

ALLERTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting (No 188) held in Allerthorpe Village Hall on Monday 18th July 2022 at 19.45.

Present:

Laura Brennan	Chairperson
Noel Brennan	Parish Councillor
Clare Metcalfe	Parish Councillor
Sim Wilkinson	Parish Councillor
Jane Smith	Clerk

Leo Hammond	Ward Councillor
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188.1 Apologies and Welcome

Debbie Forster	Vice-Chairperson
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There were no members of the public present.

There were no members of the press present.

The Chairperson welcomed everyone and reported that Mrs Butler and Mrs Batty have resigned for personal reasons. The vacancies have been advertised locally and one register of interest has been received.

188.1a Pre-meeting submission by parishioners in attendance

None.

188.2 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests, including any dispensations of pecuniary interest

None

188.3 To confirm minutes of the previous meeting:

187 16th May 2022

The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true record, proposed by Mrs Metcalfe, seconded by Mr Brennan and signed by the Chairperson.

188.4 Devolution – Information sharing and discussion lead by Leo Hammond

See Appendix A for more detail.

Our devolved area will be the East Riding and Hull. There are currently two deals on the table for our area (Level 1 is aimed at County Councils; E Riding and Hull are Unitary Authorities)

Level 2- County Deal: currently favoured by Leaders of Hull and East Riding Councils. Has more powers and funding than Level 1 deals, but not as many as the Level 3 deal.

Level 3 – Mayoral Combined Authority: Most beneficial deal for areas according to government, as it has the most powers, funding and is most democratic. The Mayor is elected by the public. Working examples include: Greater Manchester, Tees Valley, West and South Yorkshire.

Mr Hammond stressed that there will be no structural changes for Parish Councils.

After some discussion the councillors voted for Level 3 – Mayoral Combined Authority as their preferred choice. The Clerk was asked to send an email to Mr Hammond to that effect.

188.5 To receive general information/correspondence;

1. Town and Parish Council event re front line services: After looking at the areas to be covered, it was decided to not attend this particular event, as we already have a fair working knowledge of most of them.
2. Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation: The Chairperson said that we need to respond to this. Mr Brennan agreed to do it.
3. Update on Jubilee Coin distribution: The Clerk said that she has distributed 23 coins to children under 18 in the parish. A parishioner has offered to buy the remaining two.
4. Western Parishes Liaison Meeting: 2nd August, venue to be confirmed.

188.6 To Agree Finance

a. Current financial position

i. Transaction reports, receipts and payments, 12.05.2022- 13.07.2022

Nine payments totalling £3,270.87 were made during this period: 3 net salary payments for the Clerk (the April payment was delayed due to the cheque book being with the auditor); 1 payment to HMRC; 1 payment to Payroll Services; 2 office supplies purchases; 1 purchase of the Jubilee coins; 1 payment for Combined Insurance to Gallagher Insurance.

3 receipts totalling £6,714.81 were paid in: The half-yearly precept; the VAT claimed back from the previous year; a small refund from the Trespass group.

ii. Summary of Receipts and Payments. The budget agreed at the last meeting has been added to the spreadsheet. Predicted spending is currently just over the £12,000 precept, this is not including the previously agreed gift of £11,000 to the Village Hall building fund.

iii. Bank reconciliation: On 30th June the bank balance was £21,677.36.

iv. Asset register. The old laptop has been removed from the register and the new one added.

188.7 Planning

a. applications since last meeting

01.06.2022 20/01850/TCA

ALLERTHORPE CONSERVATION AREA- Fell 1 Pear tree as it has outgrown its location; Fell 1 bay tree as it has outgrown its location and concerns that its roots will damage the adjacent raised wall .

Allendale Cottage, Main Road

No objections

b. decisions since last meeting

23.08.2021 21/03215/PLF and 21/03216/PLF Convert and repair derelict forge and adjoining outbuilding to form holiday cottage with single story extensions and installation of roof lights, change of use of piggeries to bunkrooms and installation of rooflights, creation of new driveway/footpath, alterations and extensions to main dwelling to create additional living accommodation following removal of existing structures to front and rear with associated internal and external works, installation of rooflights and erection of a garage/workshop following removal of existing barn.

Low Farm, Melbourne Road

Approved

188.8 Community Speedwatch:

Mrs Butler sent the following update:

Since the start of June we have carried out 8 speed watch sessions. The majority of speeding motorists are driving at below 40 mph but we do regularly have motorists exceeding this. In the first week of July we caught 2 motorists travelling at 51 mph! Humberside Police are looking at how they can get greater coverage of the scheme in this area. They are currently considering investing in a new automated system which would give teams greater flexibility around where they are positioned. In this region in June, 700 speeding offences were reported, 12 vehicles had no MOT and 3 had no insurance. All data collected is to be used in setting up a new master plan for enforcement across the police force. So the scheme definitely is of benefit to our communities.

