

## Topcliffe Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Topcliffe Parish Council held via Zoom on Thursday 5th November 2020

Present: Cllrs Morley, Beckwith and Moores

Also present were: 2 Members of the Public, Cllrs Baker, Bardon and Robson and Alexandra Little, Clerk

20/032 No apologies for absence were received.

20/033 A member of the public raised concerns about ongoing speeding and the amount of HGVs in the village.

The resident also asked if the speed matrix is being monitored and whether there is evidence that this is having an effect. Cllr Moores gave a summary of the data from the matrix and advised that there are around 40,000 over 4 weeks vehicle movements and 20-30% of traffic is speeding. This shows there is a problem and the parish council are in communication with Lorry Watch and the police. Cllr Moore considers that the matrix is having a positive effect and it will continue to be monitored.

20/034 The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 17th September 2020 were signed as a correct record.

20/035 County and District Councillors

Cllr Baker advised that the drainage on Mill Bank is under investigation. Cllr Baker also read a statement summarising his view on unitary authorities, which supports the North Yorkshire County Council proposal. Cllr Robson advised that Hambleton District Council voted not to submit a counter proposal, as North Yorkshire had triggered the request for local government review but Hambleton did not support this. Reorganisation will involve increased costs to residents with less services provided and should not be pushed forward at a time when the area is recovering from covid 19 and Brexit. Cllr Moores asked what the parish council can do to support Hambleton and Cllr Robson advised that there will be a public consultation in the new year.

20/036 To discuss matters requiring the attention of the council:

1. Sheepwash grass has been cut, trees have been cut back and the wildflower seeds have been planted.
2. Jubilee Garden wall needs to be repaired before the fencing is addressed.

**Resolved the Clerk to ask a local tradesman to come and look at the work**

3. Traffic and speeding is an ongoing concern. Data from the vehicular activated sign has been analysed and a summary of findings will be produced for the website.  
Lorries are being monitored with forms being sent in to Lorry Watch for review.

**Resolved traffic issues to continue to be monitored**

4. Footpaths and Hedgerows - the conifers on Long Street near the Toll Booth are forcing pedestrians to walk out into the road.

**Resolved Clerk to contact footpaths officer again as this has not been actioned by highways**

A resident has written to request the dropped kerb be looked at as there is limited safe access for wheelchair users.

The steps at Mill Bank were only included in the footpath in 1991 and North Yorkshire County Council have not agreed that this is their responsibility.

**Resolved Clerk to request footpaths officer look at these two items when they visit**

5. The Toll Booth has been visited by HDC Planning Officer who has recommended an English Heritage specialist who is visiting the site on 6th December.
6. War Memorial from the Methodist Church has not yet been positioned elsewhere.

**Resolved Clerk contact Diocese to identify if a faculty can be provided for this to be placed in**

**Cemetery**

7. Fencing Quotes have been received for both play area and cemetery fence at £446.55.

**Resolved the quote be accepted and work be completed as soon as possible**

Signed  
Chairman  
Date

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### 20/037 Co Option of A Councillor

H Holt resigned from the Parish Council and after following appropriate protocol the electoral officer has now advised the clerk that the Parish Council now has the power of co-option. Thanks were offered to H Holt for her service as a councillor.

**Resolved an advert for the cop opted vacancy will be published with a closing date of 31st January 2021**

### 20/038 Financial Matters

1. Receipts
2. Payments for approval spreadsheet circulated

**Resolved all payments be approved**

### 20/039 Correspondence

A letter was received advising that Parish Council needs to re-enrol with the Pensions Regulator, the Clerk will attend to this.

20/040 Date of next meeting: Thursday 3rd December at 19.00 via video/tele-conferencing facility

The meeting closed at 20.14

Signed  
Chairman  
Date