

Little Smeaton Parish Council

Little Smeaton Parish Council Open Meeting May 4th 2021

In line with current emergency legislation this Parish Council open meeting was conducted via Zoom due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the need for social distancing.

Present – Cllr G Ivey (Chair), Cllr R Brown (Clerk), Cllr C. Atkinson (Vice Chair), Cllr A. Hancock, Cllr J. Howdle

No members of the public were in attendance

Councillor Ivey opened the meeting, and thanked all Councillors for their attendance.

1. Apologies

None

2. Annual Report 2020/21

2.1 The Annual Report had been previously circulated by the Chairman and delivered to all residents in Little Smeaton prior to the open meeting. The Chairman received a letter of appreciation for the work of the Parish Council following delivery of the report.

3. Public Forum. Questions and concerns raised by the public.

3.1 No members of the public were in attendance, however two residents had raised issues outside the meeting and, as they were unable to attend the virtual meeting, the Clerk presented the issues to the meeting.

- Hanging baskets – concerns raised that there were not enough hanging baskets in the village last year and that the ones there were, were not spaced in a way that was equable across the village. NYCC highways have previously stated that only the specific 10 lampposts used last year are suitable for hanging baskets. The Parish Council shares the concerns raised. However, the budget has already been set for 10 baskets for 2021/22 and the closing date for ordering baskets was 30th April 2021. Agreed that the Clerk will enquire whether we can increase our order and, if so, how much 2 extra baskets with brackets would cost. Councillor Ivey will check exactly where the current brackets are situated. Councillor Ivey to inform the resident concerned once a decision has been taken. The resident has offered to pay for one basket – this offer will be gratefully accepted.
- Speeding on Main Street – a specific incident of speeding had been brought to the attention of Councillor Ivey. Resident to be advised by Councillor Ivey that the correct action is for him to report the incident to the police.

- The turning area on Wentdale requires cleaning of moss and small trees. Clerk has enquired from Selby District Council whether street cleaning covers this road and, if so, how often cleaning takes place and when this was last done. Resident to be informed when response receive.

4. Meeting closed at 6.55pm