Foxholes with Butterwick Parish Council

Meeting held on 22nd November 2023

PRESENT: Chair Cllr A Samuels Cllr P Warters

Cllr M Martinez Cllr D Eddy

2 members of public

Clerk Mr C Adnitt

The Meeting was opened at 19.30 hours. It was noted that Cllrs S Tomlin and C Tomlin have resigned as councillors since the previous meeting.

23/83 Apologies

No apologies were received.

23/84 Public Comments

No comments were received.

23/85 Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interest were received.

23/86 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2023 were approved by all those who were present and signed by the chair.

23/87 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

23/88 Co-option to fill Vacancy

Three vacancies required filling by co-option. It was believed that one person was interested in becoming a councillor.

23/89 Precept for 2024/25 Financial Year

The clerk provided spreadsheets showing anticipated income together with two options for expenditure, one showing minimal expenditure to ensure sufficient funds were available and a second showing the cost of improvements that were felt desirable. A detailed discussion followed during which it was noted that for the last few years the reserves were being used to meet expenditure which was not sustainable any longer. It was necessary to ensure that income and expenditure was kept in balance year on year. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr P Warters, seconded by Cllr D Eddy that the precept should be increased to £4600, which was approved unanimously.

23/90 Monitoring of Defibrillators

Cllrs D Eddy and P Warters agreed to monitor the two defibrillators to ensure they remain in working order and that replacement supplies are obtained when necessary.

23/91 Grass Cutting for 2024 Season

To date two quotations have been obtained and a further quote was to be sought in order to make an informed decision on which contractor to use.

23/92 Planning Applications

Two planning application was received. ZE23/06391/REM application to erect one three bedroom agricultural workers dwelling to replace existing mobile home (outline approval 23/00354/OUT dated 22.05.23) on land off Butterwick Road, Butterwick. No objections were received.

ZE23/06071/HOUSE application to rendering of external walls, installation of an air source heat pump and installation of 12 solar panels to south elevation at, Kirkroyd, Ganton Road, Foxholes. No objections were received.

Consultation on BT's proposal to decommission and remove the telephone box in Butterwick. The details were noted.

23/93 Accounts to Pay & Financial Considerations

The following accounts were presented for payment: Clerks Salary & Expenses £351.92, Foxholes Village Hall (Room Hire) £5, Premier Garden Services £150, HMRC £72 and YLCE (Training Course) £12.50, which were approved by all.

Payments received: NYC Rent for Old Quarry £50.

It was agreed to pay the clerk a salary increase in line with the 2023 NALC pay agreement for Local Government Staff on a pro-rata basis for the hours worked, backdated to 1st April 2023.

23/94 Correspondence

An email was received from a resident in Butterwick requesting that the parish council take on the future responsibility for the telephone box that BT are proposing to remove. Following discussion it was felt that the future maintenance cost was more that the council could afford and this request would have to be declined.

23/95 Other Business

A number of pot holes existed on Simon Howe road between Foxholes and Sherburn which were to be reported to NYC for action.

23/96 Confidential Item

Members of public and press were excluded for this item.

23/97 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting was to be held on Wednesday 24th January 2024 in the Village Hall.

23/98 The meeting was closed at 21.05 hours.