

# **ADDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

**HELD AT THE OLD SCHOOL, ADDINGHAM ON Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 AT 7.00PM**

### **Present**

Cllrs: Brady, Coates, Hindle, Tennant, Smith and Wilcox

### **Absent**

Cllr Flesher

### **In Attendance**

Parish Clerk – S Lloyd

Public – 5

Village Lengthsman

### **50/23 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Flesher and reasons approved.

### **51/23 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 Tennant – Agenda item 8 (Allotments) – Connected persons interest, spouse is a plot holder. Dispensation granted.

### **52/23 Public Consultation and Question Time**

With permission from the Chairman, members of the public were invited to address the committee during items 7 and 8 on the agenda.

### **53/23 Minutes**

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were considered for approval. A numbering error was noted on the final agenda item of that meeting and the Clerk was asked to correct this on the paper copy. Following this correction, having been taken as read, the minutes be approved and signed as a true and correct record by the Chairman of the meeting.

### **54/23 Village Lengthsman**

The report of the Lengthsman was received and noted.

### **55/23 Maintenance issues**

The ongoing maintenance log was reviewed, together with verbal updates from the Clerk and Lengthsman. After discussion it was

**Resolved(1):** That a working party of members be convened as soon as possible to pressure wash the patio area around the Pavilion. Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

**Resolved(2):** That a working party of members be convened as soon as possible to re-bed the coping stone slabs that are loose behind the fence at the Pavilion. Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

**Resolved(3):** That a working party of members be convened as soon as possible remove the graffiti from the village. That in the first instance, Cllr Whitaker's list be used to identify locations of the graffiti.

### **56/23 Grass and Green Spaces**

Members received and noted the Clerks verbal summary of the actions taken to resolve the complaint raised in June 2023.

- a) Cllr Wilcox presented a scheme for changes to the post and chain fence at The Green. After discussion it was

**Resolved to recommend(1):** That Council approves a scheme to remove the 30 fence posts and chain and replaces with a hedgerow. That the scheme is developed with advice from Addingham Environment Group.

**Resolved to recommend(2):** That Council seeks the removal of the bus stop and associated signage, now that the bus route no-longer uses Skipton Road.

**Resolved to recommend(3):** That Council discusses with the Civic Society the possibility of repairs and restoration of the Best Kept Village Sign

**Resolved to recommend(4):** That Council seeks the view of Highways officers to re-direct the public footpath in a straight line to the corner of Skipton Road (north) as it crosses School Lane.

- b) Reports of ragwort sightings in the village were received and noted together with current DEFRA

guidance and views from the public present at the meeting. After discussion it was

**Resolved:** That Addingham Parish Council adopts a policy of removal of Ragwort and that any sightings are reported to the village Lengthsman who will remove and dispose safely. It was further resolved that the public would be reminded about the dangers of handling this species in the Spring 2024 Village Newsletter.

- c) The Council reviewed the management of its green spaces and parks and those of BMDC. After discussion it was

**Resolved to recommend(1):** That Council continues to provide areas within the village for management as wildflower areas. That proposals from Addingham Environment Group to collaborate with the Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust to further enhance the biodiversity value of these area be fully endorsed.

**Resolved to recommend(2):** That Council works with the Addingham Environment Group to improve residents' understanding of the Old Station Way wildflower meadow and its value and purpose from a biodiversity perspective. That information would be made available in the Spring 2024 Village Newsletter. It was further recommended that the Parish Council remind BMDC of the instructions for the mown margins for this area.

**Resolved(3):** That the uncut margin along the western side of the football pitch at Stocking Lane is cut back to at least the bottom of the banking, exposing the entire horizontal section. That a further review would take place following the drain repairs, expected to take place in Spring 2024.

**Resolved(4):** That Addingham Environment Group be asked to reintroduce the posts to mark out clearly for the mowing teams the areas which are being managed as wildflower zones.

**Resolved(5):** That the CAA working group of the Council be asked to consider further the western boundary of the Hoffman Wood Field and submit a proposal to full council in due course.

- d) **Resolved:** That a discussion regarding herbicide use in the village would be carried forward to the next meeting.

### **57/23 Allotments**

**Resolved(1):** That the committee members meet on site (Newtown) to consider a proposal for improving the entrance to make it more accessible to plot holders and visitors. Date to be confirmed.

**Resolved(2):** That the Clerk be instructed to seek the expert opinion of a tree surgeon in relation to the large trees present in the Garden Extensions along Silsden Road. That those findings are reported back for further consideration.

### **58/23 Sugar Hill Toilet Renovation**

A verbal report from the Clerk was received and noted.

### **59/23 Stockinger Lane amenity field**

**Resolved(1):** That the Clerk be instructed to obtain 3 quotes for drainage repairs to the French Drain that runs along the western boundary.

**Resolved to recommend(2):** That Council approves a proposal for a larger commercial waste bin at the Pavilion Site. That recurring expenditure for this is approved.

### **60/23 Love Where You Live**

**Resolved:** That a discussion regarding this would be carried forward to the next meeting

### **61/23 CCTV**

**Resolved:** That a discussion regarding this would be carried forward to the next meeting

### **62/23 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm, at the Old School Hub.

Meeting closed at 20.34pm

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Chairman