188.9 Report from Village Hall Management Committee

See Appendix 2 for more details

Main points to note:

- a. Costs have increased. It was agreed to raise the hourly rental from £10 to £12.50 from 1st September.
- b. The lottery grant application for £9,329 was unsuccessful. There is a funding shortfall of at least £9000 to be found before extension works can begin.
- c. The Charity Commission confirmed CIO status on 6th May 2022. Harrowells Solicitors are assisting with further details before the existing charity can be closed.
- d. Christmas plans for the wreath and tree sale were discussed and decisions taken.

187.13 Dates of next meetings

The following dates were agreed:

PC Meeting 189	Wednesday 21 st September	7.00 pm
PC Meeting 190	Wednesday 16 th November	7.00 pm

187.14 Meeting Closed 20.20

Signed Date

Appendix 1

Devolution Presentation by Leo Hammond

Back Ground

- Devolution in England has been a topic of the political scene since the early 2000s.
- In the last ten years it has accelerated to become a main priority for Government. This now takes the form of the Government's Levelling Up white paper (a 2019 Conservative manifesto promise). The Paper pledges to devolve all of England by 2030. The details of the paper will be discussed later.
- In terms of our area, East Yorkshire, four geographies for devolution have been explored:
- Firstly, there was the idea of One Yorkshire, a Yorkshire Wide devolution deal.
 - Initially, there was a proposal for a Yorkshire Parliament/Assembly type system. This was rejected by the previous Labour Government as they felt it was not supported by the population.
 - Secondly, there was a proposal for a Yorkshire-wide Mayoral Authority. This was rejected by the Conservative Government because it was deemed to be too large an area to devolve powers to; and West and South Yorkshire already had devolution deals by this point.
- Negotiations then started to look at a potential Humber-wide devolution deal involving, The East Riding, Hull, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire. This was a geography which seemed to be favoured by the Government because of the economic area around the Humber estuary. However, negotiations ended on this when the south bank Lincolnshire authorities withdrew as they wished to form a Greater Lincolnshire devolution deal instead, meaning a Humber-wide deal is no longer possible.
- Forming a devolution deal with North Yorkshire was then explored, forming a North and East Yorkshire Devolution deal. However, negotiations on this ceased when North Yorkshire pulled out and decided to form their own devolution deal. Meaning a North and East Yorkshire Devolution deal is also no longer possible either.
- With our remaining neighbour, South Yorkshire, already having its own devolution deal, this left us on our own. The Government therefore, made us a special case, and allowed us to form our own East Yorkshire (East Riding and Hull City) Devolution Deal. This would be far smaller than the 1 million population threshold for a devolution deal the Government had been pushing. Work has been ongoing since 2019 to explore what type of devolution deal East Yorkshire Could have. There are two deals on offer, which are explained in the Levelling Up white paper. This will be explained shortly.
- Just before you we do that, let's get an understanding of the aims of Levelling up and therefore, devolution.

Levelling Up - what is it's aims for England?

- To make a decision on devolution, we need to understand what the Government is trying to achieve as part of their Levelling up agenda.
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- The **First** aim of levelling up is to bring the economies of the North, Midlands, and South West up to the same level or beyond that of London and the South East. And therefore, bring the economic opportunities of the people of the North, Midlands, and South West in line with those of the people of London and the South East. This is to be done by improving things, such as infrastructure and transport, education and skills, public health, and housing in these areas (using devolved funding), to attract business and investment into these areas, improving and broadening the opportunities available to the populations of these areas and therefore, hopefully, improving the lives of the people of these areas.
- The **Second** aim is to empower communities which for so long feel that they have been left behind. To give people a say over the direction of their local area, and make them proud of their area. This is to be done by taking powers and funding from Westminster and putting them into the hands of local people. The aim is also to make the people making the decisions more accountable.
- The main tool the Government wants to use to deliver these aims is devolution.

Appendix 2

Minutes of Allerthorpe Village Hall Management Committee Meeting
Wednesday 13th July 2022 7.30pm

1. Present

Jane Smith, Bev Butler, Mike Sutton, Julie Brook

Apologies

Laura Brennan, Margaret Murray

2. Finances

a) Current Position

Bev reported that the accounts have been audited. The total balance is £44,593,34. Costs and overheads have inevitably gone up:

- (i) the electricity bill is now £175 per month, but paying for the deficit from the winter means payments of £361 for 4 months.
- (ii) The village hall now pays for the broadband - £30 per month
- (iii) Hygiene bins £39 per quarter.
- (iv) Cleaning is now 2 times per week.

