

MICKLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Mickleton Parish Council, held on 10 December 2019 at 7pm in Mickleton Village Hall.

PRESENT: Mrs M Hutchinson (Vice-Chairman), J Lonsdale, T Wilson, K Walton and P Thompson.

872 APOLOGIES: Mrs G Taffurelli (Chairman) and Ms S Entwisle.

873 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None.

874 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2019.

These had been circulated, taken as read and signed.

875 TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES, NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA: None.

876 PLANNING MATTERS:

Minute 876.1 Planning Ref: DM/19/03373/FPA Grassholme Reservoir – Alterations to the Visitor Centre and construction of an Observatory – No objections raised.

877 HIGHWAY MATTERS:

Minute 29.1 Potholes/Road Survey – Potholes starting to appear on B6277 from Hayberries towards the village as well as the west end of the village – Clerk to report.

Minute 192.4 Bail Hill Road – No issues.

Minute 400.1 Road Works – No reported roadworks within the area.

Minute 645.1 Parking Issues – Vehicles were parking on the bus stop markings at the west end of the village as well as the corner of Cobblegate Lane. It was agreed that T Wilson would draft a poster to try to promote safe and sensible vehicle parking for both road users and pedestrians. Agreed that T Wilson to bring draft poster to next meeting.

Minute 877.1 Eggleston Bridge – P Thompson reported that fencing and stonework attached to the bridge, on the Eggleston side of the bridge, had been damaged. It had been reported and checked out by DCC who felt it did not pose a danger to drivers.

878 PLAYGROUND AREA AND SIGNAGE

Clerk reported that the new birds nest swing and the set of monkey bars had been installed on 14/15 November.

New signage for the playground – Clerk to follow up.

P Thompson reported that C Mills had caught 2 moles.

879 VILLAGE SEATS – T Wilson reported that the refurbishment work on the seats would start in the Spring.

880 FINANCE:

Minute 880.1 Payments – The Parish Council authorised the following payments:

K Towler	£806.25
C Mills	£40.00
Mickleton Village Hall – Room Hire	£100.00
Mickleton Village Hall – Printing costs	£ 35.00
Mickleton Village Hall – Donation	£500.00
C Hutchinson	£420.00

Wickstead	£8158.92
E Parkin	£50.00

Minute 880.2 Setting of the 2020/21 Precept

Clerk circulated a current financial statement as well as proposed budget figures for items of expenditure which had to be included in the precept. DCC had also forwarded the Tax Base figures for 2020/21.

After discussion it was agreed not to increase the precept and request a precept of £4003 (calculated from the DCC figures) with an additional £91.00 LCTRS Grant – Total £4094.00

Proposed by M Hutchinson, seconded by K Walton and agreed by all Parish Council members.

881. DOG FOULING – No Issues

882. ALLOTMENT PROVISION - J Lonsdale reported he would continue to investigate.

883. NEWSLETTER – Paper copies had been distributed which included an article regarding receiving future issues of the newsletter by email.

884. CORRESPONDENCE - None

885. THE RIDING SOCIETY – The meeting welcomed Ross Patterson from The Riding Society who explained that Mickleton still remained in North Yorkshire, but the area was under Durham CC for administration purposes only. He outlined the importance of retaining the Yorkshire heritage. The Riding Society was working with Durham CC regarding the installation of historic Yorkshire signs to all the River Tees crossings. When he had contacted all the relevant Parish Councils involved and had further contact with Durham CC, he would get back in touch with us regarding details of the historic signs. The cost of the historic sign – approximately £300. Clerk reported that this figure had been included in the setting of the 2020./21 Precept.

The Parish Council thanked Ross Patterson for attending the meeting and for the information that he had given.

886 DATES OF 2020 MEETINGS – Distributed.

887 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 7pm Tuesday, 21 January 2020.

There being no further business, the Vice-Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:00.

Signed

Date