

Sancton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 18TH November 2024 at 7.00pm in Sancton Methodist Chapel, Rispin Hill, Sancton

Present

Cllr D Cary (Chair), Cllr A Liley, Cllr P Parvin, Cllr S Wightman and Cllr M Wintersgill

Also Present

Miss H Bowater (Clerk)

Cllr David Siddle (ERYC Rural Housing Enabler)

Apologies

Cllr S Rustomji

Ward Cllrs Leo Hammond & Paul West

181124/1 – Apologies

Cllr S Rustomji - Unwell

Ward Cllrs Leo Hammond & Paul West – In attendance at other meetings

181124/2 - Consideration of Public Participation and Recording of Meeting

No public present.

181124/3 - Declarations of Interest

- a) No declarations of interest by any member of the Parish Council.
- b) No dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed.

181124/4 - Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a) It was **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sancton Parish Council held on the 21st October 2024 were approved by Members and signed by the Chair.

181124/5 - Public Participation

Presentation by Cllr David Siddle, Rural Housing Enabler

Cllr Siddle outlined his role supporting small councils (<3,000 population) with affordable housing.

Key points:

- **Housing Needs Survey:** Scheduled for December, covering four parishes with a 20 December response deadline. Residents will receive a leaflet with online access instructions.
- **Housing Site Update:** A new site in the village is under consideration as Houghton Lane was deemed unsuitable.

Councillors asked about the impact on local services, including schools, shops, and transport links.

Cllr David Siddle left the meeting.

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181124/6 - Reports from Ward Councillors

No Ward Cllrs present.

181124/7 - Grounds Maintenance Contracts/Open Space Management

- a) Village field – Green waste pile is yet to be burned
- b) Cemeteries, closed churchyard – We will be receiving quotes for the removal of the holly tree and the branches which are causing problems.
Cllr Liley reported that rabbits are digging holes in the closed churchyard.
The Councillors discussed the cost of the half plots.
The Clerk will research similar cemeteries with a view to review the pricing structure in January.
- c) Gravel Pits – NTR
- d) Pond area – the Clerk will email ERNLLCA to see if they can advise who we should contact to resolve the leak.
As a temporary solution, the councillors will ensure that the overflow pipe is pointing down into the drain.
- e) Car park – The Chair will be installing the new sign for the carpark.
- f) Play area – Cllr Wintersgill reported that there are molehills in the play area.
Cllr Cary reported that the noticeboard needs cleaning. The Clerk to action.
- g) Other open space management issues. –

181124/8 – Accounts and Payments

- a) The following payments were approved and the cheques signed:

18/11/24	H Bowater (Clerk)	Phone top up	6.00
25/11/24	H Bowater (Clerk)	Salary 26/10/24 – 25/11/24	REDACTED
18/11/24	Zurich	Annual insurance cover – Due January 2025	560.80
18/11/24	Autela	Payroll Aug-November 2024	75.05
18/11/24	H Bowater (Clerk)	Microsoft 365 Annual	59.99
18/11/24	ERYC	Goldie Hill Play Area – Rent 31/08/24 – 31/07/24	81.00
18/11/24	J Barber (Clerk reimburse)	Christmas tree purchase	200.00

- a. Chairmans Allowance

The Chair reported that the Chairmans Allowance is down to £33.00.
The Councillors agreed to pay into the Chairmans Allowance £66.00.

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181124/9 - Sancton Hill Wind Farm Fund

Cllr Liley reported that the meeting for the windfarm fund has not yet taken place.

181124/10 – Village Christmas Celebration

The tree has been ordered and it will be put up on Sunday 24th November.

The light switch on will be on Monday 2nd December carols will start at 6.30.

The Clerk will make a poster to advertise the event.

Cllr Liley will send an email to ask for volunteers.

181124/11– Correspondence

Correspondence received and to resolve any action:

- a. Zurich insurance premium renewal quote.
- b. ERYC Annual rough sleeper snapshot.
- c. NALC Clerk pay increase.
- d. G Baldwin – PA to Archdeacon of York. Acknowledgement of notice to split plots to accommodate cremated remains.

All correspondence considered and discussed as appropriate.

181124/12 – Flooding on Low Street

Cllr Wightman reported that two new pumps have failed so the pumping station is currently running on half capacity.

181124/13 - Minor Items

1. A resident has complained about the manhole Valley Farm bungalow side of the road. Clerk to report to ERYC.

181124/17 – Agenda for next and future meetings

In addition to the regular agenda items for the December Meeting, it was **RESOLVED:** that the following specific items are included in the Agenda for the December meeting:

1. Budget
2. Internet banking - January

181124/18 - Next Meeting

It was confirmed that this would take place on Monday 16th December 2024 commencing at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 20:48

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