

# Camblesforth Parish Council

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## Summary Notes of November 2017 Ordinary Parish Meeting

**Date of Meeting** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Time of Meeting** 1900

**Location of Meeting** Church Hall

### Present

Cllr Neal Yates (Chair)  
 Cllr James Neale  
 Cllr Eileen Neale  
 Cllr Neil Ball  
 Cllr Denise Kempton

### Apologies

Cllr Pat Braithwaite  
 Cllr Kevin Wild

Andrew Crabbe (Clerk)

### 1 Declarations of Interest: None made

### 2 Report on finance and budget for the month of October 2017

Camblesforth Parish Council					
Presented at November 2017 Meeting For the Month of <b>October</b>					
<b>From:</b>	Parish Clerk				
<b>To:</b>	Parish Councillors				
<b>Box 1</b>				<b>Box 2</b>	
<b>Community Account (666)</b>				<b>Unpresented cheques for October 17</b>	
Balance as of end Sept 2017 (Statement No. 162) =				<b>£26,192.09</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Cheques cashed in October 2017</b>					
<b>Date Cashed</b>	<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Paid to</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
11-Oct	301343	G Fillingham -	Park Cleaning - 15 weeks cleaning @ £36 pw	£648.00	Camblesforth Methodist Church replacement cheque - see email of 20th Au
11-Oct	301345	G Fillingham -	Grass Cutting 9 & 10	£555.36	Eon UK A/C 9980 Street Lighting
11-Oct	301346	G Fillingham -	additional work (Bus Shelter removal of Ivy; Memorial Garden weeding; Playpark cut back bushes)	£500.00	Eon UK A/C 6160 Street Lighting
11-Oct	301349	Andrew Crabbe -	expenses: reimbursement for filing cabinet and folders	£57.97	Camblesforth Methodist Church - G Atkinson Fund donation (to be reclaimed)
					Camblesforth Methodist Church - Hire of Hall (Sept 2015 - August 2017)
					Autela Payroll - Payroll - July, August, September
Balance as of 30th Sept 2017				£26,192.09	<b>Total unpresented cheques (as of 30th Sept) =</b>
Total spend in October (presented) =				£1,761.33	£618.41
*Total balance in bank as of 31st October =				£24,430.76	
* (Verified by bank statement 162 - attached)					
<b>Box 3</b>				<b>Box 4</b>	
<b>Cheques from October (no cheque book at the October meeting)</b>				<b>Summary of PC Accounts until end of November 2017</b>	
				<b>No.1 Account: Community Account (666)</b>	
George Fillingham - Grass Cutting for period July 2017 (advised not received previous cheque 301335)				£170.88	Bank Balance at end of October (verified by Statement 162) =
Andrew Crabbe - Pay for September 2017				£199.57	Total Spend in October (cash) =
Eon Electricity - account 9980 for August 2017				£4.31	<b>Total bank balance as of 31st Oct (verified by Statement 162) =</b>
Eon Electricity - account 9980 for September 2017				£4.17	£24,430.76
NYCC - payment for replacement of lamp post				£2,585.23	Unpresented cheques as of end of Oct =
<b>New Cheques from for November</b>				£618.41	
Andrew Crabbe - Pay for October 2017				£199.57	New Cheques = (From Oct meeting & new cheques from Nov)
					£3,163.73
Total cheques to be carried over into November Meeting =				£3,163.73	<b>Forecast Balance for end of November 2017 =</b>
					<b>£20,648.62</b>
<b>Box 5</b>					
<b>No.2 Account: High Interest Account (682)</b>					
Balance as of end of August 17				£17,296.76	
New Balance as of end of Nov				£17,296.76 (verified by Statement 152)	

### **3 Planning applications (Clerk)**

No planning applications submitted

### **4 Any matters brought by members of the public attending the meeting and District Cllr report**

4.1 Cllr Jordan addressed meeting advising that he recently attended a meeting with the Fire Service who had given a good speech focussing on plans to introduce smaller vehicles which were more efficient in dealing with the type of fires the Brigade faced in the county..... fortunately these tended to be small scale.

Also, following the Grenville disaster, the Brigade were carrying out a lot of domestic visits to the elderly and vulnerable, checking fire alarms

4.2 Cllr Jordan continued that like all other parishes, Camblesforth would be shortly considering precept matters, stating that parish budgets are going to be the big issue going forward with both District and Council having to find savings and reducing financial support to parishes, so when looking what percentages the Parish would be applying for, Cllr Jordan recommend Cllrs kept this in mind

### **5 Matters arising – to consider new and on-going issues and decide further action if necessary:**

#### **5.1 Mid Period Review of Budget**

Clerk presented review of expenditure from April to date – attached to these minutes.

The Council had spent £7,776.94 to the end of November, with a further £3,782.14 waiting to be cashed, meaning the Council had a forecast expenditure of £11,559.08 up until November 2017

Greatest expense was for grass cutting in village – Clerk confirmed that the contract would be reviewed in the New Year and opened to new quotes in order to ensure the parish was receiving the most competitive rates/service available.

