

ADDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

HELD AT THE OLD SCHOOL, ADDINGHAM ON WEDNESDAY 2nd March 2022 AT 7.00PM

Present

Cllrs: T Brady, D Brady, Hindle (in the Chair), Flesher and Smith

Absent

Cllrs: Tennant, Sutcliffe and Wilcox

In Attendance

Parish Clerk – S Lloyd

Lengthsman – R Mulligan

Members of the Public – 1

22/22 Apologies for Absence

Received from Cllrs Tennant and Sutcliffe; reasons for absences approved.

23/22 Disclosures of Interest

Pursuant to the Council's Code of Conduct, Members were invited to disclose any additional interests (not already listed in the Register of Interests), and to note in the Declarations of Interests Book any previously disclosed interests, relevant to the business of the meeting.

Relevant interests noted:

Cllr Smith – Agenda item 6 (Allotments) – Plot holder. Dispensation granted

24/22 Public Consultation and Question Time

With permission from the Chairman, a member of the public was invited to address the committee during item 6 on the agenda.

25/22 Minutes

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2022, having been taken as read, be approved and signed as a true and correct record by the Chairman.

26/22 Village Lengthsman

The report of the Lengthsman was received and noted. Some minor maintenance tasks were considered and included on the maintenance list.

27/22 Allotments

A maintenance report from the Clerk was received and noted. The planned plot inspection, scheduled for 26th February 2022 was cancelled due to extreme weather conditions. After discussion it was

Resolved: That the next routine plot inspection on all 4 sites will take place on 26th March 2022 at 9.30am. Councillors D Brady, Smith, Hindle and Tennant will complete the inspection with the Clerk.

A member of the public addressed the committee to explain that the exit from the Lower Stamphill allotment site has poor visibility for motorists and enquired about a convex mirror on the opposite side of the road. The clerk was asked to refer the matter to Bradford Council highways team.

28/22 Management of green spaces and mowing regimes for 2022

A paper from the Environment group regarding proposed changes to the mowing regime for 2022 was received. After discussion, it was

Resolved(1): That there will be no changes to the mowing regime at Hoffman Wood field. That the field be cut by BMDC throughout the growing season and that the unmown margin along the eastern boundary remain at 1m. That this site does not participate in the No Mow May initiative.

Resolved(2): That there are no changes to the mowing regime at Sugar Hill and The Green. That these sites do not participate in No Mow May. (The rear bank at Sugar Hill can continue to be left uncut and the east side margin should be left uncut until the crocuses have finished)

Resolved(3): That due to safety concerns regarding sightlines for motorists, Bradford Council be asked to cut a large mown strip along the Old Station Way meadow. That Councillors place markers in the ground to guide the mowing teams.

29/22 Volunteering

The volunteering day has been set for 7th March 2022. Tasks were considered and after discussion it was

Resolved: That the final list of work drawn up by the committee be confirmed and sent to volunteers, together with the Risk Assessment prepared by the Clerk. That Cllr Smith be appointed as the coordinator and supervise activities on the day.

30/22 Village Benches

A report from the Garden Friends group of volunteers regarding the condition of benches around the village was received. It is clear that some benches are in poor condition and after discussion it was:

Resolved: That priority be given to the benches in the worst condition and those belonging to the Parish Council.

That Cllr Hindle will make an assessment of the bench along Craven Crescent and present findings and costs at the next meeting.

The Clerk was asked to contact local contractors to establish the costs involved in a scheme of repairs.

31/22 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee would be held on Wednesday 6th April 2022 at 7pm

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman