

Ormesby St Margaret with Scratby Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 8th March 2021 at 7pm via ZOOM

Present: Cllr K Wendt (Chair), Cllrs S Bigg, , Cllr. Green, Cllr. and Borough Councillor G Freeman, Cllr. R Hill, Cllr. C Lee, Cllr. J Seggie, Cllr J Shrimplin, Cllr M Cheetham, Cllr. N Lee, Cllr. J Gingell, Chris Neve (Parish Clerk).

In attendance: S Scott Greenard (Borough Councillor), R Hanton (County Councillor) members of the public

The Chair welcomed Councillors, County and Borough Councillors and members of the public. The Chair reminded all participants to remain on mute unless asked to speak.

1. To receive apologies for absence

None received

2. To receive declarations of interest on matters on the agenda

Cllr. C Lee, Cllr J Gingell and Cllr G Freeman notified the meeting of their interest as trustees in All Saints Parish Hall, Cllr J Gingell and Cllr Freeman also notified their interest in finances and Cllr M Cheetham his interest in Bracecamp.

3. Public Participation – an opportunity for the public to address the council.

Following questions and a discussion, the following was advised/agreed: -

- All children's plays areas and equipment maintenance are the responsibility of GYB Norse. All areas are due an inspection and maintenance and we are awaiting an email to confirm dates, but it is all in hand.
- Cllr G Freeman agreed to discuss street lighting in Firs Avenue with a resident.
- Justin Rundle offered to take over the group looking after the duck pond and it was agreed that Cllr. Wendt would contact him to discuss further.
- A suggestion to hold an end of COVID carnival around July on the Green was agreed to be placed onto the Agenda for the next meeting.

Borough Councillors' Reports

Written reports were produced prior to the meeting and Cllr Freeman and Cllr Scott-Greenard shared some of the content with the meeting. The reports are available from the clerk if required.

County Councillor Report

A written report was received prior to the meeting from Cllr Hanton. This is available from the clerk if required. Cllr. Hanton also advised that the Scratby fence which should have been moved by now by Mr Philpott was delayed due to bad weather but has assurance that work will start week commencing 15th March.

4. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th February 2021 were unanimously agreed as a true and correct record and would be signed by the chair in due course. Proposed by Cllr. C Lee and seconded by Cllr. N Lee.

5. Finance:

It was unanimously agreed to pay expenditure as already published with the agenda of £5677.02 for invoices received and make a transfer of £5000 from the savings account into the treasurer's current account. Proposed by Cllr. M Cheetham and seconded by Cllr. R Hill.

6. Correspondence:

6.1 Commonwealth War Graves sign.

The Clerk advised that he had an email from Catherine Jordan that confirmed she had permission now to affix a sign on the wall at the front of the church highlighting that the burial ground contained War graves.

6.2 California Road highways sign missing.

The Clerk had received an email requesting an update on the damaged California Road sign near the crossroads. Cllr Freeman had already advised in his report that this was now scheduled to be replaced.

6.3 Request for memorial.

The Clerk advised that he had received an email request though Cllr. Scott-Greenard from the grandson of the late Ron and Mary Graystone requesting permission for a memorial to be placed in the community, possibly a bench on the green. It was agreed this would be placed on the agenda for the April meeting.

7. To note Planning applications as follows:

7.1 06/21/0043/F- Change of use of kitchen, shower toilet and dining block to a cafe and farm shop and associated facilities. Mill Farm Ormesby. **No Objection, and after discussion the landowner agreed that farm traffic and the public would be kept separate by the use of different access gates.**

7.2 06/21/0052/F-Proposed change of use from C3 residential to C2 care home facility and proposed extensions.32 Beach Drive Scratby. **Following a discussion, it was agreed the following comments would be made to the planning dept.:** -

- **Lack of outside space for residents.**
- **Concerns over lack of space for proposed parking and with lack of public transport it was felt there would not be enough spaces to cater for staff and visitors which would then force cars to park on roadways and potentially block access, which then may also be a safety issue for pedestrians or wheelchair users.**

