

Dishforth Parish Council

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the DISHFORTH PARISH COUNCIL held In the Village Hall on WEDNESDAY 5th of FEBRUARY 2024 at 8.00PM

Present: Councillors: A Sturzaker, S Reid and A Clark

Parish Clerk: Jill Davis

Public: 2

County Councillor: 0

The Council and members of the public were reminded by notice and by the Chairman that they may record/film/photograph or broadcast the meeting when the public and the press were not lawfully excluded.

NYC – North Yorkshire Council, PTA – Parent Teachers Association, YLCA – Yorkshire Local Councils Associations, VAS – Vehicle Activated Sign, PC – Parish Council, Cllr – Councillor, RFO – Responsible Finance Officer, DPF&SA – Dishforth Playing Field & Sports Association, YW – Yorkshire Water

1.	E298	<p>Welcome by the Chairman: The Chairman opened the meeting at 8.07pm and welcomed everyone for attending. The Chairman apologised for the meeting opening later than published.</p>
2.	E299	<p>Apologies: 2.a To receive apologies 2.b To approve reasons for absence given by councillors Not applicable. All Cllrs in attendance.</p>
3.	E300	<p>Dispensations: to consider requests No dispensations requested Declarations of Interest to receive Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests from Cllrs on items to be considered at this meeting. No declarations received.</p>
4.	E301	<p>Public Participation Session: for the public to talk to Cllrs about items only on the agenda Items 5.a and 5.b</p>
5.	E302	<p>DPF&SA Matters: a) For the council to consider approving the issuing of the formal notice to the Dishforth Playing Fields & Sports Association and Dishforth Bowls Club. Cllr Sturzker explained that the process of issuing the formal notice to the DPF&SA should have happened several years ago so that the PC and parish could move forward with sporting facilities at the playing field and Pavilion. Cllr Reid highlighted that she had checked all the minutes and documents and could not locate that the PC had agreed to the next stage in discussing the formal notice being served. Cllr Reid was also concerned with the following: The PC could be liable for business rates if the notice is served and would not be exempt. The constitution states if the DFPF&SA is dissolved the trustees may subject to the law and in consultation with the Parish Council sell the Pavilion and the proceeds of the sale shall be invested in the trust. Even though the minutes of the DPF&SA 26/01/2014 state that the association would be disbanded in March 2014 there is no evidence of that as the association was claiming business rate relief, the association received a Covid – 19 grant of £10,000, the Bowls Club were still paying rent to the association and the Pavilion was still being hired through the association. Furthermore, YLCA and NALC have suggested that the PC issue the formal notice due to not paying rent for several years, however, the PC has not chased for any outstanding payments. Cllr Reid explained that she wanted to ensure that all avenues had been addressed before the formal notice was issued. Cllr Sturzker explained that the PC could demonstrate that it had been managing the playing field and the Pavilion for several years and that also the DPF&SA no longer had exclusive use. The PC was now paying the utility charges, and managing bookings at the Pavilion, getting quotes for blinds and heaters for the Pavilion and working with the Bowls Club. Cllr Sturzaker further explained that if the DPF&SA was not issued with a formal</p>

		<p>notice there would be no opportunity to obtain grants for equipment for the playing field and Pavilion.</p> <p>Cllr Clark stated that issuing the DPF&SA with the formal notice would be a clean slate for the next organisation to begin a new chapter at the playing field and Pavilion, however, he would like further clarity on the issues raised by Cllr Reid.</p> <p>The item was deferred pending further information.</p> <p>The Council requested the clerk to complete the following:</p> <p>To make inquiries with NYC concerning business rate costs to the PC.</p> <p>To make with YLCA concerning the constitution, rent payments, and grants received by the DPFSA and if the PC would be liable if any of the grants needed to be paid back.</p> <p>b) For the council to consider approving the correspondence in connection with item 5.a</p> <p>The item was deferred until further information has been received in connection with item 5.a</p>
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With no further business to transact the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

Signed:.....Cllr Sturzaker.....

Dated:.....28/03/2024.....

The minutes were signed by the Chairman at the PC meeting held on the 28/03/2024