

**NORTH FERRIBY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES
18 December 2023**

PRESENT: Councillors Hookem (Chairman) J.Abraham, M.Abraham, Allmendinger, Blogg, Dennett, Knight & Holborn

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk J Haslope

Minute No.
PC 23 -

- 101. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllrs Black, Shaikh and Wood & Ward Cllrs Corless & Hopton submitted apologies.
- 102. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST**– These are noted at the appropriate minute.
- 103. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 NOVEMBER 2023 – Resolved** - that the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 104. PUBLIC FORUM** – One member of the public attended to observe proceedings.
- 105. WARD COUNCILLOR’S REPORT** – The Clerk provided an update from Ward Cllr Hopton
- 106. CLERK’S REPORT** – The Clerk gave the Council a report of recent correspondence with residents and activities undertaken since the last meeting. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Wykeland to see if there are any plans to replace the trees which have been recently felled in Long Plantation. It was also agreed that a resident would be invited to the next meeting to discuss their request directly. Finally it was agreed that Cllrs J.Abraham, Dennett and Knight would visit the Primary School to receive their Cup if Kindness on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 107. FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES REPORT**
 - 107.1. Receipts** – The following receipts were noted by the Council
 - £ 475.10 Bank Interest
 - £ 50.51 COIF Interest
 - 107.2. Expenditure** – The Clerk gave details of an additional invoice and the Council approved the payment of invoices as detailed in Minute No. PC 23-115.
 - 107.3. Financial Reports** – The Budget Monitoring, Receipts & Payments and Bank Reconciliation reports were circulated prior to the meeting. No concerns were raised.
- 108. COMMITTEE MINUTES** – The Council received and noted the following minutes
 - 108.1.** Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 27 November 2023
 - 108.2.** Minutes of the Playing Field Committee held on 8 November 2023
- 109. PARISH MATTERS**
 - 109.1. Meetings 2024** – The dates for the meetings in 2024 were noted.
 - 109.2. Carols round the Lychgate** – The risk assessment for the event was circulated before the meeting and the arrangements for the event were agreed.
 - 109.3. Environment Agency** – It was reported that the Clerk along with Cllrs Dennet & J.Abraham had met with the Environment Agency to discuss the condition of the flood defences along the Humber. The EA explained that the defences are inspected on a 6 monthly basis, and they are currently considering the plans required to ensure the defences are adequate for the next 30 years.
 - 109.4. Christmas Decorations** – Following contact from a resident about increasing the amount of decorations in the village a discussion was held. It was agreed that the Clerk would investigate the options available and the associated cost.
 - 109.5. Biodiversity Duty** – It was **Resolved** to adopt the Policy on Biodiversity Duty.
 - 109.6. Budget 2024/25** – The Council considered the different elements of the budget proposed for 2024/25 and it approved the following bids for grants
 - Playing Field Committee - £14,000
 - Environment Committee - £7,000
 - Grounds Maintenance of the Churchyard - £1,800

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It was **Resolved** that total budget set for the year 2024/25 would be £89,900.

109.7. Reserves 2024/25 – Following a discussion it was **Resolved** that the level of reserves required was slightly lower than last year and the small surplus would be used to offset the budget.

109.8. Precept for 2024/25 – It was **Resolved** that a precept demand of £88,065 for 2024/25 would be submitted to East Riding of Yorkshire Council and the Local Precept Demand form was signed.

The precept level set is equivalent to £50 per Band D property.

Cllr Holborn left the meeting

110. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & NOTED

110.1. ERNLLCA Newsletter

110.2. Devolution deal announced for Hull and East Yorkshire

110.3. Vision ICT Winter Newsletter

110.4. Essentials of Being a Good Employer – Training

110.5. 2024-25 Parish and Town Council Precept Letter

111. TRUSTEES OF ANNE TURNER MEMORIAL ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Dennett declared an interest as an allotment holder

111.1. Public Notice – It was noted that a public notice of the new lease had been posted on the Coronation Garden's noticeboard and on the website but that no representations had been received.

111.2. Advice – The advice obtained regarding the new lease was considered and the Trustees were satisfied that the terms of the lease were the best that could be reasonable obtained for the charity.

111.3. Lease with The Anne Turner Allotments Association Limited – It was therefore **Resolved** to enter into a lease agreement for seven years to let the Allotment Land to The Anne Turner Allotment Association Limited for the continued use as allotments. The lease was signed by the Chairman and witnessed by the Clerk.

112. TRUSTEES OF THE PLAYING FIELD

112.1. Expenditure – The Clerk gave details of an additional invoice and the Trustees approved the payment of the invoice as detailed in Minute No. PC 23-116.

113. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – It was **Resolved** that the press and public would be excluded from the meeting owing to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, in accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

114. OPEN SPACE – The recent correspondence on the matter was discussed.

115. EXPENDITURE FROM PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNT – The following invoices were passed for payment

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Vat £</i>	<i>Gross £</i>
KCOM	Telephone/Internet	4.80	28.80
VisionPrint	Winter Newsletter		300.00
ERYC	Street Lighting SLA	145.49	872.95
ERNLLCA	First Aid Training	14.00	84.00
ERYC Supplies	Stationery	4.42	26.46
Lodge Landscapes	Christmas Tree and new lights	414.00	2484.00
SJK Garden Services	Grounds Maintenance PW		258.00
Salaries and Expenses	Office	19.74	2818.04

116. EXPENDITURE FROM CHARITY ACCOUNT – The following invoices were passed for payment

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Vat £</i>	<i>Gross £</i>
Shed Grounds Maintenance	Grounds Maintenance – Playing Field	62.60	375.60
Delta Security Systems Ltd	HDD for CCTV	73.00	438.00

The meeting closed at : 8.50pm

Date of next meeting : 22 January 2024

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