

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
OF SUTTON UNDER WHITESTONECLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 14th DECEMBER 2015 AT 7.15 PM IN SUTTON VILLAGE HALL.**

Present: Cllr. C. Artingstoll, Cllr. B. Carney, Cllr. J. Dickinson Cllr. A. Pollard, Cllr. G. Thomas and County Councillor G. Dadd.

One member of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everybody and read the Statement regarding recording of meetings if members of the public wish to record the meeting.

The member of the public did not wish to address the Council.

15.207 Co-option of Councillor. Blanche Carney was welcomed and her declaration of membership as a Councillor was signed and witnessed.

15.208 Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor W. Baker and NY Police.

15.209 A report from NY Police had been received and would be forwarded to the MP and Chief Constable. The content regarding HGV incidents on Sutton Bank was worrying.

15.210 Declaration of interest in items on the agenda. None.

15.211 The minutes of the meetings held on November 9th 2015 and the TMG Minutes from 16th October and 18th November 2015 were approved and signed.

15.212 Clerk's Report. See appendix attached.

15.213 HDC Report from District Councillor Bob Baker. None.

15.214 NYCC Report from County Councillor G. Dadd. An outline of possible County Council Budgeting was given in light of the recent Government Comprehensive Spending Review. However, there was still uncertainty as there could be less of a deficit than originally thought or a £30m black hole. There would probably be a 4% increase in Council Tax.

The Chairman posed a number of questions regarding a turning area for HGVs at Sutton Bank.

The Tour de Yorkshire 29th April – 1st May 2016 will be important for the long term gain for the area rather than business at the actual event. A half hour rolling road closure would be in place. The Clerk would ask Dave Goodwin, HDC, to keep the Parish Council updated.

Cllr. Dadd was asked to follow up a request to the Footpath's Department to remove a fallen tree blocking the footbridge over Sutton Beck at the rear of Eden House.

If householders are worried that they will struggle to accommodate the new recycling bins they should contact Mr. N. Leate at HDC via Cllr. Baker.

15.215 Financial Matters. Balance in Bank as 30th November 2015. £3790.03

Income.

Payments.

Cheque 670. Void. (Unused cheque for Santa Suit)

Payment of wage to Clerk for December 2015. £79.44. Chq. 671. Approved.

Payment to Clerk - Travelling Expenses. 2 x return. £11.70. Chq. 672. Approved.

Payment to Clerk for leaving gift. £30.00 Chq. 673. Approved.

Payment to Clerk for Santa Suit. £61.20. Chq. 674. Approved.

Payment to Clerk for refund of ICO Training fee. £40.00. Chq. 675. Approved.

Payment to Clerk for Newsletter paper and envelopes. £6.70. Chq. 676. Approved.

Payment to Clerk for stamps for Newsletter. £19.44. Chq. 677. Approved.

Payment to NY Scouts for printing newsletter. £100.00. Chq. 678. Approved.

The Chairman noted that the printing budget 2015/2016 had been exceeded by £66.

- 15.216 Report on Planning Matters: None.
- 15.217 Update on items relating to VAS. There had been no lease or invoice from NYCC relating to the VAS.
- 15.218 Update from Traffic Management Sub Committee. A report from the meeting on 11th December was given. Members had met and spoken to Mr. Timothy Kirkhope, MEP and would forward a copy of the Faber Maunsell Report plus an outline of the Sutton Bank situation. Leaflets for HGV drivers provided by NYCC would be delivered to a number of fuel stops by members of the Parish Council. It was hoped that the Freight Quality Partnership would also distribute leaflets. The letter to landowners regarding the search for land for a turning area would be sent after Christmas.
- 15.219 The Village Hall Report. Cllr. Pollard reported that the Fire Procedure Document had been signed off. Fire extinguisher costs would be checked out. The Alzheimer's Group were no longer using the Old School Building because of health and safety issues. A request would be made to link the Parish Council website and the Village Hall website.
- 15.220 An update on land west of Sutton Hall gate and NYCC verge near the waste bin was given by the Chairman. The bulbs and plants had all been planted and the position of the bench marked. Cllr. Dickinson offered to purchase suitable paving slabs. If necessary, arrangements had been put in place to store the bench and it had been agreed that the plaque would be inscribed 'THIS BENCH WAS DONATED FOR ALL TO ENJOY.' The temporary white markers which now were no longer needed would be stored for future use, courtesy of the Chairman. A request would be made to NYCC to either remove the sign post or replace the missing sign. It was agreed to give the Sutton Hall gardeners a bottle of wine as a thankyou. Cllr Carney kindly offered to dead head the flowers as necessary.
- 15.221 An update on the Village Spring Clean. For the time being this item had been completed.
- 15.222 An update regarding the Defibrillator Scheme was given by Cllr. Pollard. The British Heart Foundation have a defibrillator fund. A £400 payment up front would be required from the Parish Council. Applications to be submitted by the end of March 2016.
- 15.223 Final arrangements for the Christmas event were made and confirmation was given that the Newsletter had been delivered or posted. The tree would be removed on January 3rd, weather permitting.
- 15.224 The Parish Precept request, 2016/2017 was finalised at £3749. There would be an increase in the Clerk's hours and a review of the salary level would be carried out.
- 15.225 An update on Transparency Fund claim for IT equipment funding was given. A claim for £857.99 exc. VAT would be submitted by 14th December 2015.
- 15.226 Feedback from YLCA Branch meeting included updates on Clerk pension arrangements and a Good Neighbour Scheme. The HDC Parish Liaison Meeting had been very worthwhile, with items including recycling arrangements, affordable housing, the Parish Portal for reporting highway issues, Community Awards and Data North Yorkshire.
- 15.227 Items for the next meeting's agenda, January 11th 2016.
To include possible co-option of two Councillors; hmrc Q3 PAYE payment of £57.20; Sutton Hall Open Day; Weeding of the flower bed.

Clerk's Report.

Pension's Regulator. Staging Date. 1 November 2016. Response from John Harron TCCA.
HDC. Street Furniture Licence granted for flower beds and marker posts outside Sutton Hall.

YLCA. Clarification regarding VAT reclaim for items paid by individuals on behalf of the PC.
Mini recycling centres to close in March 2016

Hambleton Community Awards. Nominations by 8th December.

NY Police. Response from Freedom of Information Request.
HDC. Free Parking in all HDC car parks on Thursdays during December + 25 December 2015 to 1 January 2016
HDC Christmas Tree recycling. Green bin w/c January 11 2016. Lid must be closed.
HDC. Local Plan Drop In Consultation. 14th January. 2pm – 6.30pm. Thirsk Town Hall Annex.

Correspondence.

HDC. Waste and Recycling Collection Policy.
Great North Air Ambulance. Request for a donation. Sadly necessary to decline.
NYCC. Hambleton Area Committee. Agenda. 30th November.
HDC. Know your Councillor.
HDC. Street naming and numbering guidance.
HDC. Update Newsletter.