Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 18th July 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Councillor D. Cohn, Chair,
Councillor W. Barron,
Councillor S. Berry
Councillor D. Booth,
Councillor V. Dancer,
Councillor A. Slade,
Councillor S. Wood,
Ward Councillor A. Brown,(until 9pm)
Margaret Smith, Clerk
4 Members of the Public

47.17 To receive apologies for absence.

District Councillor P. Mulligan

48.17 Recording of Council meetings

The right to record meetings was read and noted.

49.17 To receive any declaration of interest.

Cllr Barron declared an interest in agenda item 54.17

50.17 To approve Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th June 2017

Proposed by Councillor Booth, Seconded by Councillor Slade, and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th June 2017 are a true record of proceedings and were signed by the Chair.

51.17 Adjournment for Public enquiries

The matter of items left in remembrance at the Canal Gardens was raised. Those
working on the raised flower beds had received up to 25 complaints from visitors and
residents expressing their concerns that the Gardens are being turned into a
Memorial site. It was also said that a group who often visited the area would not
return as it was upsetting for them.

The Parish Council had agreed to the shrub and a small metal plaque being placed and would not ask for the shrub to be removed.

Proposed by Cllr Cohn,

Seconded by Cllr Slade, and

Resolved: That the owner be asked to remove all the items by the end of August, the shrub will remain and if the family want to arrange a small metal plaque (like those on the benches) the Parish Council should be asked to approve the wording before proceeding.

There was a query about grass cutting as different teams seem to cut different areas.
 The explanation was given that NYCC cut verges next to Highways and junctions and that the Parish Council are given a small grant to take over other areas. They fund the grass cutting, done by Shipley College, with this grant and funds from the Parish Council budget.

52.17 Reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr Brown reported that he had raised nine objections in the Local Plan Consultation and urged the Parish Council to read the Plan and make comments before the consultation ends on 31st July 2017. He said that, in his opinion, the Local Plan was disappointing and weak, especially on housing needs. It is worth opposing the plan on: 1) Community Led Housing, 2) Annual Funds and 3) Siting and design of developments.

Once our Neighbourhood Plan is submitted it will carry weight.

Cllr Brown also asked if there were any items for the two funding streams available to the Ward and District Councillors. Road signs were mentioned, as was a defibrillator at the playing fields. Any other ideas should be discussed at the next meeting. There is approximately £1,000 from each of the two Councillors to be awarded.

53.17 Financial Report.

To approve payment schedule for July 2017

Current Account as 30/06/2017: £13416.96 Deposit Account as 1/04/2017: £13815.80

Payment Schedule for July 2017

	Total	£395.93
Viking Direct	18/07/2017	£44.72
M Smith (Admin Expenses)	18/07/2017	13.34
M Smith (July Salary)	25/07/2017	243.34
Eon (Sports Pavilion)	12/07/2017	10.58
Boundless (Broadband)	12/07/2017	29.99
V. Dancer (Ink Cartridges)	18/06/2017	53.96

Proposed by Cllr Cohn,

Seconded by Cllr Barron, and

Resolved: That the Financial Report and Payment Schedule for July 2017 is approved.

• Update of Cemetery donation payment and expenditure

The Clerk reported that £5,000 was donated in October 2013 it was difficult to specify where the money was spent as it was recorded under the heading of 'playing field/cemetery'. It was agreed that £3,000 should be ring fenced from the current account specifically for maintenance of the cemetery.

54.17 To receive any update on the Neighbourhood Plan

There has been a delay as CDC have not done a HRA/SEA report, however, we are awaiting confirmation from Natural England that we don't need to wait for a report of the full Craven area, then the Plan can be submitted. A hardcopy will be presented at the next NDP meeting on the 31st July for approval.

55.17 To consider any planning applications received.

55.17.01 New Planning Applications

2017/18174/VAR Old Barn, Skipton Road.

Retrospective variation to Conditions

No objections

2017/18288/TCA Mill Brae Mill Lane

Reduce 1 Silver Birch by 25 feet and 1 Silver Birch by 10 feet

No objections

55.17.02 Applications granted

11/2017/18126 20 Heath Crescent -Two storey side extension & loft conversion - Noted

11/2017/18105 Old Hall Farm - Repaint windows & gutters - Noted

55.17.03 Applications Refused

None

Application 2017/16658 – Endor, Skipton Road. The Clerk to contact Planning as the application granted stated that the extension materials should match the rest of the house and it does not. Also was permission given for a coal store at the front of the premises?

