

# NUN MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF NUN MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE YORKSHIRE HEART VINEYARD, POOL LANE, NUN MONKTON, YO26 8EL, ON FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021 AT 7PM.

Chairman: Cllr DRC Wood

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## Part 1

### APM001: Attendance:

1. Attendees: Cllrs Wood, Gamble, Dwight, Spakouskas, Winship, NY Cllrs Paraskos and the PCM.
2. All present were requested to sign the Attendance Book.

**APM002: Welcome:** Chairman welcomed Councillors and electors to the meeting.

### APM003: Minutes:

1. It was resolved to accept the Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting.
2. Chairman signed minutes as approved.

**APM004:** Report of Parish Council activities since the last Annual Parish Meeting given by Chairman (included below Minutes).

**APM005:** Reports from other organisations - None.

**APM006:** Electors comments: None.

**APM007:** 7.15pm: Closure of Annual Parish Meeting.

**Signed:** DRC Wood  
Chairman  
Nun Monkton Parish Council

**Date:** 2022

## **Chairman's Report 2021.**

These past two years, most people have had to concentrate on keeping themselves and their loved ones safe and virus free. Working from home, home schooling and trying to survive on 80% or less of their regular income has made life difficult.

The elected members of Nun Monkton Parish Council have carried out their duties as best as the ongoing pandemic has permitted and 3 members of the PC were advised to be shielded, making regular open venue meetings impossible. The Zoom meeting came to our rescue, albeit only in 45 minutes sections, but we saved money by avoiding fees. It didn't take long to get used to, despite certain areas of Nun Monkton still with poorer broadband. A gain from Zoon was that we were able to call emergency meetings to discuss the many planning applications that arose between our regular meetings. The Zoom style meeting is no longer permitted.

Despite the difficult circumstances we found ourselves in, maintenance of the Parish Council assets has continued. The biannual tree survey reported on long terms issues, the burial ground was kept well groomed and tidy, the Village pump was rebuilt completely and repainted, the Village Green has been grazed and then cut and baled within the successful biodiversity scheme. The cattle containment equipment and fence worked well but has needed some repairs to the collars.

The sight of a free grazing herd of cattle, supported by goose bodyguards makes our Village almost unique and almost certainly adds to the value of the properties.

The Parish Council voted to extend the successful posting of vulnerable corners and edges of the Green and the wooden posts have helped recover many square metres of erosion in these areas.

The tracks around the Green are a continual cause for concern. Increased traffic levels, home deliveries, groceries and takeaways accelerate the rate of damage to the surfaces, causing more potholes. Councillors Winship and Dwight are testing alternative methods of repair, which cannot include concrete or tarmac. I wish to thank Daniel, Lee and their associates for the work carried out so far.

A small working party of villagers and Councillors completed a traffic survey, paying particular attention to traffic volume and speed. A report will be published later this year. A second group of parishioners and Councillors produced a questionnaire: its purpose was to gain thoughts on the Village parking issues. Unfortunately, the reply level was very low and inconclusive and the group plan to issue a modified questionnaire later in the year.

The Alice Hawthorn has agreed to encourage visitors to park to the rear of the building and will place a sandwich board indicating parking.

The PCM and I attended a seminar about burial grounds. It became apparent that the existing system needs updating to modern practices and then will become more future-proofed. We intend to keep a record of living relatives, should problems or repairs be needed to a grave. The PCM will undertake this task during the next year, but it will take many of the limited hours she has.

On the subject of the PCM, we are fortunate to have the qualified, CiLCA trained Helen, but for only 5 hours per week. Helen and I are quite busy behind the scenes: the installation of broadband,

trunking, inspection pits and cabling has to be referred to RPA for approval. ~The new water main and inspection pits all have to be administered.

Helen has limited time and so, less than 24 hours after Pool Lane Bridge was damaged last year, a villager wanted to know details of the bridge inspection schedule and when it was going to be repaired. There are too many examples where a little thought would result in calling NYCC or our Ward Councillor, or a County Councillor. Helen will always want to help, but the more time she spends on non-PC matters, the less time we have to improve our services. I would like to thank Helen for her sterling work efforts, particularly during lockdown.

My fellow Councillors, it has been such a pleasure to work with such a positive group. I thank Eileen for her support as Vice Chairman and Chris, Daniel and Lee for providing the B=Village with a broad-thinking, positive and open-minded Council.

Dave Wood, Chairman.