**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ONLINE**

**ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 15th at 6 p.m.**

**Present.** Cllrs. M. Hirst, S. Pollard, R. Gibbon, B. Wrightson, M. Stephenson (Clerk).

**Apologies for Absence.** Cllr. Walker (no access to computer)

**Minutes of the Meeting** held at St Mary's Church on Monday December 7th 2020 were read and will be signed by Cllr. Hirst as a true record.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

**Signpost**

The clerk had received a quote for restoration of the signpost from Prest Engineering which had been circulated to the PC. This would come to £420 plus costs for specialist signpainting paints etc. which would bring the total costs to approx. £470. The engineering firm would restore and repaint the basic background for the signpost with the rest of the work to be done ourselves. The plans discussed involved Cllrs Hirst/Wrightson liaising on removing and delivering the post to Scruton, with the clerk to make sure that detailed photos of existing paintwork had been taken in advance. The engineering work would take approximately a month. The clerk agreed to write to the County Council (Cllr Angus Thompson) to enquire about a grant towards the cost of restoration, also to contact Great Fencote to see what paints they had used to finish their signpost which Prest Engineering had restored last year. Cllr Pollard proposed the parish council would proceed with the restoration, seconded by Cllr Hirst.

**Finance:**

The balance in the Barclays Community Account as at end of January 2021 was a credit balance of £416.22, with payments pending for Zurich Insurance (c.£84) and YLCA subscription (c.£52).

The balance in the Sports Fund Account as at today's date is still a credit balance of £1730.80 as there have been no recent book sales.

**Correspondence:**

There had been a letter from the leader of the RDC already forwarded to councillors regarding ongoing proposals to divide North Yorkshire into east and west with 4 district councils per unit, and 4 separate locality committees per unit. The government is due to start a new consultation on this shortly.

**Any other business:**

It was noted that BT had provided a recent quote to Low Dinsdale for the provision of fibre broadband which came to £100,000.

**There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6.40 p.m.**

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in May of 2021; location, time and date to be confirmed nearer the time.**