

SYKEHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.15 pm, Monday 6th January 2014

Present:

Mr Richard Thompson (Chairman)
Mr John Duckitt
Mrs Joone Oliver
Mr David Fox
Mr Stephen Lee

Mr I R Harrison – Locum Clerk

One member of the public was present.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcoming those present and invited questions from members of the public:

The Council was asked if it was aware that arisings from drainage works had been deposited in a hazardous manner alongside the road to Moss. Coucillors noted the information and would monitor similar occurences especially in Sykehouse.

Agenda proper:

- 1. Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest.
- 2. Apologies.** There were no apologies for absence as all Councillors were present.
- 3. Minutes.** Consideration was given to the minutes of 2 December 2014.

RESOLVED that the minutes be signed.

4. Reports on matters arising from the minutes.

- 4.1 Rights of Way – Mrs S Harper had expressed concern regarding the possible deterioration of the North Lane due to increased use by horses. Councillors noted the concern expressed and said at any proposed changes in status would come back to the Council for consultation.
- 4.2 Traffic calming – an e mail had been received from Doncaster MBC indicating that a radar activated sign could cost up to £10000.00 including a large commuted sum for power and maintenance. The Parish Council wished to ascertain the cost of solar powered signs and if planning permission was required.
- 4.3 Drains – an e mail from the IDB indicated that they hoped to get the remainder of the work done by the end of February. However Councillors were concerned that an emergency could occur at any time if say a culvert became blocked up with cuttings and wished this to be conveyed to the IDB.
- 4.4 .Website – the meeting at Doncaster College on 23rd January 2014 was confirmed.

5. Accounts and Finance.

- 5.1 Consideration was given to the accounts to 6/1/14 including the budget comparison.

RESOLVED that the accounts and budget comparison be approved.

5.2 The following payments were considered:

Cheques to sign:

I R Harrison)	authorised	£580.75	c/n 236
HMRC)	last meeting		
		plus NI £3.72	£133.32	c/n 237
CVS		Payroll processing	£12.60	c/n 238

Payment to be authorised

I R Harrison	Clerks services 21/11-27/12/13	£448.87	(*)
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(*) Payment to be split between IRH and HMRC once instruction received from CVS.

RESOLVED that the accounts payable be approved and the cheques signed.

6. Correspondence.

- 6.1 Replacement Millenium Stone – Mr Rudkin had just said that he had found an alternative supplier who could supply a stone for £600 plus vat delivered. The Clerk had asked him to confirm the total price and if this was within the original estimate the Council authorised the placing of an order.
- 6.2 The Clerk had been asked to investigate a planning notice in respect of Mandalay, North Lane. The Clerk had enquired about one for a barn and had been advised by DMBC planning that it was not yet out to consultation. Reference also made to a conservatory

7. **Chairman’s correspondence.** The only correspondence received by the Chairman had been in connection with the Parochial Charity.

8. **Complaints procedure.** Consideration was given to the new Complains Procedure.

RESOLVED That the Complaints Procedure be approved.

9. **Asset Register.** It was reported that the bank were holding a package of documents but that if it was opened it could not be re-lodged with the bank. It was also thought that many documents had been deposited with Doncaster MBC Archives

RESOLVED That the package be collected from the bank and brought to the next meeting for examination. Also that the Archives be contacted to see what was there.

10. **Budget/2014-15 precept.** The draft budget was reviewed. Councillors wished to allow a further £50 for the Village Hall, reduce the Contingency item to £500 and have an allowance for projects of £450.

RESOLVED that the precept be set at £7500.

11. Date of next meeting. The next meeting was confirmed as Monday 3rd March 2014 at 7.15 pm.

12. Closure of meeting. Councillors thanked the Chairman for providing the Christmas Tree by the Church and he then thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.