

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF POTTO PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 18 JULY 2018 AT 7.00 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillor Mr A Wilde (Chairman), Councillor Mr I Macpherson and Councillor Mr J Greco.

**Public Meeting**

One member of the public and Mr John Marshall from Footpaths Marshall were present. The member of the public wished to discuss the public rights of way and asked about the classification of the 'Bridleway' to Swainby. It was explained that it is an 'unclassified road maintainable at public expense'. He stated it is dangerous for foot users if someone comes along the narrow section on a motorbike or horse and that the parallel footpath in the field has been blocked off. Cllr Macpherson will speak to the tenant of the house and ask to unblock it.

PPC has spent nearly 3 years trying to get a Road Traffic Order on the 'bridleway' to stop motor vehicles, but the responsibility has been passed around 3 times within NYCC and is now with the 'Countryside Access' team.

The member of the public referred to the minutes from May, and the query regarding the removal of the footpath, this was only a query from the land owner and PPC are not wishing to close any rights of way. Received correspondence from another member of the public, with the same query, this was read out and discussed.

Councillor Greco has strimmed the verges from the corner of the 'Bridleway to the river, but was unable to get his cutter along the narrow part. This will have to be done by hand to cut back the nettles etc. Correspondence will be sent to the land owner asking them to cut back the hedges that overhang.

John Marshall gave a presentation on the rights of way in Potto and gave lots of very useful information about the history of rights of way, ordinance Surveys and books produced. He brought a 'definitive map' of Potto's footpaths and suggested that we would be able to get a copy from NYCC in Northallerton.

Discussed farmers responsibilities of maintaining footpaths through cropped fields it was noted and they receive grants to do so. Discussed permissive paths, and some in the Swainby area which have been cut off. Also discussed the application to divert footpath near Moor House Farm, on a dangerous bend.

Discussed the footpath that leads along the side of Greenacres, on the 'Bridleway' The stile and footpath sign are reported as being removed, Councillor Greco will speak to the land owner.

**Parish Council Meeting**

Apologies for absence were received from: Councillor Mrs E Griffin, Councillor Mr S Agar and County Councillor Mr D Hugill.

The minutes for the June meeting of the Parish Council were both discussed proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed.

**Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch**

Police report was received via email. Nothing to report.

Discussed Dog stolen from property in Swainby at the weekend, which has now been returned thanks to the owner's efforts.

**Planning Decisions of Hambleton District Councils**

None

**Planning Applications**

18/01383/FUL - Replacement of 2 static caravans currently being used as a residential annex and storage area with 2 bedroom annexe building. Councillor Greco declared an interest as the applicant is a neighbour.

Discussed previous application for caravans, single storey dwelling would be unobtrusive and cannot be seen above the hedge line and in between two other properties on the 'bridleway', so not visible from any road. Recommended for approval.

**Matters Arising from last month's meeting**

- a) Footpaths and Un-Classified Road (Bridle-path) –  
Discussed in public meeting, Councillor Macpherson is speaking to the dog fouling person and needs to speak to County Councillor Hugill about moving the dog waste bins.
- b) The village improvement project to renovate the fingerpost sign in the village will be due end of August. A site meeting is being arranged with the contractor.
- c) YLCA – Discussed FOIA advice received, and dealing with vexatious requests, other options are being followed.
- d) IT Plan – Discussed issues with current IT systems and possibility of cloud network that PPC Councillors could access. Cllr Greco will look into.

**Parish Plan**

Open evening for the residents was held in the village hall 6:30 - 8:30pm. Representatives from other linked services attended, closing date for the questionnaire is next week.

**2016/17 Annual Return**

Investigation of the objection is ongoing.

**Finance**

- a) Bank Accounts
  - I. Community Account £ 4,428.00
  - II. Business Account £ 2,110.21
- b) Internal audit is with Mr Brisley.
- c) Email received from Area2 granting £1,871.21 for grass cutting.
- d) Invoice for £180 received from Potto Village Hall for annual hire.

**2017-18 Annual Return**

Ready to be submitted.

**Standing orders**

Revised standing orders have been sent to Councillors for comments.

**Complaint against the Clerk**

A complaint has been received from a member of the public against the Clerk, This was discussed, and there was found to be no basis for the complaint, however it was noted that this is part of an ongoing vexatious and abusive campaign by a single member of the public which constitutes grossly unacceptable behaviour.

**Report from County and District Councillors**

None present.

**Village Hall**

Chairman will follow up on as PVH committee have still not sent to clerk.

Annual village Hall trustee meeting upcoming, will contact trustees to arrange date.

**Correspondence**

Correspondence from one member of the public;

- i. Annual meeting of Electors
- ii. 2017-18 AGAR data
- iii. Complaint against the Clerk
- iv. 2017-18 AGAR
- v. Objection to 2017-18 AGAR
- vi. Random Automatic receipts
- vii. Notice of Public Rights
- viii. Objection to 2016-17 Annual return
- ix. Notice of Public Rights
- x. Objection to 2017-18 AGAR
- xi. Details of ICO review
- xii. Notice of Public Rights
- xiii. Notice of Public Rights
- xiv. Objection to 2017-18 AGAR
- xv. Notice of Public Rights
- xvi. Objection to 2017-18 AGAR
- xvii. Notice of Public Rights
- xviii. Objection to 2016-17 Annual return
- xix. Notice of Public Rights
- xx. Objection to 2016-17 Annual return
- xxi. Notice of Public Rights
- xxii. Objection to 2017-18 AGAR
- xxiii. Notice of Public Rights
- xxiv. Objection to 2017-18 AGAR
- xxv. Notice of Public Rights

Each correspondence was discussed, and responses actioned as appropriate.

AOB.

A representative from PPC has been invited to Whorlton Church to for the inauguration of the new vicar.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm

**Next month's meeting date Wednesday 15 August 2018 at 7.00pm**