# Nawton Parish Council Minutes for the Meeting held at Beckett Pavilion on Monday 21 October 2024

anner & Penny Forbes.

## 610 Agenda

The agenda for this meeting had been displayed on the Parish council notice board and the council website since 15th October 2024.

Karbon Homes did not turn up to the meeting.

## 611 Presentations by Parishioners – none.

## 612 Minutes of council meeting of 16 September

The Chair agreed the minutes of the meeting of 16th September 2024. They were seconded by Brian Simpson.

The Chair signed the minutes. The Clerk to add them to the minute book.

#### 613 Actions from the last meeting

#### 613.1 Monthly inspection of Council owned land -

Penny Forbes has completed the land registry application. Clerk to send to HM Land Registry with the cheque for £40.

Brian Simpson has checked the land and no change, all ok.

Samantha Jones asked whose responsibility the trees around Colley Pond are as they could do with trimming. All unsure. Steph Collier suggested the recreation club and the parish council share the costs of getting them trimmed back. SJ to ask the recreation club committee if they are happy to share costs.

SC asked if cars can be left on grass verges in the village for sale, if not on their own land? No one was sure. SJ suggested asking the owner of the car if they would move it. RD to speak to the owner of the car on the main road/Station Road junction as it has been there for a while now.

**613.2** Nawton Tip - Russ Dickinson has spoken to Johnny Davison and he hasn't heard back from the Environment Agency about the tip.

There was discussion that the councillors are concerned about disturbing the land because we do not know what was tipped there many years ago, and worried about the contamination factors if it is disturbed. Discussion that if we cannot do anything with the site we make it as safe as possible and put a lock on the gate (BS to put lock on and give a key to the clerk as well), and fence the top boundary edge. SJ to ask the landowner of the field to the North if we

can access it to fence the tip. PF asked if the insurance covered the potential contamination. CC said he doubted it, as it would be a special insurance policy. Insurance documents will be circulated after the meeting to double check.

**613.3** Grass cutting - all looks good. Finished for the season now.

**613.4** Tree cutting on A170 application - BS has not heard back from NYCC to meet up. Clerk to chase. Emailed 22.10.24.

**613.5** Provision of litter bins - The Clerk has heard back from a different department in the council who have passed it on to a new department responsible for the bins, but has not heard back. Clerk to chase - Emailed 22.10.24.

613.6 White lines - these have been completed.

**613.7** Website quotes - several quotes received from different companies, which cover a wide range of costs. The councillors have reviewed and feel that it would be good to go with the same company who Helmsley Town Council use so we have a contact at Helmsley who could give us some advice if needed. Clerk to look into this further and start the process of getting the new website up and running. Initial costs looked like £600 + vat, which is midway from other quotes received, the most expensive was £1600 + vat set up.Clerk has contacted Cuttlefish 25.10.24

**613.8** Clerk's laptop quotes - .several quotes received and councillors agreed to go with a local firm, so if there are any problems it is easy to get help and we are supporting the local community. All agreed to go with JRA Services in Kirkbymoorside based on a quote around  $\pounds 560 + vat$ , including the transfer of data from the old laptop and the office 365 package. Clerk to contact JRA to confirm quote and check office 365 costs. Emailed JRA 22.10.24.

**613.9** Parish facebook page - discussion that it would be useful to promote housing needs in the village and make the village more of a community to share meeting details, events and information from NYCC, as not sure how many people actually visit the website or parish notice board for details.

SJ suggested adding a link to Home Choice on the website and use the new website as a way of surveying the community on the potential need for social housing. SJ said that if people do not fit the section 106 criteria for the social houses, it opens them up to anyone else being offered the house even if they are not from the local area. MT said in the past there have been difficulties for many more new houses due to the infrastructure already in the village, including the sewage system which cannot take much more.

PF said we need to be more proactive and find out what the families who live here would like and need, to engage with the community further. SJ said there are lots of little committees for the halls etc and perhaps we all need to join together, including Beadlam so as to create more of a community. Discussion of whether to hold events together in the summer. Suggestion to try and get everyone together for a meeting in February to discuss working together more next year.