56.17 To consider a letter to CDC requesting a review of the Planning Committee. (letter previously circulated)

Cllr Brown sympathises with the comments in the letter but feels there is a shift of attitude happening in the Planning Committee. The Planners need to be strong but they are weak and don't put the case across well. He thinks we should home in on winnable issues such as a Parish Council being given more than 5 minutes to comment. The Planning Committee should be following National guidelines and if they are, it is difficult to change. Cllr Brown will ask the question of whether they are following National guidelines. He suggested we write to other Parish Councils in the area to get their views. Cllr Slade will compose a letter to be sent from the Clerk.

57.17 To consider an application for the District Councillor's Award Fund for this year.

Road signs were mentioned but these would cost much more than the £1,000 both Cllr Mulligan and Cllr Brown have in the fund. It was suggested funding for a defibrillator at the Sports Pavilion would be one idea. Any Councillors having other ideas please let the Clerk know.

58.17 To receive an update from Cllr Barron with regard to contacting Trustees for the Recreation Ground Trust Fund.

Cllr Barron has spoken to two of the Trustees with regard to accessing the funds and probably winding up the Trust. Both were happy to be involved. The Clerk will send a letter, via Cllr Barron, to the Trustees asking them to request a balance on the account to begin with.

59.17 To receive a report from Cllr Barron following the meeting with the Cricket & Football Clubs with regard to the Playing Field.

Nothing has been received from the Cricket or Football Clubs regarding quotes for the drainage work. Cllr Barron will follow up.

60.17 To receive details of removal of the old concrete benches and replacing with the two new benches and approve the quote for the work to be done.

The quotation for the removal of the old concrete benches and position of 3 bases for new wooden benches had been received. It was felt this was a little on the high side, a verbal quotation was received which was £100 lower. If the Contractor could reduce his quote we would be happy to go ahead as he has done good work in the past.

The Clerk to contact the Contractor and ask if it is possible to reduce the cost, if so the work can go ahead. The Family Day Committee bench to be placed by the other wooden benches and the new bench for Leslie Fryer would be sited on one of the bases where the concrete benches are taken out. The other base will remain empty for the time being.

- 61.17 To note date for deep cleaning of the Public Toilets 23rd August 2017.
 Noted
- **To receive an update on funding for Village Hall Car Park resurfacing.**Cllrs Cohn and Barron had read through the Big Lottery Fund application and with small changes were happy for it to be sent off.

63.17 To discuss further complaints about the memorial in the Canal Gardens.

Dealt with in Item 51.17 – Public enquiries.

64.17 Highways and Safety issues. – Cllr Dancer

Cllr Dancer reported that she had received over 20 responses to her request for Highways issues. The main problems being the A629/Ings Lane junction and Skipton Road. A meeting has been arranged for 3.30pm on Tuesday 3rd September with James Malcolm from NYCC Highways to witness the school pick up issues and a drive along the A629 to see problems with the junction. Following the drive round, residents will be invited to meet with Officials in the Village Hall for a discussion on the issues.

65.17 To receive update on hedge trimming following the list sent to NYCC

NYCC had responded that they would carry out work they are responsible for and write to owners of overhanging hedges asking them to address the matter. No timescale has been received.

The overhanging hedge on the pavement at Ings Lane was not on the list but would be reported.

66.17 To discuss Aire Valley Incinerator – Cllr Slade

Cllr Slade raised concerns about the Aire Valley Incinerator. Although various reports were noted it was felt the Parish Council did not have sufficient information to comment.

67.17 To vote for Candidates for the Standards Committee.

There are 5 Candidates, we are voting as one on behalf of the Parish Council. We can vote for no more than 4 Candidates.

The candidates were discussed and one candidate was voted for.

68.17 Correspondence and items brought forward by the Chair.

- Email received from Records Office, Northallerton that they will store PC documents. Each will be referenced and archived. The Clerk will sort out the filing cabinet and arrange to go to Northallerton to deposit.
 Although it was quite a distance to travel if a document was required, it was agreed the legal documents should be taken.
 Cllr Cohn and Cllr Booth would meet the Clerk on 23rd August to go through items they have and those stored in the Village Hall to put together what needs to be taken to Northallerton Records Office.
- The email from the PCC's office on the Consultation of the Commissioner taking over the running of the Fire Service was noted.
- The Clerk will report to the Canal & River Trust that the wooden fence by the swing bridge is in disrepair and also the bank by the Polish War Memorial is collapsing and masonry is falling from Hamblethorpe Bridge.

69.17 Date of next meeting.

NDP meeting on Monday 31st July 2017

Full Council meeting Tuesday **19th September** 2017 at 7.30pm (No meeting in August)

Highways Meeting Tuesday 5th September 2017 from 3pm