

## **Terrington Parish Council**

### **Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Terrington Parish Council held on Wednesday 22nd May 2024 at 7:00 pm in Terrington Village Hall**

#### **1. Attendance and apologies.**

**Present:** Cllr Winning (Chairman), Cllr Barber, Cllr Barlow, Cllr Challoner Walker, Cllr Kendrick, Cllr Lewis, Kerr Wilson (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

#### **2. Declarations of interest. - None**

#### **3. To confirm the minutes of the Terrington Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024.**

Cllr Kendrick proposed that an addition be made to item 13 of the draft minutes to make clear that she suggested that the Dark Skies project be advertised at the next Coffee Morning, on Terrington Village WhatsApp and Terrington Village Life Facebook.

Seconded Cllr Kendrick

Seconded Cllr Winning

The amended minutes will be returned to the next Council meeting for approval.

#### **4. To confirm the minutes of the Terrington Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024.**

The minutes of the Terrington Annual Parish meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024 were approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed Cllr Lewis

Seconded Cllr Barber

#### **5. To agree to accept the best tender for the Parish Council Grass Cutting contract 2024-6**

The Council considered two quotes for the grass cutting contract. Cllr Winning proposed that the quotation from Sir Robert Goodwill be accepted as it was the cheapest tender and was from a contractor with a proven track record in cutting the grass in the village.

Proposed Cllr Winning

Seconded Cllr Lewis

The Council unanimously agreed to award the contract to Sir Robert Goodwill.

The Council agreed that the chosen contractor should be approached drawing attention to our Biodiversity Policy and inviting their views and any suggestions they feel appropriate. We should request to know whether or not knowledge of this policy means a change in their working practices or to the terms of our agreed contract, given that they are undertaking our instructions for work that is based on our own policy for the cutting of Parish grass and the Biodiversity Policy.

6. **Motion to instruct Nigel Fargher to deep trim back away from the road, the tall bushes growing at Little Terrington on the hill and crest on the south side of the road leading to Terrington. The estimated cost : £150.**

**Motion:** Cllr Winning proposed that the motion be **amended** to read 'up to £150 on the proviso that North Yorkshire Highways do not accept responsibility for the bushes, or agree to undertake the cutting back in a timely manner, and that the Parish Council have not had a reply to its request for assistance, by 5 June 2024.

Proposed Cllr Winning

Seconded Cllr Lewis

The amendment was carried unanimously.

**Substantive motion** – That the Council instruct Nigel Fargher to deep trim back away from the road, the tall bushes growing at Little Terrington on the hill and crest on the south side of the road leading to Terrington at a cost up to £150, on the proviso that North Yorkshire Highways do not accept responsibility for the bushes, or agree to undertake the cutting back in a timely manner, and the Parish Council have not had a reply to its request for assistance, by 5 June 2024.

Proposed Cllr Winning

Seconded Cllr Barlow

**Resolution** – The motion was carried unanimously and the Council agreed to approve expenditure up to £150 to have the tall bushes cut back from the road edge if North Yorkshire Highways do not accept responsibility.

7. **To discuss staffing matters.** This was a staff matter and was held in private.

The meeting closed at 20.35 hrs