

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF WOMERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021 AT 7.00PM. THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD IN THE OBSERVANCE OF SAFE DISTANCING DUE TO THE COVID19 OUTBREAK.**

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**Present:** Cllr L Barker, Cllr R Crossland, Cllr J Teal and Cllr M Whittles (Chair).

**In Attendance:** Sue Coles (Clerk).

**258/05/21 WELCOME TO ALL AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.**

Cllr P White

It was **RESOLVED:** the approval of the reason given for absence.

**259/05/21 PUBLIC FORUM**

No public present.

**260/05/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**261/05/21 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE (THIS ITEM WAS TAKE AFTER THE DISCUSSIONS AT 262/05/21).**

The clerk attached the Legal Topic Note from NALC for information.

Womersley Parish Council satisfies all the conditions to adopt the General Power of Competence (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 as: 1. It has 4 out of 7 councillors (2 thirds) elected at the 2017 elections. 2. The Clerk of the Council holds the Certificate of Higher Education in Local Policy 3. The Clerk of the Council has passed the CiLCA module on the general power of competence MIN 46/07/17.

Members **RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council having met the conditions of eligibility as above will adopt the General Power of Competence (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 and that this will remain in place until the Annual Meeting 2022.

**262/05/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

**1. NY/2019/0091/ENV GALE COMMON.**

A report was made to the meeting by the Chair and Vice Chair concerning the potential appeal to this application by the villages surrounding the site known as the Gale Common Action Group (GCAG).

This group is headed by Mr Ian Phillips of Criddling Stubbs Parish Council who has obtained all the information regarding a Judicial Review process to challenge and appeal the decision made by NYCC planning committee to allow extraction of ash from the site and transport it in HGVs. 350 traffic movements per day impacting heavily on Eggborough and Whitely village roads and the noise, working hours and dust from the extraction will also impact on Womersley and Criddling Stubbs.,

Irwin Mitchell Solicitors are advising the group on the details and options which can be taken and the costs for any action.

Careful consideration was given at this meeting to the cost implications versus the impact on the lives of all those living in the parish for the next 25 years.

The Council feels that if it doesn't go through this initial stage to assess if there is a plausible case it will never know if the application decision to approve the workings could have been overturned. At this stage the council has only committed to this initial assessment stage.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the decision in 153/01/21 (a) to contribute £1,000 is to be increased to £1,500 if the need arises to seek the initial legal opinion.

There is also another application for the expansion of Wentbridge quarry which is of a concern to the area, which is recommended for granting and is to be discussed at the NYCC Planning meeting on Tuesday. If granted this will have a huge detrimental effect on Brockodale nature reserve and surrounding area.

## **2. NY/2021/0097/A27 HARWORTH ESTATES**

NYCC Planning has received an application for the approval of reserved conditions on this site reference C8/41/107A/PA Aftercare Scheme Biodiversity Enhancement and Management Plan. It was agreed that Members would look at this application and let the Vice Chair have the comments for submission to NYCC as soon as possible since the closing date is 27<sup>th</sup> May. It was noted however that various matters have not been resolved by Harworth Estate from the 2016 application and there is much concern about the recent flooding and pollution at the Blue Lagoon and the landslips. Further worries were expressed about the future security and responsibility of the site in the future and who will the site pass to. Approaches have been made to Yorkshire Wildlife.

It is important that Harworth ensures that all the restoration is completed properly and the water coming off the site is monitored for its quality and potential flooding.

### **263/05/21 S106 FUNDING AND NEW ENTRANCE PROJECT.**

At the April meeting Members were advised that there is still a further £1,621.20 remaining with Selby District Council which has to be spent on rural open space or lost to the community. Cllr Crossland has obtained a modified quotation which was delayed from last year due to Covid and this has been circulated for Member's consideration. The Clerk advised on the Council's reserves and it was **RESOLVED**: that an order will be placed for the all-inclusive Log Swing and installation total cost up to £3117.00.

### **264/05/21**

- a) Councillors' Forum: Letter from the residents in Cow Lane. Unexpected Road Closure by Yorkshire Water in the village. Clerk to register the Parish Council on the contact Yorkshire Water website.
- b) Items for the next agenda: Network Rail stopping up of Cow Lane - information from local landowner. No access can be made to the playfield stop tap and meter. Signage to traffic in Cow Lane.

### **265/05/21 TO RECEIVE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

No public present.

### **266/05/21 TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> May and resumption of public meetings at the Courtyard Tea Room 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (venue still to be confirmed).

Closure at 9pm.