7.3 06/21/0057/F-Construction of a terrace of 4x2 bedroom houses; detached 2-bedroom bungalow and detached 3-bedroom bungalow with attached garage. Land adjoining 14 Beach Road Scratby. **This application was withdrawn prior to our meeting.**

8. All Saints Parish Hall-provision of play equipment.

Following a discussion, it was made clear that the provision of play equipment, including maintenance and associated costs is the responsibility of GYBC, the funding of which is already included in the Council tax residents pay. It was agreed that any funding for such requests should not come from the Parish Council as we would then be responsible for the continuing costs and maintenance. It was further agreed to write to the Borough Council and advise them what we are looking for and ask their inward investment team if this is possible.

9. Elections 6th May 2021.

The Chair advised that elections were due to take place on this date for one vacancy in the Scratby ward and one in the Ormesby ward and would be arranged by the Elections team at GYBC.

10. Annual Parish meeting 10th May 2021.

The Chair advised this is scheduled to take place on this date.

11. Scratby Ramp

The Chair advised that the work on Scratby ramp is due to commence on the 15th of March 2021 and the ramp would be closed for approximately one week whilst the work is completed.

12. Brown signs Scratby.

It was agreed to escalate to highways via our County Councillor that road signs were needed in Scratby at the junction of Beach Road and Beach Drive and Beach Drive and California avenue to highlight there is no vehicular access to the Beach and help prevent parking on those roads which block access and prevent the bus from turning.

13. Neighbourhood plan.

Due to the extended lockdown and the design consultants not being able to visit, it has given us the opportunity to extend the survey, which will now close at the end of March. We have received 215 surveys to date. This is a good response. Posters have now been put up around the villages. Thanks to the neighbourhood planning team who have been helping with posters and surveys.

14. Parish Council website.

The website is progressing well. Cllr. Seggie has been working with the developers and liaising with Cllr Wendt and Cllr C Lee and we are at the stage where we have built the design and agreed the colour scheme. Cllr. Seggie would like to show this to the committee members that are interested prior to moving to the next stage. Once we move to this next stage, we will be unable to make any major changes. Cllr. Seggie is going to arrange a zoom meeting next week and would ask that members contact her should they wish to view the website build. Should she not hear from members, then she will go ahead with the next stage.

15. Connecting with the Community.

We are currently producing a survey to canvas our residents on how we communicate with them. The questions are currently with the connecting with the community team. If anyone wishes to see the questions, please let Cllr. Seggie know. We are hoping to get these out via social media and our website asap.

16. Breach of COVID rules.

The clerk advised that both he and the Chair had received several reports of COVID breaches over the last few weeks. He highlighted that this is not the responsibility of the Parish Council and they need to be reported to the Police using the online reporting system they have set up on their website at www.police.uk. Breaches need to be reported at the time they happen.

17. SAM2 camera.

Cllr. J Gingell advised that the camera had now been repositioned on Station Road Ormesby to monitor the flow of traffic between the Village Centre to the Recreation Ground. The next location will be Beach Road Scratby.

18. Patients Forum.

Numerous concerns were raised regarding The Coastal Practice, such as how many patients they have and the available doctors and appointments, difficulty in getting through and lack of communication to the public. It was agreed that The Clerk would write to the Practice Manager and that Councillors should send bullet points of their concerns to the Clerk by the end of the week which he would then summarise in his letter.

19. Bracecamp Hall.

Following the resignation of Cllr Gingell and the intention of Cllr. Cheetham to resign, new Councillors would be needed onto the committee. It was agreed to place this item on the Agenda for the April meeting.

20. Exclusion of the Public

In accordance with S1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 a resolution was put that the public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of the business to be conducted therein as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be considered. This was unanimously agreed and Proposed by Cllr. N Lee seconded by Cllr. M Cheetham

Co-option of Parish Councillor.

Two candidates were invited to introduce themselves to the council and present what they felt they could offer as a Councillor.

Following the presentations, a recorded vote was made and following a majority vote it was agreed to offer one of the candidates the position.

The meeting closed at 21.41 p.m.

Date of next meeting –12th April 2021 at 7pm via zoom

Kathryn Wendt

Chair

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