

# LITTLE SMEATON PARISH COUNCIL

## AGENDA

**Little Smeaton Parish Council meeting 22 January 2020  
The Community Room, Kirk Smeaton School 7.00pm**

1. **Apologies**  
To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.
2. **Declarations of interest.**
  - 2.1. To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the council's code of conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
  - 2.2. To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensation.
3. **Parish Councillor Vacancy**  
Interviews will be arranged and carried out for all residents who have expressed an interest in becoming a new Parish Councillor
4. **Minutes from previous meeting**  
To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2019 and to sign as a true and correct record.
5. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.

### **Previous agenda items and ongoing issues**

#### **5.1. Wentedge Road Quarry Planning Application**

The site visit with Planning is 4 February 2020.

#### **5.2. New Road, traffic signs update**

Residents on New Road, that are affected by the proposals, received a letter from NYCC Highways informing them of the changes in the speed limit. The deadline for responding was 26 November 2019. There were no objections to the proposals. However, some residents suggested that the speed limit should be 30 mph and not 40 mph. Although the PC tried for a reduction in the limit to 30 mph, this does not comply with the Dept of Transport's recommendations, which are, when setting speed limits it is necessary to follow published guidance to ensure that speed limits are appropriate for their environment, are effective and gain police support, should enforcement be necessary. Drivers generally travel at the speed which they perceive to match traffic conditions. The development on New Road is relatively sparse and the perception for drivers is not one of driving through an urban area and there is not the level of hazards that would be associated with a 30-mph speed limit. Consequently, the introduction of an inappropriate speed limit and its associated signing alone will not affect overall speeds without an extremely high level of police enforcement.

### **5.3. Playground repairs and inspection**

Waiting delivery of ropes which will be fitted once they are delivered.

Playground inspection took place 11 December 2019, report to be issued to Councillors.

### **5.4. Fallen trees over the river at Hillside Cottage**

The contractor will be removing the trees on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

### **5.5. Verge on Main Street LS adjacent the playing field.**

Will be tidied up and roots removed as much as possible.

### **5.6. Parish Council land near Mount Pleasant/Windy Ridge**

Fruit trees have been delivered and will be planted on the area of land near Mount Pleasant.

### **5.7. Hanging Baskets**

Quote received for the 10 hanging baskets for 2020, attached for signing by the Chair as authorisation to proceed.

### **5.8. Village Social Events**

The ideas raised for village social events is still ongoing. Ideas proposed.

5.8.1. Preparations to be made for VE day celebrations, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Possibly a street party with a jive night.

### **5.9. Grass Cutting Review**

A review of the contract will be carried out before the new season.

### **5.10. Highway Drainage on New Road and Main Street**

The Highways Officer has put New Road forward for funding for a highway drainage scheme for some additional gullies.

### **5.11. Dogs fouling the footpath**

The Parish Council would like to discuss whether to install a dog poo bag dispenser, like the ones in KS. Several residents have complained about the dogs fouling on the footpaths.

It was agreed at the last meeting to contact KSPC to question whether in their view did installing the dispensers make any significant difference. They replied and agreed unanimously that it did.

### **5.12. Dropped kerbs**

### **5.13. Bus Shelter**

The broken glass in the bus shelter has been replaced with polycarbon sheets, two pieces were ordered at a cost of £122.00+vat each. Thank you to James Buckley for his help in sourcing the sheets and for dealing with the supplier, he will also be picking them up.

### **5.14. Hunting Bridge, Brockadale**

The bridge was repaired and put back in place by YWT.

## **6. New Agenda Items**

### **6.1. Hillside Cottage Heating System**

### **6.2. Emergency Plan**

### **6.3. Draft Partnership Agreement – Collaboration on the Living Went Project**

### **6.4. Street Light, Chapel Lane, Little Smeaton**

The light owned by the Parish Council is out and has been reported to Street Lighting. Awaiting an update once the Engineer has been out and assessed the problem.

## **7. Public Forum.** Questions and concerns from the public.

## **8. To receive the following planning applications.**

The planning application for reduction of the cherry tree opposite the telephone box was granted.

## **9. Matters requested by Councillors.**

## **10. Financial Matters**

### **10.1.** To approve the following accounts for payment.

Cheque number	500123	Clerks Salary	250.00
Cheque number	500124	Room Hire	10.00

### **10.2.** To receive a bank reconciliation as at 31 December 2019, to sign as true and correct. Bank balance as at £8124.78.

### **10.3.** Current finance sheet up to date as at 31 December 2019, to sign as a true and correct record.

## **11. Correspondence Received**

### **11.1. Disability Action Group**

A group of people living with disabilities supporting people with disabilities and those people who want to make the local community more accessible for everyone. Issues including

- Inconsiderate parking (including parking on pavements)
- Inconsiderate driving (including speed limits)
- Dog Litter
- Overgrown hedges

## **12. Matters for inclusion on the next agenda.**

### **12.1.** All ongoing issues from this meeting.

**13. Date for next meeting**

18 March 2020

Provisional dates for discussion, for the meetings to be held this year

Weds 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020 - to include the Annual Open Meeting

Weds 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

Weds 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – including Budget meeting

Weds 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Weds 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021