

Monk Fryston Parish Council

Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting held 17th May 2017 at the Church Hall, Church Lane.

Present: Cllrs Bill Holmes (BH), Mark Johnson (MJ), Adam Aldred (AA), Susan Scott (SS).

Clerk; Philip Scott

The Chairman Cllr Holmes opened the meeting at 7.30pm

Item	Action
1	To elect a Chairman. Cllr Holmes was elected unopposed as Chairman.
2	To receive the Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office. Received and countersigned by Clerk
3	To receive apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllrs Spofforth and Croft
4	To receive declarations of interest: None declared
5	To co-opt members to fill vacant seats on the Council. No one was co-opted.
6	To receive members Declarations of Acceptance of Office. All existing Councillors declarations have been received.
7	To elect a Vice Chairman. Cllr Johnson elected as vice chairman
8	To receive the Vice Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office. Received and countersigned by Clerk
9	To decide when any Declarations of Acceptance of Office and written undertakings to observe the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council which have not been received as provided by law, shall be received. All already received
10	To appoint Council representatives to the Joint Burial Committee (2no), the Community Association, the Monk Fryston and Hillam Liaison Group and the Monk Fryston South Milford Lumby Lane footpath Liason Group. The following representatives were appointed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a Joint Burial Committee: Cllr Scott (second appointment deferred to next meeting).b Community Association: appointment deferred to next meeting.c Monk Fryston and Hillam Liaison Group: Cllr Holmes and Cllr Scottd Monk Fryston South Milford Lumby Lane footpath Liason Group: Cllr Johnson
11	To receive the past Chairman's Report (delivered by Cllr Holmes) The last year has proven to be a momentous occasion to the Parish Council. After many years we have finally achieved the goal of selling the quarry land between the A63 and Lumby lane. I would like to thank everyone in their efforts in delivering this achievement particularly Cllr Johnson and our clerk Philip Scott. We managed our budget successfully. Although overspent on budget by 7% this, in the main, was due to the fees on the quarry land. We have received sufficient funds to cover this overspend. There were no issues that arose from our risk register throughout the year.

We have had the resignation of two councillors during the year Sue Woodall and John Mountain. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their efforts and work whilst on the Council. During the year we have appointed two new Councillors, Robert Croft and Adam Aldred.

We continued to seek improvements to road safety and crossing but with little success. It is unfortunate that the highways department will only put priority on this if there are serious or even fatal accidents. We have also been seeking to influence the improvements at the 'Battersby's' roundabout in order to improve the traffic and safety aspects in that area. We have had no feedback from residents on the VAS signs either side of Water Lane or the temporary VAS signs that are installed a couple of times per year. Cllr Johnson and Cllr Spofforth have also started to look at the possibility of a footpath between Monk Fryston and South Milford in conjunction with South Milford Parish Council.

Cllr Croft has been working hard to arrange for the installation of 2 bus shelters in the village. From this we will be able to gauge if there is the demand for any more. Cllr Holmes and Cllr Spofforth have been working with the Heritage Team for the installation of information 'kiosks'. These will provide a great information point regarding aspects of our village. Installation is due to be complete by the end of the Summer

We are continuing to undertake our programme of planting but this is now delivered by a third party rather than directly by a Councillor. Cllr Scott is looking to improve the planting on the 'Mount'. In an effort to improve the street scene weeding and spraying has become a part of our annual maintenance programme and will be carried out twice a year.

During the year we have replaced 3 street lights and refitted one at the corner of the Community Centre car park. Our programme of replacement is due to continue this year.

I am pleased to report that we have continued to support local organisations to help them thrive. We have given or approved grants for Monk Fryston Cycle Club (TdY), HMS Pinafores (WI), St Wilfrid's, the Beavers, Sherburn Community Library, and the Community Centre.

We have been looking to renegotiate our lease on the 'Triangle' and this is just about to come to a conclusion. Council have mitigated its risks by ensuring that the trees at the back of the Triangle are not included. In addition, we should be in a position to authorise banners on the gate subject to planning permission.

We continue to work closely with other organisations, Hillam PC, the Community Centre, Joint Burial Committee.

I would like to thank all Parish Councillor's and the Clerk for all their hard work and support throughout the year.

12 To receive the Responsible Financial Officer's Report

The RFO referred to the circulated Receipts and Payment Account and Debtors

and Creditors Account for the year ended 31 March 2017 the salient points of which were:

Total income - £194791.34

Expenditure - £26626.84

Total bank balances - £192800.32 when all cheques cashed

Total creditors - £2527.94

Current Liabilities - £9018.69 including £3202.75 of resolution commitments.

Reduction in fixed assets - £10551 primarily because of the sale of the quarry land and the deployment of 2 previously purchased led streetlight lanterns

- 13 To remind members of the existence of standing orders and to consider the opportunity to review standing orders by the process set out in Standing Order 41. There were no amendments and they were therefore classified as reviewed. The review date would be updated accordingly.
- 14 To consider payment of any subscriptions falling to be paid annually. The YLCA and SLCC subscriptions were agreed to be paid when due.
- 15 To inspect any deeds and trust investments in the custody of the Council as required. The Clerk reported that the deeds for Chestnut Green were held by Elmhirst Parker in Sherburn. Similarly for the registered title documentation for the remaining plots in the quarry. The Council has no trusts.
- 16 To list property in the ownership of the Council. The properties are the plot in the quarry between the A63 and Lumby Lane and the plots at Chestnut Green.

The meeting closed at 8.01pm