

ASKRIGG & LOW ABBOTSDALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting held on Thursday 21st July 2016 in the Village Hall, Askrigg

Present: Cllrs. A Kirkbride (Chair), B Fawcett (Vice Chair), J Hodgson, M Alderson, G Kirkbride, Cllr. J Blackie, K Lynch (Clerk) four members of the Public.

1.	Apologies for Absence - Cllrs. Y Peacock, D Madley																																																																												
2.	The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19 th May 2016 were approved as a true record.																																																																												
3.	Declaration of Interest - None declared																																																																												
4.	Matters Arising from 19 th May 2016 not covered in the agenda – no items																																																																												
5.	RDC – Upper Dales Area Partnership nothing to report																																																																												
6.	Highway Issues – Eastmoor Road – Collapsed culvert Reeth Road at Plough Edge – Thistles have become a problem since Highways have cleared the guttering. It was noted thistles had not been a problem in the past. Nappa Scar – Hole in the road opposite Rose Cottage. Clerk to report to Highways Becks Bits – Pot holes in the road. Clerk to report to Yorkshire Water																																																																												
7.	<p>Finance The following payments were proposed as resolve to pay by Cllr G Kirkbride and seconded by Cllr. M Alderson</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">7.1 Expenditure</th> <th>£</th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>100734</td> <td>AOE Insurance</td> <td>210.24</td> <td>Parish Insurance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100735</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>31.80</td> <td>May PAYE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100736</td> <td>Park Lane Playgrounds</td> <td>1,020.00</td> <td>Wet Pour</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100737</td> <td>J T Atkinson</td> <td>22.72</td> <td>Compost and wood</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100738</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>31.80</td> <td>June PAYE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100739</td> <td>A Porter</td> <td>340.00</td> <td>Grass Cutting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100740</td> <td>K Boddy</td> <td>259.00</td> <td>Grass Cutting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100741</td> <td>Askrigg Temperance Hall</td> <td>38.00</td> <td>Village Book</td> </tr> <tr> <th colspan="2">7.2 Income:</th> <th></th> <th></th> </tr> <tr> <td>20.05.16</td> <td>Honesty Box</td> <td>448.46</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>20.05.16</td> <td>Donation</td> <td>50.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>31.05.16</td> <td>Donation</td> <td>1,000.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>14.06.16</td> <td>Allotment Rent</td> <td>5.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>14.06.16</td> <td>Honesty Box</td> <td>281.34</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>17.06.16</td> <td>Village Book monies</td> <td>238.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>12.07.16</td> <td>Honesty Box</td> <td>286.59</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>04.07.16</td> <td>HMRC Vat Claim</td> <td>510.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>19.07.16</td> <td>Donation</td> <td>25.00</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	7.1 Expenditure		£		100734	AOE Insurance	210.24	Parish Insurance	100735	HMRC	31.80	May PAYE	100736	Park Lane Playgrounds	1,020.00	Wet Pour	100737	J T Atkinson	22.72	Compost and wood	100738	HMRC	31.80	June PAYE	100739	A Porter	340.00	Grass Cutting	100740	K Boddy	259.00	Grass Cutting	100741	Askrigg Temperance Hall	38.00	Village Book	7.2 Income:				20.05.16	Honesty Box	448.46		20.05.16	Donation	50.00		31.05.16	Donation	1,000.00		14.06.16	Allotment Rent	5.00		14.06.16	Honesty Box	281.34		17.06.16	Village Book monies	238.00		12.07.16	Honesty Box	286.59		04.07.16	HMRC Vat Claim	510.00		19.07.16	Donation	25.00	
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8.	<p>Planning New Applications: Barn, Red Gate Lane, Askrigg. Full planning permission for barn conversion. No objections raised by the Parish Council.</p> <p>Outstanding Applications: Hargill House, Moor Road, Askrigg – Replacement Conservatory - approved</p>																																																																												
9.	Healthwatch – Cllr Blackie reported Aysgarth Surgery was now connected to superfast broadband.																																																																												
10.	Speed Issues VAS Quotation had been obtained by the Clerk. NYCC had emailed the Clerk stating they do not support individual organisations purchasing their own equipment and any unauthorised equipment would be removed. Cllr Blackie asked the Clerk to forward the correspondence and he would speak with the relevant department. It was noted speeding traffic is a concern at both ends of the village and outside the school.																																																																												
11.	Cemetery – Clerk to contact the insurers regarding the damaged headstone which has now been replaced.																																																																												
12.	Outreach Post Office/Askrigg Foundation Building – A consultation process has commenced regarding the moving of the Outreach Post																																																																												

