

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF SUTTON UNDER
WHITESTONECLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY
2018 AT 7.15 PM IN SUTTON VILLAGE HALL.**

Present: Cllr. C. Artingstoll, Cllr. B. Carney, Cllr. T. Hill, Cllr. A. Pollard and Cllr. C. Worley attended the meeting. County Councillor Dadd was not in attendance but had sent a report.

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

18.19 Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. J. Dickinson and Cllr. G. Thomas. County Councillor Dadd and PCSO N. Warby were unable to attend, but both had sent reports.

18.20 A report from PCSO N. Warby, NY Police had been received. There had been 19 incidents on Sutton Bank which the Police had attended during the previous month. 15 had been HGV related.

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

18.22 The minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2018 had been read and were approved and signed.

18.23a HDC Report from District Councillor Bob Baker. None available.

18.23b NYCC Report from County Councillor G. Dadd had sent a written report in his absence.

'Budget. Since the last meeting, County Council have agreed a 4.99% rise in Council tax at Executive level, which I expect to be approved and ratified at Full Council. We always expected this year 4%, so the debate was to apply the flexibility, or not, allowed to us from Central Government of the further 1%. This additional equates to about £1 per month or 23p/week on a Band D. This will still leave a predicted £10.7m "black hole", as pressure and demand for our services, especially Adult Social Care and Looked After Children, increases, along with inflationary pressures such as nationally agreed pay awards. As I have always said, any increase is done VERY reluctantly, and we are continually searching for more "back office" savings from cleaning to colour printing!! We are consulting on a range of savings, most of which will not affect directly, services directly to the users, but we may see redesign or charges. On the latter, again we ask for contributions reluctantly but as with all of this, we have a choice in our mission to protect services to the most vulnerable.

Lambert. No further update other than both NYCC and HDC are working on establishing the viability of taking it into "Council" ownership and have succeeded in an informal hold on any sale by the NHS.

Libraries. I was delighted, if not surprised after the resistance previously, to see HDC agree to allow FULL Rate Relief for Community Libraries.

Locality Budgets and Local Environmental Budgets. The Locality Budget scheme is now well established and with one-off money as a trial, County Council is establishing a similar fund for Highway/transport/footpath schemes. It is important to note this money comes from savings made before they were actually needed within the budget but would have happened anyway so has no impact on the general revenue (current, year on year expenditure) of the Council. I may be asking individual Parishes and Town Councils to support any schemes I may fund with some contributions in the interests of fairness and equity for the 7,000 plus residents I represent.

18.24 Clerk's Report. See *below*.

18.25 Financial Matters. Balance in Bank as 31 January 2018. £2785.93.

a) Income:

b) Payments:

Payment of Clerk's wage for February 2018. £86.58, Chq. 840. Approved.

Payment to Clerk for Travelling Expenses. 2 x return. £11.70, Chq.841. Approved.

Payment to YLCA for Planning Seminar. £172.50, Chq.842. Approved.

- VAT refund claim of £206.99. Noted.

18.26 Planning Matters:

Application.

Decision.

18.27 An update from the Traffic Management Sub Committee was given by the Chairman, including confirmation of an additional 2 weeks of VAS Hire because of mal-function. Including previous VAS mal-functioning, a total of 6 weeks had been accumulated, the hire of which amounted to £250.00. The next joint meeting with NYCC, NYP, PCC and Highways was scheduled for 30th May 2018. A request had been sent to Kevin Hollinrake MP requesting financial support for funding for Variable Management signs. The Parish Council had been asked to consider making a contribution of £5,000

towards the £75,000 required. At the next TMG/PCC meeting a Community Fund application would be made. At the YLCA Hambleton Branch Meeting on February 28th a question would be asked of the Area Police Commander with reference to Sutton Bank. The question to be submitted by 23rd February, would invite comments on the police presence at incidents, a turning facility and the need to complete the forms as requested by the PCC office. In the open forum at the same meeting, a question would be asked about contributions other communities were being asked to contribute for work by the NYCC.

18.28 To receive updates on Community Emergency Plan. None.

18.29 A review of the Internal Auditor arrangements by the Finance Committee confirmed that Veronica Fegan was a suitable Internal Auditor. She would be sent an update of requirements in readiness for the 2017-2018 audit.

Cllr. Artingstoll had participated in the PKF External Auditor Webinar along with 630 other registered participants. She confirmed that one year-end internal review of financial matters was sufficient. The Parish Council should receive an Exemption from External Audit Certificate during March 2018.

18.30 Repair to Village name sign at Eastern end of village. NYMNPA had been approached for advice but had declined to have any involvement, stating that as the sign was on a County Council verge and not in the National Park, NYCC should be contacted. A local engineer would be asked to quote for the repair with a view to the work being carried out during the annual Sutton Bank closure week

18.31 The TdY committee of Cllrs. Artingstoll, Hill and Pollard reported on progress for arrangements for the Tour de Yorkshire on Saturday May 5th 2018. A table of deadlines for communications had been drawn up. HDC had approved a request for £500 towards expenses. It was agreed to move the next CPR training session from the proposed April 21st date to avoid a clash of interests.

18.32 Cllr. Artingstoll gave a report on further repairs to the footpath adjacent to Eden House. County Councillor Gareth Dadd had inspected the part of the path from the A170 adjacent to Eden House and had offered to fund £1000.00 towards resurfacing costs through his Locality Fund if the Parish Council agreed to make a contribution. A suggestion of £150 was made and would be discussed at the next meeting.

18.33 Items for next meeting on March 12th 2018.

-To consider a Parish Council contribution of £5,000 towards a request for £75,000 for a variable sign management fund.

-To consider a new date for CPR training to avoid clashing with TdY arrangements.

-To agree a contribution of £150 towards the resurfacing of part of the footpath adjacent to Eden House.

18.34 The resignation of Parish Councillor Carney was received and accepted, with grateful thanks given for her service to the community, both as Clerk and Councillor over a period of 16 years. She was presented with a token of the Council's appreciation.

Clerk's Report.

Speeding concerns - eastern end of Sutton. The matter had been handed over to NY Police.

General Data Protection Regulations GDPR. May 2018. Details pertaining to smaller Parish Councils were still awaited.

Notification in press from HDC re Library discretionary rate relief and confirmed by County Councillor Dadd.

Correspondence.

YLCA Hambleton Branch Meeting. Northallerton Town Hall, 7pm Wednesday 28th February 2018.

TdY Roadshow. Thirsk Town Hall, 26th February, 2pm. Booking required.