One of the Yoga teachers is now doing 1 class instead of 2 per week.

After some discussion, it was agreed to put up the rental from £10.00 to £12.50 per hour from 1st September 2022. **Jane will inform hall users.**

b) Grants

Mike's report was as follows:

(i) The National Lottery Community Fund Grant Application (TNFLC)

The above was submitted (and receipt confirmed on 16 May 2022) for £9329.

Unfortunately due to budget constraints our application didn't rank highly enough to proceed

(ii) ACRE Expression of Interest.

An application was made to the above organisation for unrecoverable VAT for village halls. Unfortunately, at that time the fund was closed. We have been recently notified that £3million has been allocated.

An application-expression of interest has been made for £9000. A response is awaited.

(iii) FCC Grant Application

Application submitted on 24 February 2022 to meet deadline of 2 March 2022.

Feedback Awaited £2800. We need to re-apply for the next round of funding closing November 2022

(iv) St Helens Farm (Kavli Trust)

The Finance Director has sponsored us. Each employee choses three projects to vote for in November/December 2022. Decision January 2023. Applied for £10,000.

(v) Two Ridings

Grant for £2000 received January 2022

(vi) Rank Foundation – Pebbles Grant

Application submitted on 11 July indicating a project shortfall of £9000

(vii) Bernard Sunley Foundation

Application submitted on 11 July indicating a project shortfall of £9000

(viii) Ann Watson Foundation

Meet with their on-line grant criteria and have submitted an e-mail outlining our project.

Building Costs & Funding

RK Builders Quotation £47,000 plus VAT £9,000 = £56,000

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Funding PC	11,000
AVH	34,000
Two Ridings Grant	<u>2,000</u>
Total	<u>£47,000</u>

Funding Shortfall £9,000

The members of the Committee thanked Mike for all his hard work, diligence and persistence.

3. CIO Status 1198964

(i) **The Charity Commission** advised on 6 May 2022 that the above had been confirmed. A final copy of the Allerthorpe Village Hall Management Committee Foundation Model Constitution is attached.

(ii) Application to Charity Commission (CC) to Approve the Transfer of Land & Buildings

The above application requesting the CC to prepare a designated land scheme document to approve the transfer of land and buildings from the existing charity to the new CIO was submitted on 26 May 2022. Response from CC was to complete a Model Vesting Certificate.

(iii) Model Vesting Certificate

The model vesting certificate can be completed to transfer land & buildings and any remaining assets (bank/cash/fixtures & fittings...). This may require some further assistance from Harrowells Solicitors. Mike has requested a quotation. The Committee agreed that Harrowells should be asked to do this.

(iii) Closure of Existing Charity

Once the above are complete then the existing charity can be closed/dissolved. The Committee considered all this information and agreed that we are not yet in a position to start building work, being about £9,000 short of the current estimate. It was decided to wait for the outcome of the recent grant applications. If no more monies are available then we might have to revise the plans accordingly.

4. Running of the Hall

a) Health and Safety, Maintenance

Julie reported that the maintenance checks are being completed by herself and Laura. There is still an issue with the lock on the gents' toilet door and the top bolt on the front door. **Jane will contact the joiner.**

Fire alarm – The fire alarm has gone off unexpectedly. Julie contacted the Fire Alarm company who said we need to be checking the public fire box weekly. Julie has updated the manual to include the procedure for doing this.

Weeds in car park - It was agreed to have a **joint effort** to clear the weeds on **Saturday 6th August at 10 am.**

Broken projector screen – It was agreed to buy a free-standing portable screen to replace the existing one. **Jane will look for a suitable one.** *[Ask Neil to take down old one?]* It was also agreed to have a window blind at that window. **Jane will organise.**

- b) Cleaning – Very satisfied with the cleaning arrangements. The cleaner works 2 separate hours per week and is paid £13 per hour.
- c) Bookings – Tailing off over the summer as usual, but expect to be back to normal in September.

5. Christmas Plans

It was agreed not to do the wreath making workshop this year, but perhaps do a willow workshop instead, date to be decided.

We will make wreaths in the week beginning Monday 28th November. Being mindful of costs, we will be more prescriptive about the design and number of items on them. **Jane will start looking for ribbon and gold spray cans shortly** to supplement the saved items at Laura's house. We will make a maximum of 50 wreaths for sale, price to be decided. After a discussion about charities, the Committee felt it would be good to raise money for Caroline's Rainbow as previously discussed, it being a very local charity. **Jane will contact Majorie**, the founder of the charity.

6. Date of next meeting

28th September 2022 7.30 pm