**Minutes to the Meeting of North Dalton Parish Council held on Thursday 9th December 2021 at 7.00pm at North Dalton Village Hall**

**Present: - Cllr R Harrison (Chairman); Cllr R Williams (Vice Chair); Cllrs K Moore; K Hickson; R Horspool; C Wade and A Byass. Cllr Dunn (telephone). Sandra Morrison (Clerk)**

**Guests: 2 - 1 member of the public and the new owner of The Star Inn**

The meeting was opened to the floor.

The new owner of the Star inn had brought in draft plans, showing details of the proposed refurbishment of the now closed public house, which should be reopened for Easter.

The member of the public offered his support to the parish council and village for future plans for levelling up and bio diversity. Cllr Wade has attended a remote seminar and put forward suggestions. Potential for a small working group to be formed to put together a future plan.

**273**. Apologies – Cllr Nelson

**274**.To Receive Declaration of Interest

* 1. Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests - none
  2. Dispensations issued - none

**275.**It was proposed by Cllr Moore and seconded by Cllr Hickson that the minutes to the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th November 2021 be accepted as a true record. Passed

**276.**Matters arising from previous meetings**:**

1. Plans for the proposed development of land adjacent to the village hall were circulated by Cllr Horspool. Full details still to be finalised.
2. Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations – funding will be available and plans to be discussed further in the new Year
3. Outstanding issues from village walkabout – deferred to next meeting

ERYC matters

As traffic issues are a common theme throughout rural parishes it was agreed that the idea of a cluster meeting should be progressed further in the New Year

**277**.Correspondence

1. Policy consultation on Environmental matters – DEFRA – clerk to complete survey
2. Free Trees for planting projects – Cllr Moore to make further enquiries with local land owners.
3. The latest NALC Chief Executive Bulletin was discussed. The survey on remote meetings was responded to.
4. The recent Email from Newbald Parish Council was discussed – no further action at present.

**278.**To review and agree to any amendments to Standing Orders – deferred to next meeting

**279.**Finance

1. It was proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Horspool that the accounts and bank reconciliation to date be approved. Passed
2. It was proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Horspool that the clerk’s salary and expenses for the quarter ending 31st December be approved. Passed
3. The review of Finance Regulations and agreement to any proposed amendments by resolution was deferred until the next meeting
4. It was proposed by Cllr Harrison and seconded by Cllr Williams that the invoice for £1484.16 from ERYC in respect of service level 1 agreement for the village lights be approved. Passed. It was reported by the clerk that the 2 sodium lights are to be replaced, with more efficient LED lights.
5. It was proposed by Cllr Byass and seconded by Cllr Moore that the budget for financial year ending 2023 be approved. Passed
6. It was proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Wade that a precept demand of £6500 should be levied to the ERYC. Passed

**280.**It was proposed by Cllr Byass and seconded by Cllr Moore that the council now reverts to bi-monthly meetings. Passed. The meeting dates for 2022 were agreed as follows**.**

**Thursday January 20th**

**Thursday March 10th**

**Thursday May 12th also AGM**

**Thursday July 14th**

**Thursday September 15th**

**Thursday November 17th**

**Signed as a true record.**

**Chairman Date:**