	<p>Office to Sykes Store. It was noted the service is a valuable resource in the village and it is important it remained. It is anticipated the service will operate out of Sykes Store from mid August. Cllr Blackie thanked Kate Empsall for organising volunteers to accompany the Post Office staff member whilst still operating out of the Askrigg Foundation building.</p> <p>The Parish Council had emailed the Askrigg Foundation expressing concerns at the potential sale of the building which is considered an asset to the village and was originally bought to bring work into the village. A response had been received saying <i>“the decision has been taken to seek tenants for the ground floor units (either as one combined unit, or two individual ones) with the option to sell the building if no tenant can be found.”</i></p> <p>The Chair informed the meeting that premises to let notices had been put on the windows of the building and it was hoped someone would come forward.</p>
13.	<p>Grass Cutting – The Clerk raised the grass verge in front of the Askrigg sign on Station Road was overgrown. The Chair said he would cut the verge and then Mr Lynch would take over future cutting.</p> <p>Cllr Alderson has been cutting the grass at Newbiggin end. Since the posts have been replaced by Highways it is not possible to take them out and cut the grass. Cllr Alderson to contact A Porter and obtain a cost for him to cut the grass.</p>
15.	<p>Parish Insurance Renewal – The Clerk had contacted AOE stating she had received a cheaper quote from Zurich. AOE responded by reducing their quote by £100</p>
16.	<p>Parish Website – The Clerk reported she had received a quote from a website company for £700 and one from Pip Land which possible would be around £200. Mrs Everett suggested using resources within the Village. Mrs Everett, the Clerk and possibly Colin Anderson to meet to look at developing our own website.</p>
17.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>An inspection by the RDC found a snapped bar on the cradle swings. This had now been removed and a new part will be purchased.</p> <p>The Pension Regulator have written with the Parish Council staging date which is 1 August 2017. Although the Clerk does not wish to join a pension scheme, the Council will still have to enrol.</p> <p>It was noted that a Ripon Motor Sport Association Car Rally will pass near to the village on 7 August 2016</p> <p>The YLCA are to develop a National Village, Parish and Community Hall Network. The YLCA had written to inform the Council of the national increase in Clerk salaries by 1%. It was agreed this should be given to the Clerk.</p>
18.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Cllr Blackie suggest the Council write to Highways asking they repair the road at Low Straights which is a registered road. Clerk to contact Highways.</p> <p>Cllr Blackie raised concern that under the Better Health Programme there will be a reduction in hospital provision for urgent care. One option would leave James Cook Memorial Hospital and the University of Durham Hospital as the only two providing urgent care resulting in approximately 55 and 62 miles from Askrigg. A public meeting will take place on 1st August 2016 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. in the Fountain, Hawes.</p> <p>Mrs Everett reported sales of the Village Book are still coming in. The previous books are also being digitalised and A4 will be available to buy at £25.00 Mrs Everett and Mrs E Scarr have given presentations on the development of the book in Hawes and other requests have been made.</p> <p>Cllr Fawcett proposed. If there were any anonymous written complaints made about the Parish Council or any member of the Parish Council they would not be dealt with. Cllr. G Kirkbride seconded the motion.</p>
19.	<p>Date and time of next Meeting - Thursday 15th September 2016 7.30 pm</p>