**Millington cum Givendale Parish Council**

Minutes of the remote Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd March 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.

Present: Cllrs Burley, Willoughby, Cawood, Francis, Swanborough and Smith. Ward Cllr Rudd and one member of the public were also present.

The meeting was opened by Cllr Burley and assisted by the clerk.

**OPEN FORUM**

The member of the public asked for clarity on the issue of the dead trees in the pastures. It was confirmed that they had been reported by another member of the public but as the land was of faming history, the PC had decided not to plant replacement trees. The member of the public believed that this land was owned by ERYC so any planting works would have to be approved by them. Ward Cllr Rudd asked if the verges in discussion were cut by ERYC. It was confirmed that they were so Ward Cllr Rudd noted that they would be owned by ERYC.

**Meeting started at 7.10pm.**

**2235: Welcome and Apologies –** Ward Cllr Hammond

**2236: Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest** – None.

**2237: Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting**

Cllr Swanborough proposed that these were a true and accurate record, Cllr Smith seconded this, and all agreed.

**2238: Matters Arising (including actions not listed on agenda)**

**Potholes on The Bence**

The clerk had reported these to ERYC, and they have confirmed that they will be repaired.

**Giveway Signs**

Cllr Smith reported that these have been replaced and straightened.

**Conservation Works**

The clerk has spoken to the member of the public who asked for replacement trees to be planted on the roadside near the Wolds Way entrance. She confirmed that the PC would not be doing so given its farming history. The member of the public was keen to attend the APM in April to discuss conservation ideas. ACTION: Clerk to invite the member of the public to the next meeting.

ACTION: Cllr Francis to invite another interested party to the APM in April.

**Parish Matters**

ACTION: Cllr Burley to writer a short article inviting parishioners to the APM.

**Padlock for Swineridge**

Cllr Willoughby has purchased a new padlock.

Ward Cllr Hammond had sent an email to the clerk with various updates as follows.

**Running Water Across Swineridge**

He is still looking into this and chasing the officers involved but it is proving to be quite complicated. He hopes to get this resolved ASAP.

**Running Water Down Givendale Lane**

A resident has contacted him concerned about water running down Givendale Lane causing a hazard. He has raised this with Highways, and they are going to dig out new grips on the lane (there are currently none/very few) which will hopefully improve drainage and resolve the issue. Cllr Cawood emphasised that the water at the bottom is due to a leak by Yorkshire Water. She reported that Yorkshire Water are currently investigating this.

The clerk asked if the manhole cover at Givendale had been replaced. ACTION: Cllr Cawood to update the clerk so she can pass this onto Ward Cllr Hammond.

**T-Junction Markings**

The clerk has not had a response from Highways. She has since passed this onto Ward Cllr Hammond who is progressing this query. ACTION: Ward Cllr Hammond to update the PC.

**Grit Bin**

Cllr Smith reported that the grit bin on Kilnwick Lane has been demolished and the salt has spread over the road and into the ditch. ACTION: Clerk to request a new grit bin and that ERYC clear up the salt as it may cause environmental issues.

**2239: Accounts (including the progress of Barclays internet banking and additional signatories)**

The clerk had circulated the accounts spreadsheet, bank statement for 25th September to 24th December, schedule of payments and invoices to be paid prior to the meeting. She informed the PC that she is unable to reconcile the finances from June to August 2020 and anything past 24th December to the present date.

A discussion was held around the progress of the Barclays application. It was reported that the clerk had been sent the forms back but there was some information outstanding. ACTION: Cllr Burley to speak to Barclays as a matter of urgency about the following:

* The whereabouts of the cheque book.
* The frequency of the statements as these are needed monthly, not quarterly.
* The timeliness of the Barclays forms being sent back.
* Extension of the 28-day deadline to process the application.
* If the clerk can verify her i.d. online as the other Cllrs did.

The schedule of payments was sent as follows:

ICO - £35 to be taken via direct debit on 10/03/2021 (Date Protection Renewal Fee)

Jackie Willoughby - £33.46, cheque no. 100623 (padlock for Swineridge)

Samantha O’Connor – cheque no. 100649 (clerks’ salary)

Cllr Francis proposed to approve these payments, Cllr Swanborough seconded this, and all agreed.

