**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD**

**ON FRIDAY FEBRUARY 4TH 2022 at 6 p.m.**

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

**Apologies for Absence.** none

**Minutes of the Meeting** held at St Mary's Church on Monday October 11th 2021 were read and signed by Cllr. Hirst as a true record.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

**Broadband**

The situation is still not particularly satisfactory with areas of the village unable to access either the Rose Cottage mast or the Carlingholme mast. Cllr Wrightson is in discussion with Quickline.

**Dog waste**

There is still a problem and Cllr Wrightson is going to provide home-designed signs to try and alert dogwalkers to encourage removal of dog waste.

**Finance:**

The balance in the Barclays Community Account to date was a credit balance of £286.27 with the YCLA subscription to pay before the precept is paid in April.

The Sports Fund balance stands at £1762.40.

**Correspondence:**

This is mainly concerning plans for the Platinum Jubilee (see later) and the YCLA remote conference should any councillors wish to attend.

**Any other business:**

**Grasscutting**

The quote for the 2022 season has been received and is approved.

**Trees**

The clerk explained that Richmondshire were still on course to provide the trees we applied for last year but she will continue to chase them up - these are cherry trees for the section of the old north road near the ford and rowan/maple for the bridleway/footpath known as Prisoners Way.

Cllr Wrightson had flagged up the idea of plant a tree for the Jubilee - part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative, and he and the clerk will look further into this. The site for a new commemorative tree was discussed and an option was the land by the driveway up to the church.

The clerk to contact the Highways dept re the removal of a dead tree between Garden House Farm and Manor House.

**Signpost theft**

The triangle at the top of a pole at the top of Breakhouse Bank was stolen just before Christmas. The theft was not reported to the police although a farmer did notice activity. The clerk to look into getting a replacement from a second hand site but this could prove expensive.

**Grit**

It was decided not to apply for any extra grit from the council as this will incur a charge.

**Field between Eryholme Lane and Dalton**

For information: this is being used for scramble bike meetings and it is allowed up to 8 times a year.

**Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

The clerk asked about the possibility of lighting a beacon here but unfortunately the field used in 2012 is not available so there is no other appropriate site for the national beacon trail on June 2nd. Sunday June 5th is the proposed date for a village party and the Wrightsons have kindly offered to host it. A subcommittee to be formed and further plans discussed at a meeting in early March.

**There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6 45 p.m.**

**The next meetings (Annual meeting and regular meeting) of the Parish Council will be held in May 2022; location, time and date to be confirmed nearer the time.**