

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF POTTO PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 19 DECEMBER 2018 AT 7.00 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillor Mr A Wilde (Chairman), Councillor Mr S Agar,  
Councillor Mr J Greco, Councillor Mr I Macpherson and County Councillor Mr D Hugill.

Absent: Councillor Mrs E Griffin

**Parish Council Meeting**

The minutes of November's meeting were discussed proposed and seconded and unanimously agreed.

**Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch**

The Police report was received via email. A report of a drone over Cooper Lane and a white van in Potto were reported, unfortunately no vehicle registration obtained.

**Planning Decisions of Hambleton District Councils**

18/01815/FUL –The Old Orchard, Cooper Lane, Potto – Granted

**Planning Applications**

- a) 18/02559/TPO – Works to trees subject to Tree Preservation Order 1978/02, Potto Hall. Diseased trees have been identified, removal of 5 trees, take dead branches from other trees. One tree dangerously close to property will be removed. Recommended Approval.
- b) 18/02556/FUL - Side garage extension with pitched roof and front dormer windows to house, 50 Cooper Lane Potto. Councillor Agar declared an interest as he is a neighbour. Residents have been querying, however the application states work has already started. In keeping with other houses that have been renovated in the village. Recommended Approval
- c) 18/02419/FUL - Revised submission of 18/00159/FUL for demolition of two smaller storage structures and reduction in height & conversion of existing large storage structure into one, single-storey, bungalow dwelling with integral garage and associated external alterations to provide new brick walls and tiled roof externally, new windows & doors, access driveway, gardens/curtilage behind 1 metre high boundary fence and new tree planting line, Land Adjacent To Rawcliffe Cooper Lane Potto

Councillor Agar and Councillor Wilde declared an interest as they are both in neighbouring properties. Demolition and rebuild is not a 'conversion' Single storey house would be on same footprint. Discussed same issues as previous application. Recommended Refusal.

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

Footpaths and Un-Classified Road (Bridle-path) –

The new access gate remains padlocked; this has been pursued 3-4 times with the tenant, who has now said they will not remove it. To pursue with Andy Brown and letter to Mrs Hogg, who owns the property.

One of our Councillors contacted Mr March who said the footpath stile that runs onto his land had rotted away, this is to be re-instated.

Discussed email receive and circulated from Ben Jackson, Public Rights of Way Office at NYCC. Regarding the bridge and ford at the end of the bridleway. They are looking into removing the concrete block to the ford where horses cross. Awaiting date from Ben for site visit.

In 2026 all 'roads maintainable at public expense' are to be classified as 'unclassified roads'.

### **Parish Plan**

Following the recent meeting; should now be moving the plan onto the final draft stage. Councillor Agar will circulate some of the narratives.

### **2016/17 Annual Return**

Investigation of the objection is ongoing.

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### **Finance**

#### a) Bank Accounts

I. Community Account	£ 6,504.04
II. Business Account	£ 2,111.31

- b) Barclays Bank - Discussed the difficulties we are having with mandates and online banking since Stokesley branch closed. Registered official complaint.
- c) Donation request from Whorlton Parish Council, for the upkeep of Whorlton Church. Agreed £250.00 donation.
- d) Elections are due May 2019. We can have a maximum of 5 councillors.
- e) Budget Review – proceeding as per target.

### **Standing Orders**

To be discussed at as part of annual meeting of electors in April 2019.

### **FOIA Reviews**

A number of requests have been received from a single member of the public for reviews of FOI requests, these will be discussed under correspondence.

### **Report from County and District Councillors**

Cllr David Hugill provided an update on current activities in HDC and NYCC.

The making a difference grant is now available again. Discussed that it had been agreed to supply PPC with a set of tools to assist with installing styles/gates, we were previously promised this, but never received from NYCC.

Discussed funding for the bridge on bridleway, Councillor Macpherson to source some quotes.

### **Village Hall**

Contact Karen Foster / Phil Harper regarding receiving PVH minutes.

### **Correspondence**

20+ email Correspondences were received from one member of the public;

Each correspondence was discussed, and responses actioned as appropriate, where required reviews were undertaken.

An article was published in the Northern Echo following correspondence from a member of the public. The matter was discussed, and it was noted that Potto Parish Council takes these matters extremely seriously but are unable to comment on on-going objections to anyone including the Press. It was also noted that many false claims were included in the article. It was also noted that a large number of residents had voiced their support for the Parish Council over this matter and condemned the individual who was responsible.

A complaint against the Chairman has been received from a single member of the public. The councillors read through the full complaint and discussed it in line with the complaints procedure. Councillors agreed that the accusations against Cllr Wilde had no basis in fact and were therefore without foundation. Further the complaint was found to be vexatious in nature and contains many inaccuracies and false claims.

Members recorded a unanimous vote of confidence in the Chairman.

It was noted once again the disproportionate amount of effort required by the Parish Council in dealing with one single member of the public. The Parish Council will endeavour to make every effort to minimise the costs to parishioners.

The chairman thanked the councillors for their hard work this year and also County Councillor Hugill for his guidance and support.

The chairman was also thanked by councillors for his guidance, support and hard work this year.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm

**Next month's meeting date Wednesday 16 January 2019 at 7.00pm**