**2240: Ward Cllr Report**

ERYC set the council tax rates on the 11th of February.

The corporate Management Team wanted to increase this by 4.99% but the conservative party recommend an increase of 3.49% which was agreed.

The increase is broken down into 1.99% for general council duties and inflation and a 2% increase for adult services.

Humberside Fire Authority have increased their part by 1.99% and the Humberside Crime Commissioner has asked for a 6.6% increase. A Band D property in Millington will now cost £1931.86.

The National Lottery Funding has opened for applications for community projects. There is between £3000 and £5 million available for grants.

The NHS are warning people of scams in operation surrounding COVID-19 vaccines. They confirmed that they would never ask someone to press a telephone keypad and they do not send text messages asking the recipient to confirm a vaccination. NHS never cold-call people and especially not in return for a payment for a vaccination. If this happens, the NHS urge those who are victim to this to report it to 101.

Wolds Weighton COVID-19 cases are extremely low, and Ward Cllr Rudd thanked the residents for this and all their efforts in managing the virus.

Cllr Smith noted that both Millington and Givendale could benefit from the National Lottery grants to maintain them as areas of natural beauty. A discussion was held, and it was agreed that a plan for the grant needed to be in place. ACTION: Clerk to agenda this for the next meeting to formulate a project plan.

Cllr Smith thanked Sharon and David Cawood for all their work on the allotment hedges and Rob Willoughby for his work in tidying up Millington Hill.

**2241: Final Articles for Parish Matters**

Cllr Cawood has sent a draft to all Cllrs and requested that they proofread this before it is published. Cllr Burley asked if a provisional ‘save the date’ for Yorkshire Day could be added. It was agreed that this should be included for 1st August.

**2242: Annual Review of Co-Option Procedure**

The clerk noted that there had been no changes to the procedure and asked the Cllrs if they were happy for this to be republished. All agreed that this could be adopted. ACTION: Clerk to update the PC website.

Cllr Burley informed the PC that Cllr Burton has resigned from the PC but is happy to carry on with the fb page as well as the defibrillator checks. She asked the PC if they were happy for her to do this and all agreed.

**2243: Approval of 2021/22 Meeting Schedule**

All were happy with the schedule. ACTION: Clerk to send this to Cllrs for the noticeboards. ACTION: Clerk to publish this on the PC website.

Cllr Willoughby reported that she does not have any keys to the notice board and can only access one side. It was agreed that the lock could be removed and left without one. ACTION: Cllr Willoughby to investigate accessing the notice board.

**2244: Resolution to Damaged Grass Verges**

This was discussed given that it was nearing the end of the financial year. The consensus was that drivers have no choice but to drive on the grass verges given the narrowness of the lane so there is little that can be done. Cllr Cawood noted that the verges in Givendale are destroyed by vehicles coming from JSR. She noted that they use contractors so it may not be something that they can influence. ACTION: Clerk to draft a letter to JSR highlighting this issue and asking that their drivers are asked to take care where possible.

Cllr Smith noted that the state of the road by Fenstones is in poor condition again. ACTION: Clerk to report this to Fenstones.

Cllr Francis stated that it is not just the verges that are getting torn up, visitors to the village are parking across private property and tearing up the grass. Ward Cllr Rudd confirmed that parking is a common issue in rural villages but that there is nothing to stop drivers doing so.

**2245: Community Issues**

Cllr Burley thanked Cllr Smith, Sharon and David Cawood and Martin for all their hard work reinstating the allotment hedge. Cllr Willoughby echoed how well the area now looked.

Cllr Smith confirmed that a beech and oak tree would be planted on the village triangles in the coming week.

**2246: Correspondence**

None.

**2247: Date of Next Meeting –** 6th April 2021, APM at 7pm, APCM at 7.30pm and the regular PC meeting at 8pm via Zoom unless otherwise stated on the agenda. ACTION: Chair to produce an annual report for the meeting.

**Meeting closed at 8.09pm.**

Signed as a true and accurate record of the minutes.