**Sigglesthorne Parish Council Meeting**

**Thursday January 9th 2020 7.30pm Sigglesthorne C of E Primary School**

**Minutes**

**3664. Present**

Cllrs. P Chicken, P Langley, K Arundel, J Palin, P Hargreaves, N O’Mahony.

Ward Councillors B Jefferson and J Whittle

Clerk Nicki Salvidge

Four members of the Parish

**3665. Apologies**

1. **Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests regarding items on the agenda.**

Nothing Declared

1. **Minutes of last meeting**

Correction to item 3658 Village vision b) School mosaic should read - to be left off the agenda

Proposed as a true record Cllr Palin, Seconded Cllr Langley all agreed

1. **Matters arising**

Update from Highways Regarding the holes in the verge on East lane, highways contacted Yorkshire water to investigate the sewer that runs underneath East Lane and have not had any feedback from them yet. Highways was hoping to be satisfied if rats were the cause, the sewer would be sealed preventing them from leaving and burrowing into the verge before the small holes were filled.

Hedge East lane now cut. Clerk to request highways ask for another update.

Planting of trees East Lane. Cllrs Arundel and Hargreaves reported that they had approached ERYC forestry department whilst planting the trees and asked that two of the agreed trees planted on the land close to 2 Bentinck Lane be removed, due to request made by the resident of the property. They both where under the impression that they should have seen some form of report prior to the planting. Cllr Palin tried to explain that during a site visit with ERYC, who the verge belongs they had been reassured that the trees proposed would not cause any root damage to nearby properties. A number of compliments have been received on the trees. Cllr Arundel spoke of her surprise at the number of trees planted, Cllr Palin replied that the quantities had been given at the previous meeting.

Christmas tree, a tree donated by Christopher Varley had been put up and lit for the festive period due to complications regarding the planned tree. Cllr Arundel thanked the clerk for getting it organised and Cllr Langley thanked everyone for their help. Cllr Palin was disappointed not to have been made aware of the tree going up. Donation made by resident for the originalproposed tree to be returned.

Flooding at The Crescent – Request for sandbags for storage, refused by ERYC as residents are supposed to try protect their own properties, Yorkshire Water attended on 15th November to try rectify the issues, Clerk to chase. Cllr Langley to cost sand bags and speak to residents about how the Parish Council can help. Cllr O`Mahony suggested getting the problem resolved would be better than looking for sand bags, all agreed.

Cllr Hargreaves spoke of the hedge cutting on East Lane and that it had been left a mess, Resident Mary Ryan thanked for tidying up. Mary Ryan also thanked by Cllr Arundel for planting up the planters with bulbs with Christine Lorimer. Cllr Palin was disappointed that nobody had spoken to her regarding the planters on Hatfield Road which she had already planted up with bulbs.

Cllr Hargreaves suggested having a coordinated team to tidy up and look after planters etc. and will speak to Mary Ryan after the meeting. Cllr Chicken asked if Cllr Hargreaves was putting himself forward as coordinator, but he was unwilling to commit until speaking to other residents.

1. **Financial matters**

Balances

Community Account £1425.78

Community Savings £2387.69

Total £3813.47

To pay

Clerk £207.36

HMRC £ 51.60

Cllr Arundel expenses £17.12

Ebor Academy Trust £45.00 room hire

F M Richardson £108 hedge cutting

Clerk Expenses Christmas Lights £81.06

Refund Mary Ryan £300

Precept- a discussion was held on the precept for 2020 and Cllr Langley proposed it remain at £4,000, seconded Cllr Palin all agreed

1. **Planning updates**

19/02329/PLF Land East Manor Lodge Sigglesthorne will be going to committee 13th January 2019

Comments regarding application numbers 19/04185/PLF and 19/04200/PLF Goxhill Stud have been sent.

1. **Environmental Matters –**
2. Trees play area- still waiting to be cut back, Cllr Langley reported lots of sticks in the playground and great concern over the safety of the trees, clerk to chase. Cllr Arundel commented on a tree at the entrance to Field House on Hatfield Road which has been losing branches and is concerned about it falling and causing an accident, Cllr Langley agreed. Clerk to write to land owners
3. Spring Litter Pick Cllr Arundel asked if the council thought that a formal litter pick should be organised for the spring, it was agreed that a litter pick be organised on Saturday 21st March and advertised on the Notice boards, web site and village Facebook page, areas to be agreed on seeing how many volunteer’s come forward, clerk still has some litter pickers, gloves and bin liners that can be used, clerk to contact ERYC on date and time and arrange for rubbish to be taken away.
4. **Roads, footpaths, seats etc. –**

a) Dropped kerbs in East Lane- will be done in this financial year, delayed due to recent weather conditions, sites have recently been re marked.

b) Drain Hatfield Road Cllr Arundel requested highways come and look at Hatfield Road to the rear of her property where flooding takes place, a drain previously put in has not worked at removing the water. Clerk to request highways investigate.

1. **Police report**

Crime figures for North Holderness in 2019 passed around. Disappointment voiced that Inspector Cocker had not attended as promised, clerk to request police attend next meeting

1. **Village Vision**

Cllr Arundel and Hargreaves voiced their plans for a sculpture however they had not heard from highways, clerk reported that in a recent conversation with highways they are unlikely to allow a 7ft statue next to the highway, a heated debate followed. Cllr Arundel stated that she and Cllr Hargreaves had raised £180 form a recent wine tasting event to go towards the statue, this moneyis being held privately by Cllr Hargreavesand a resident had offered a donation of £300 towards expenses. Clerk and Ward Councillors offered advice on a way forward, which was not well received. After further discussion Cllr Langley proposed that the Parish Council be asked to support in principle to the siting of a statue within Sigglesthorne subject to detailed costings and planning permission. Vote held - 4 in favour, 1 abstained, 1 would support if a private venture. Agreed that Cllr Arundel and Hargreaves would bring a detailed plan with full and exact costings to March 2020 meeting.

1. **Correspondence – None**
2. **Any other business**

Cllr Langley informed clerk of new residents who would need a welcome letter and reminded other councillors to let the clerk know if they saw any new people move into the village, Cllr Arundel mentioned a new resident.

Cllr Langley reported hedges on Main Street opposite the Old Shop overhanging the pavement, clerk to report.

Cllr Hargreaves asked if a course for councillors had been arranged yet, clerk spoke of a course she was hoping to get arranged, which could be held in Seaton and Sigglesthorne recreation hall, more details will be given when the meeting arranged.

Cllr Hargreaves reported the Christmas tree had not yet been removed due to size a different lorry was being sent, Cllr O`Mahony offered to chop up the tree into smaller pieces.

1. **Date of next Meeting 12th March 2020 7.30pm**

Public Participation

Member of the public asked if the statue would be covered by Public Liability and was informed it would have to be. They also asked where to flood water was coming from, which was flooding The Crescent, Cllr Langley explained it was mostly off the road.

Further conversation regarding the Trees on East Lane held, Cllr Palin informed everyone present that two trees removed, would be replaced following a discussion with the head of the legal and democratic service at ERYC.

Resident of Bentinck Lane unhappy about the land running along East Lane being used to dogs to foul and wee on and that the area is generally un-cared for. Also that the hedge has very little Hawthorn left in it and that it needs re planting.

Meeting closed 8.55pm