have responded to NYCC questioning the location of the footpath – discussions are ongoing and NYCC are managing the process.

The Pathkeepers' project has been suspended during lockdown and all volunteers have been informed.

Concerns have been raised about the narrowness of the footpath near the Spar. There may be an issue over the location of the fence on one side as well as the hedge having grown on the other side. Councillor Collingwood will draft a letter to both landowners to try to get the matter resolved amicably in the first instance.

Councillor Tate drew attention to what is thought to be a green lane, running from Tame Bridge towards Hutton Rudby, on the other side of the road from the lake. The landowner has recently put gates across the entrance although there is still pedestrian access. Councillor Collingwood requested the OS reference from Councillor Tate so that it can be referred to NYCC for any necessary action.

c. Village Hall and Play Area

The Council paid tribute to John Bennett who sadly died just before Christmas. He was highly active in the village hall management as well as other activities and will be a great loss to the community.

Due to Covid 19 there has not been a village hall management committee meeting for a while.

It was agreed that if possible, there should be a noticeboard at the Village Hall which can be used by both the village hall and the Council. The current one is not large enough. Councillor Collingwood and the Clerk will look at sizes and location in discussion with the Village Hall management committee, together with the work already being done on getting a new board at the Spar.

d. Sports Area – repairs to equipment, security gate, health and safety notices, s106 funds

The galvanised gate is in situ and looks very good. There is a gap between it and the nearest boulder so another boulder may need to be moved in between them.

At least one new bin is needed and another one needs to be relocated – Clerk to contact Hambleton DC for the installation process and quotes for a bin at the Sports Area and possibly another one at the top of Linden Crescent.

Councillor Tate will put together a quote for the football equipment and anything else needed.

e. Village Green

The Christmas lights were very well received with lots of positive comments from residents. Many thanks to Councillor Tate who spent a lot of time putting up the new lights on the trees around the Green and to Councillors Jopling, Simpson, Tate and Thompson who installed the lights on the Christmas tree, with much appreciated support from Gary Wilson and Jack Charlton.

Councillor Simpson is awaiting the final quote from A Hill & Sons, a millennium oak should be planted soon.

The Clerk will seek advice from Hambleton District Council with regards to the work that needs to be done to the phone box to include planning the door, filling in the holes in the main structure, re-sealing the glazing bars and making good or replacing the closer before shelving can be fitted. A specification can then be properly drawn up with a view to completing the work by the summer.

f. Repairs to the village clock.

It was agreed to draw up a specification to create a safe route to the clock and for occasional use for access to the roof. The scope is to include examining the joists to ensure that they are sufficiently strong to bear the weight of any boarding.

6. Planning applications.

The following applications have been received by the Council. Full details of any responses are available on www.hambleton.gov.uk/homepage/16/planning

- a. 20/02573/FUL 19 Woodside, Hutton Rudby. Two storey side extension. The Council recommended approval subject to issues with the plans being resolved and compliance with recommendations on a bat survey. Noted.
- b. 20/02499/FUL Orchard House, 25 Doctors Lane, Hutton Rudby. Application for construction of a single storey rear extension and alterations to the front porch entrance. The Council recommended approval. Noted.
- c. 20/02628/CAT Wynd House, the Wynd, Hutton Rudby. Works to trees in a conservation area. The Council recommended approval. Noted.
- d. 20/02830/HNA Middleton Grove Farm, Middleton on Leven. Application for removal of 365m of hedgerow. Much of the hedge had already been removed before the application had been considered. The Council alerted HDC and requested that the work be stopped pending an investigation and possible enforcement and remediation. Works suspended and no more work to be done until assessment of hedge can be carried out. Noted.
- e. 20/02682/LBC Ober Green South, Campion Lane, Hutton Rudby. Application for listed building consent for replacement of existing (non-original) window in extended element of property. The Council recommended approval. Noted.
- f. 20/02764/FUL Stoneridge, The Grove, Hutton Rudby. Application for single storey extension to the side of the existing house and chimney stack to gable. The Council recommended approval. Noted

7. Reports from County and District Councillors.

County Councillor Hugill confirmed that work is currently being done on the proposed budget for the next financial year. The current deficit is £82 million although new ways of working to include extra home working have already identified £1m of savings and there are plans to reduce the deficit down to around £32 million. NYCC is in fact better placed than most Councils currently due to strong financial management in previous years.

Salting and gritting has been carried out on Priority 1 and 2 routes but has been less effective where there is less traffic. There is a community gritting partnership which villages can run with support from NYCC so that pavements can be gritted by volunteers in the village if that would be of interest to residents.

The local government review is still due to go ahead in April. It is not yet known if this will change due to Covid 19 restrictions.

8. Finance.

Employer's summary December 2020. Noted.

3rd quarter accounts have been prepared in draft but bank statements are needed so that they can be checked together. No response yet from Barclays about moving the account online.

9. Councillor resignation and appointment of new Councillor.

No applicants to date. It was Resolved to move the deadline to the end of January. Councillors will encourage any contacts and others to apply. Councillor Foden will put a message on Facebook.

