

# Romaldkirk Parish Council

## Minutes of Committee Meeting 12 September 2019

### Agenda

### Actions

#### 1. Welcome, apologies for absence

**Present:** Chair- Delius Singer (DS) Lesley Cutting (LC), Derek Nixon (DN), Jackie Barningham (JB), Gill Carter (GC)

**Others:** Joanne Nixon (JN – Minutes)

**Apologies:** None

**Declarations of interest:** None

#### 2. Minutes from previous meeting (30 May 2019)

Agreed

#### 3. Actions Arising (AP list 2019-2020)

None

#### 4. No cold calling zone

DS contacted Stainton Parish Council to clarify their experience of trying to enforce “No cold calling” and the associated expenses. Unfortunately they did not have a very successful experience and as a result the Council do not think it is viable to proceed in Romaldkirk. DS suggested the PC could ask Liz Finn the PCO to attend a coffee morning and/or a WI meeting to discuss concerns and provide cold caller posters as advice. DS agreed to contact Liz Finn to arrange.

**DS**

#### 5. Planning

DM/19/00908/FPA  
DM/19/00909/LB

There was nothing significant raised by the PC in relation to either application. The main area of concern related to protection of trees albeit DCC will be aware of preservation requirements. It is noted that planning for a 3<sup>rd</sup> house has been removed. LC will provide comment as required.

**LC**

#### 6. Village Greens

Discussions commenced around preservation of the greens owing to current and ongoing encroachment, including removal of grass and laying of gravel and kerbing on High Green. Concerns were raised about the time elapsed since this was first raised and if there were potential time limits by which to address. The original letters/actions will be reviewed to clarify.

A police complaint has been made regarding harassment of residents accessing the piece of land that remains “unregistered village green”. The police require evidence before further action can be taken although they have spoken to those concerned.

**JN**

#### 7. Village tidy up

Bad weather unfortunately impacted upon both planned days. There are still a few matters to resolve, including paint stripping the bench and the doillies to revarnish. It is hoped this can be done when the weather improves.

#### AOB

The PC are currently aware of conduct complaints against 2 Councillors which are being reviewed by Durham County Council. Both Councillor’s have strongly

refuted the claims and provided detailed responses, supported by witnesses, that the complaints are unfounded.

**13. Date of next meeting**      tbc

Approved by the Chair of Committee on: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Delius Singer

**Action Points 2019-20**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Carried forward from 2017-18</b>			
<b>Parish Council Meeting 1 August 2017</b>			
AP 9	Parish Council - New members C/F	All	Open
<b>Parish Council Meeting 23 August 2017</b>			
AP 7	Sennings Lane/High Green – Land registration C/F	GC	Open
<b>Carried forward from 2018-19</b>			
<b>Parish Council Meeting 21 August 2018</b>			
AP 4 (ii)	Draft a letter to David Taylor Head of Property and Planning to outline concerns about unnecessary delays resolving green issues- Public Inquiry proceeding 30 April 2019.	DS	Closed - superseded
<b>Parish Council Meeting 30 October 2018</b>			
AP 4.3	LC to meet with grass cutting contractor, prior to start of new season, to refresh all areas to be included. DN met with contractor on 10 April.	LC	Closed
<b>Parish Council Meeting 17 January 2019</b>			
AP 4	Note to be put on village noticeboard regarding any proposed works to paths.	LC	
AP 6	Contact WI to confirm their agreement to replacing existing bench on middle green with Jarvis memorial bench.	LC	
AP 9	Chasing e mail to agent for Manorial Land (NB: not DCC) to be issued regarding sponsored tree proposal	DS	Closed
<b>Parish Council Meetings 2019-20 – Action Points</b>			
<b>Parish Council Meeting 10 April 2019</b>			
AP 1	Village tidy up – date to be suggested by end of May Agreed as 27 July 2019	DS	Closed
AP 2	Chase up DCC re Primrose Lane bridge and repairs	LC	Closed
AP 3	Follow up e mail to Parochial Church Council to discuss parking.	JN	
<b>Parish Council Meeting 30 May 2019</b>			
AP 4	To contact the CSO for support with parking arrangements for Beamish Rally day.	DS	Closed
AP 5	To purchase replacement hoops for the green bordering Romaldkirk House	DS	
<b>Parish Council Meeting 12 September 2019</b>			
AP 4	Cold calling – Owing to difficulties on enforcement suggested that Liz Finn PCSO be contacted to attend a coffee morning or other event to hand out leaflets / advice	DS	
AP 5	Response to planning applications to confirm nothing significant other than issue around protection of trees.	LC	
AP 6	To review letters issued around protection of greens on High Green.	JN	