#### **5.2 Initial considerations for Precept for 2017/18**

Meeting discussed impending precept and council tax base for next year. Cllr Jordan and Clerk advised that the grant element of the base will be disappearing and Parish Councils will need to compensate for this loss of funding. NYCC and SDC are increasing unable to maintain level of services to local parishes and would be cascading them down to parish level. This at a time general costs are increasing meant that for the parish to maintain its current solvency and at the same time spend money in the village, a decent increase would be necessary this year.

Cllrs were urged to think about if there were particular projects, (such as the skate-park and improved Christmas attractions in the village), that they wanted to look at in the next year and consider how we might finance these.

A villager in attendance commented that although she was only speaking for herself she would not object to an increase in the precept payments residents pay if it meant keeping the village in a good state.

Clerk advised he was attending a presentation at SDC on 29<sup>th</sup> November covering the options available and general information and advice on the Council Tax Base and precept and would feed this back to Cllrs.

Cllr Yates recommended that the council met for a shortened meeting in December to discuss the precept issues following the Clerk's attendance at the SDC session.

### **5.3 Christmas Lights/Tree**

Cllr Yates confirmed that after speaking to various sources in village it was his understanding that there was no significant or sentimental value to the tree in the memorial garden and therefore there was no reason why it could not be removed and replaced with a Christmas tree as discussed at the last meeting.

Cllrs unanimously agreed to proceed with removal of existing tree in the Memorial Garden and replace with a young Christmas Tree which would grow over the years. Although this might be an initial expense, it was anticipated that longer term it would be more cost effective of having to replace the tree every year.

Cllrs agreed a budget from the reserve of £1000 to cover the costs of the removal of the existing tree and replacement with a Christmas tree.

Cllr Kempton advised that she had received info with regard to Christmas lighting, but these were generally very expensive..... several hundred pound for a single item. Cllrs agreed that it might be more prudent to focus on lighting – clerk to re-approach supplier for indication of costs of coloured lights which could be put on the new tree or the Church Hall.

### **5.4 Drax Liaison Meeting in October (feedback from meeting)**

Cllr Ball reported from the meeting that Drax intended to build two gas power stations with battery storage..... to accommodate this there would be a lot of changes to buildings in Drax..... the visitor centre and training centre will be gone.

Bio mass was changing and there was only unit 4 producing and this only had funding until 2027

### **5.5 Decision on December Meeting (if to be held)**

Meeting noted that in accordance with Standing Orders, there would not normally be a meeting. However, in light of item 5.2, above, Cllrs agreed that an extra-ordinary meeting will be held 6<sup>th</sup> December. The meeting would not follow the usual order and would be held for the purposes of precept consideration in light of item 5.2. Also sign off for any matters relating to Christmas decorations.

## 6 Correspondence

Clerk advised that he had received an email from a resident complaining about the speed of HGVs using the Selby Road through the village; particularly at the corner near the Comus pub..... several of the vehicles had to mount pavements. The resident reported that she had been clipped by one, and was asking the Council if it could do anything about the matter.

Cllrs noted that this matter had been previously looked at by the Parish with the regular damaging and replacement of the plastic bollards on the bend.

Clerk to refer the matter to NYCC highways

## 7 Any new or outstanding matters raised by Cllrs and update on actions

7.1 Clerk confirmed that a letter had been issued to all residents of Barn Elms advising of the outcome of the 'No Ball Games' issue (see item 5.5 of the October minutes) and requested permission from the Cllrs to close the Barn Elms issue as resolved. Cllr Ball (first) and Kempton (seconded). Matter resolved.

7.2 Clerk requested permission to ask for an additional signature to the cheques in event of Cllr absences meaning not being able to sign off items. Cllrs unanimously agreed and Clerk to obtain mandate for action.

7.3 Cllr (Eileen) Neale advised the Street sign for Brigg Lane was still missing. Clerk apologised that he had not reported this and would do so immediately.

7.4 Cllrs noted that the speed sign on Selby Road was still not working – Cllr Jordan and Clerk both stated that they had reported this, but it was still not fixed – clerk to chase up

7.5 Cllr Kempton advised the meeting that she had spoken to a colleague at Leeds City Council on the issue of a new skate-park for the village to replace the dated play park. The colleague had commented that the potential cost of £40k previously been given to the Clerk was actually very good/optimistic and their experience was more in the region of £150k

Cllr Jordan recommended Cllrs look at the Eversley Skate-park centre Sherborn. Cllrs asked Clerk to look into what funding there for setting up the park and to continue to look at

No further business was conducted and the meeting ended at 2030

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**Date of next meeting (extraordinary)** Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December to look at 2018 precept

**Date of next ordinary meeting to be** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Signed as a true record** ..... **Date** .....