10. Trees for Tomorrow – report and request for further planting.

Councillor Simpson will chase Hill & sons for the outstanding quote. A decision on planting at the burial ground to be deferred until we are sure that the drainage has been resolved.

11. Climate emergency seminar, pilot programme, Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill.

Councillor Simpson attended the online seminar which had a useful list of actions that Councillors can take. The Neighbourhood Plan can also support some of the actions. The aim is to enable and encourage residents which is compatible with what the Council has been striving for.

Councillor Simpson had circulated a report on a useful seminar with a list of actions that Councils can take, and said we need to go through them, and see what we can pick up. The NP can help.

There is no information as yet from the pilot programme but Councillor Simpson will circulate the packages when they start to come through.

There was a discussion about the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill and whether the Parish Council should support it. Although there were some reservations about the title of the Bill the consensus was that its principles are sound and Councillor Simpson proposed that it should be supported. Seconded by Councillor Mortimer, all Councillors were in favour.

12. Planning future activities and allocation of Councillors to each task.

Councillor Simpson had drawn up a list of activities and Councillors agreed to be allocated to the various tasks. At least two councillors or councillor/clerk should be allocated to each item to ensure that all knowledge is not lost if someone leaves. Priorities for this year are the burial ground, the phone box, and the area near the old mill by the river (wall and planting) because the money has already been allocated.

There was a discussion about the village event and whether it could go ahead. It will not be possible to hold it in June, but the Council would like to arrange something later in the year if the situation allows. It was agreed that no decision will be made until the April meeting by which time there should be a better sense of whether large group activities will be possible. If nothing else it would be good to organise something for those at lower risk.

13. Decisions of Hambleton District Planning

- a. 73/010013389908/CONFIRM confirmation of registration of the address at The Granary, Hutton Grange, Garbutts Lane, Hutton Rudby, TS15 0DT. Noted.
- b. Diversion of Footpath no. 10.123/4, Blue Barn Farm, Blue Barn Lane, Rudby. Deadline for objections is 29 January 2021. Noted.
- c. 20/02418/FUL The Cottage Hall Gardens Skutterskelfe. Retrospective approval for the removal of a section of boundary wall and insertion of new reclaimed brick piers and powered timber access gate. Approved. Noted.

14. Accounts

Tees River Charitable Trust	£10845.00
SDH Engineering Services supply and fitting of galvanised gate to sports area	£ 816.00
SLCC training – ILCA course	£ 118.80
Stephen Johnson works to tree in the Play Area 17 December 2020	£ 780.00
KVA Planning attendance at two meetings	£ 100.00
A Hill & Sons invoice for Trees for Tomorrow planting	£ 1356.64
YLCA Climate emergency webinar attended by Councillor Simpson	£ 15.00
Supply of new defibrillator pads	£ 37.00
Smiths of Derby new ARU board and motor to the millennium clock	£ 780.00
HMRC payment for 3 rd quarter	£ 675.87
Clerk pay December 2020	£ 587.77

Money received

- a. Allotment rents £ 90.00

15. Correspondence

- a. Correspondence regarding planned Christingle Service on 20 December 2020 at 3pm. Noted.
- b. Email from HDC regarding the census on 21 March 2021. Noted.
- c. HDC update 11 December 2020. Noted.
- d. YLCA training in January and February 2021. Noted.
- e. Email from resident dated 11 December 2020 regarding Broadacres proposals item on agenda for meeting on 14 December 2020. The clerk gave additional information. Noted.
- f. Email from resident regarding speeding in Skutterskelfe dated 14 December 2020. Clerk has responded. Noted.
- g. Email from the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner dated 14 December 2021. Noted.
- h. Email from resident dated 15 December 2020 regarding Council meeting on 14 December 2020. The Clerk replied. Noted.
- i. Email Helen Conlon dated 15 December 2020 regarding local plan process and timetable. Noted.
- j. NALC coronavirus update dated 15 December 2020. Noted.
- k. Confirmation Certificate of Registration for An Existing Property at The Granary, Hutton Grange, Garbutts Lane, Hutton Rudby, TS15 0DT dated 15 December 2020. Noted.
- l. Email North Yorkshire Police dated 17 December 2020. Noted.
- m. Hambleton District Council Making a Difference Grants email 17 December 2020. The Clerk will see if there is any scope for funding the work to the phone box. Residents can also be made aware via Facebook. Noted.
- n. Email from North Yorkshire police on parcel delivery scams dated 17 December 2020. The Clerk put an item on Facebook about this. Noted.
- o. Civic Update 18 December 2020. Noted.
- p. North Yorkshire Now newsletter dated 18 December 2020. Noted.
- q. White Rose update 18 December 2020 . Noted.
- r. Email North Yorkshire Police regarding a survey on budgeting for 2021. Noted.
- s. Email YLCA dated 4 January 2021 regarding Councillors' forum on 7 January 2021. Noted.
- t. Hambleton DC weekly briefing dated 4 January 2021. Noted.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 9pm.