In terms of the local plan as suggested by Chris Clarke at the last meeting that could include elements of research as to what is needed for the village. The funding for the grant runs out in March 2025 so if we would like to complete it we need to start completing the application. All agreed. Chris Clarke to look into with the clerk to get the ball rolling.

**614 Planning –** Applications received from NYCC for:

ZE24/06747/TPO, DESCRIPTION: Crown reduction of 1no. Cherry tree by 3m, crown lift of 1no. Oak tree & 1no. Sycamore tree by 4m within TPO 275/2001, LOCATION: 14 Kirkdale Manor Highfield Lane Nawton YO62 - no objections from NPC.

ZE24/05133/LBC, DESCRIPTION: Internal and external alterations to include the formation of a ground floor bathroom, formation of 2no. window openings and 1no. double door opening to rear elevation, removal of internal partition walls and existing cupboard, roofing works to western addition, removal of cement/gravel harling to north and western elevations of side addition and reinstatement of historic apertures, LOCATION: Manor Farm Main Road Nawton - no objections from NPC.

ZE24/04978/HOUSE, DESCRIPTION: Erection of two storey extension to western elevation following removal of existing single storey extension, LOCATION: Almay 1 Snape Hill Nawton - no objections from NPC.

**615 Finance -** Clerk's salary - September pay approved, plus the reimbursement to the clerk for the laptop repair of £42 at JRA Services, Kirkbymoorside,.

No other invoices received.

Precept - RD noted we have some money ring fenced for a new bus shelter and planting of new trees. All concerned we do not want to put it up so much that it affects residents, but we need to cover costs. As a comparison other parish councils are putting it up by the rate of inflation. All agreed to not put it up more than 5%, and ideally only 2 or 3% to go inline with increases in costs received.

**616 Matters arising –** North York Moors Grubs Up project - MT has discussed the 2 year project with a contact at NYMNP and wondered if someone could come and present more information to the councillors. The project is designed to enhance the wildlife corridor along the A170 and plant wild flowers to help develop areas. All agreed for the clerk to email and ask them to present at the next meeting in November. SC suggested it may help with the extra water around the Millenium garden as well. Clerk emailed 22.10.24.

Crossing barrier A170 - SC has had mentioned to her that the school crossing lady is concerned about children running down the path from school towards the A170 and suggested that a crossing barrier be put near the end of the path to slow the children coming down the path. Clerk emailed NYCC highways 25.10.24.

Commemorative wreath - agreed for Clerk to buy one with a centre with the council name, cost £33 plus shipping £6.60. Ordered 25.10.24

NYCC have issued guidance on where residents can get sandbags from during times of flood. The clerk has added this detail to the parish website.

We have been contacted to provide numbers for rough sleeping in the parish, but we do not believe there is any, so no need to complete.

We have also been asked to donate or share information about North Yorkshire Citizens Advice and Law Centre - all agreed to add information to the website.

Discussion about the bus stop tree needing chopping back, and perhaps swapping as it isn't doing well on this site, but aware it is a commemorative tree. BS to look into options.

Complaints re large puddle up Highfield Lane at the end of the bridleway. Householders have complained to NYCC and someone has been out to assess but the website now says the case is closed and nothing has been done. Clerk to contact NYCC to see if we can get it sorted. Emailed NYCC highways 25.10.24

We have received an email about placing EV charging points in parish car parks, but we do not have any so unable to provide space.

Clerk asked if we have a village Christmas tree. SJ said it has been discussed before but no power on the village grass areas. It would be good to get various parts of the community together. SC suggested asking the primary school if the children could provide decorations for the tree. Following the meeting SC has discussed placing the tree outside the church and having an event with mulled wine, mince pieces and carols for both Nawton and Beadlam residents, plus families from school. Work in progress to sort a date in December. Clerk has asked school re decorations and they are happy to provide these. Clerk also sourced a donated tree.

**617 Next meeting -** 18th November 2024, 7pm at Beckett Pavilion, Nawton. 7pm presentation from North York Moors Grubs Up project. Meeting open to all.