



# Acaster Malbis Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting** of Acaster Malbis Parish Council held on **Monday 10 June 2019** at **7:30pm** in the Acaster Malbis Memorial Hall.

**Open Forum** – No members of the public attended.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:32pm.

Present: Councillor W G Taylor (Chairman).

Councillors: P Harlington, B Hawkins, R Jones, J Smith, D Walker.

Councillor: J C Galvin (City of York Council - Ward Member).

Clerk: M G Davies.

## MINUTES

1. **To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.**  
All members were present.
2. **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.**  
There were none.  
**2.2 To receive and consider any applications for dispensation.**  
There were none.
3. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2019 as a true and correct record.**  
Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Cllr Harlington, seconded by Cllr Smith and agreed unanimously.
4. **To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.**
  - 4.1 **Co-option of new councillor.**  
The clerk confirmed that a vacancy notice has been published on the Parish Council

website with copies on the village noticeboards. A note will be inserted in the July edition of Link. Councillors were asked to advise the clerk of anybody who might be interested.

#### **4.2 The Tree Charter Project - update.**

It was agreed that this be noted but the village has no significant areas of land that might be suitable for planting.

#### **4.3 Website Accessibility Regulations.**

Cllr Harlington reported that the costs of compliance would be considerable which would result in a significant cost burden on local taxpayers. The absolute minimum compliance cost would be at least £1500 excluding councillor's and clerk's time and probably substantially more. It is noted that no person has approached the Parish Council to advise that they have difficulty accessing the current website. It was agreed that the Parish Council would claim exemption from the regulation in view of the disproportionate cost of compliance and an accessibility statement stating this would be added to the website in due course.

#### **5. To consider the following planning applications(s):**

There were no new applications.

#### **6. To receive the following planning decision(s) / information:**

Cllr Smith reported:-

a). The application at 28 Lakeside was still awaiting a decision. It was noted that a revised drawing of the front boundary treatment had been submitted. This appears to replace the proposed metal railings and sliding metal gate with wooden alternatives as shown on the drawing. This document does not affect the Parish Council's previous comments.

b). The application at Rivendell (formerly Rich Anchor) is also awaiting decision; a further support document has been submitted which does not affect the Parish Council's previous comments.

c). There are no developments in respect of Whinney Hills and the Mount Pleasant Boundary Wall.

#### **7. Matters requested by councillors or clerk:**

##### **7.1 To Receive Reports from Councillors/Clerk who have attended training events and**

##### **meetings of outside bodies.**

##### **7.1.1 Emergency Planning Committee meeting 23 May 2019 report.**

The clerk reported that the meeting with members of the village emergency team, City of York Council and the Environment Agency had taken place. The EA and CoYC have actions to take in respect of flood warning levels and signage. The village team leader is to update contact details and review how knowledge is passed down if they are not available. Team leader to report back to CoYC and EA.

##### **7.1.2 YLCA local branch meeting 6 June 2019 report.**

Cllr Walker reported on the meeting he attended with the clerk. The City of York Council invited to speak on dualling of the northern rind road did not attend. They will be invited again to the 3 October meeting. The majority of the branch officers were re-elected unopposed. The matter of the Commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day on 8 May 2020 was raised. The clerk is to check with the Memorial Hall Committee Chairman to see if they have any events planned.

**8. Financial matters:**

**8.1. To approve or note the following accounts for payment:**

11.06.19 Starboard Systems T/A Scribe Accounts - Annual Subscription	£154.80
11.06.19 1 <sup>st</sup> Bishopthorpe Scouts - Donation re litter pick 19 May 2019	£200.00
24.06.19 Clerk's Gross Salary Apr-Jun 2019	£796.80
25.06.19 Clerk's Office Allowance Apr-Jun 2019	£ 25.00
25.06.19 Clerk's Telephone Allowance Apr-Jun 2019	£ 18.00
25.06.19 Clerk's Stationery Exps (Toner, Pins, Envelopes)	£ 75.27

Approval of the financial transactions was proposed by Cllr Walker, seconded by Cllr Hawkins and agreed by all.

**8.2. To receive a bank reconciliation report to 30 June 2019.**

**8.3 To receive a budget / actual comparison to 30 June 2019.**

The bank reconciliations and budget reports listed under 8.2 and 8.3 had been circulated by email and were duly noted.

**9. To consider the following new Correspondence received and decide action where necessary:**

Clerk's and Council's Direct was circulated.

**10. North Yorkshire Police local PCSO Crime reports.**

There was one report of theft of garden furniture and other items but it was believed the property involved was outside the parish boundary.

**11. To consider matters raised with / by the Ward Member – Councillor J.C.Galvin.**

Cllr Galvin had little to report that was not dealt with elsewhere. Potholes continue to be an issue as do overgrown hedges obstructing footpaths and rights of way. Cllr Taylor reported a complaint had been made by a cyclist that the seat near the Pinfold could not be used as the hedge was growing through it. Cllr Taylor is to ask the farmer to trim the hedge back sufficiently to clear the seat. Cllr Galvin also reported that the local plan is delayed further while further consultation takes place.

**12. To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.**

12.1 VE Day 8 May 2020.

**13. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Monday 8 July 2019.**

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8:25pm by thanking all for attending.

W.G.Taylor - Chairman .....

Date of approval 8 July 2019