

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WOMERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COURTYARD ON MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021 AT 7.00PM.**

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

**In Attendance:** County & Dist. Cllr J McCartney, Sue Coles (Clerk).

**27/06/21 WELCOME TO ALL AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.**

No apologies were received.

**28/06/21 PUBLIC FORUM**

Seven residents attended the meeting to discuss the play area. Their objections were: the location of the log swing for disabled children being too close to the housing. Noise pollution. Anti-social teenagers using alcohol and cigarettes. Littering. Parking and the use of the private road for access to the site. Restricting residents' views of the sports field. It was said that the height of the fence was non H&S compliant. A request was put to the meeting that the swing was relocated to the basket ball area of the field. The steps put in along Cow Lane were said to be unstable. The play area gates are dangerous. Other complaints were that Cow Lane is being used heavily by HGV lorries and delivery vans. Bells Corner and other areas in the village were a disgrace. There needs to be more lighting near the Manor House as its very dark in this area of the village. There is no water in the Cemetery. Speed bumps were requested through the village.

The residents were advised that the Council would consider their comments. All participants then chose to leave the meeting at 7.30pm

**29/06/21 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR**

The Clerk had received an application from Mr Martin Ainsworth. Members consider his application and **RESOLVED:** that Mr Ainsworth be co-opted to the Parish Council. Mr Ainsworth thanked Members and since he had already received an agenda prior to the meeting he was asked to join the meeting.

**30/06/21 TO SIGN DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND CODE OF CONDUCT**

Cllr Ainsworth duly signed his declaration of office.

**31/06/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Ainsworth 36/06/21. Cllrs Crossland and White in 50/06/21.

**32/06/21 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was **RESOLVED:** to approve and sign the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Minute numbers 01/05/21 to 26/05/21

**33/06/21 FUTURE ISSUES OF THE PARISH MAGAZINE**

Cllr White advised that he and other volunteers had been editing, publishing and distributing the magazine for some years now and they all felt it was time to hand over the reins to others. He will continue on a month-by-month approach in the short term. It was suggested that a printing company may be a solution and enquires will be sought.

**34/06/21 COUNCIL TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM (IF ANY):**

- a) Chairman – no report.
- b) County Councillor & District Councillor John McCartney attended the meeting at 7.45pm and spoke about the planning at NYCC: Womersley Quarry, Gale Common and Went Edge Quarry the latter 2 applications having been passed by the Committee regardless of the large number of objections to the applications. Went Edge was not called in by Robert Jenrick MP secretary for state and housing, but subsequently returned to NYCC for a decision on 27<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr McCartney advised that the PC should speak to Howard Ferguson about the latest Womersley Tip site application which has weak planning conditions and potential serious safety issues. The current planning discharge conditions have not been updated since 2018. There could be an appalling set of conditions agreed for this application. Members asked Cllr McCartney about the problems with Cow Lane traffic access to the Timber Yard and were advised to contact Selby enforcement team. A formal complaint letter will be submitted to planning. Highways matters such as the request for speed humps and long grass verges at Bankwood Road causing bad visibility, is to be reported to Highways Area 7.
- c) Police – no report.

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**35/06/21 COUNCIL TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM (IF ANY):**

- a) Dovecote Park.
  - b) Darrington Quarry Liaison Meeting
  - c) Harworth Estates.
  - d) Monaghan Mushrooms.
  - e) CEF, YLCA, Selby Council Parish Liaison meetings.
  - f) Burial Board – to receive any new information.
- (Cllr McCartney then left the meeting).

**It was RESOLVED: to bring item 50/06/21 forward.**

**50/06/21 WOMERSLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY HALL.**

Cllr White reported the Annual Meeting of the Village Hall is to be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June. There was great concern that no-one would come forward to assist with the running of the charity and it was therefore in danger of folding. (Cllr White then left the meeting).

**36/06/21 FLOODING ISSUES AT BLUE LAGOON**

Cllr Ainsworth updated the Parish Council concerning their objections to the application below NY/2021/0097/A27. Although NYCC planning are saying everything is fine the pollution is still there because the monitoring equipment is being bypassed by the way the water flows in the Lagoon. His concern is that unless the outstanding matters of this application are dealt with properly there will be long term damaging effects to the water visibility.

**37/06/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**a) NYCC CONSULTATION – NY/2021/0097/A27 WOMERSLEY QUARRY (HARWORTH ESTATES).**

This is a reserved matters application from planning application permissions granted under reference C8/41/107A/PA/ for an Aftercare Scheme, drainage matters and other items. NYCC are investigating the record high groundwater levels which resulted in the saturation of the slope and its failure and will report back to the PC as soon as possible.

**b) GALE COMMON NY/2019/009/ENV**

A further report was made by the Chair and Vice Chair regarding the Judicial Review for this application and the legal opinion from the QC to be appointed to represent the four parishes that this application will affect over the 25 years that the works will be in operation. (See minute 262/05/21) for more information.

| PLANNING APPLICATIONS/ APPROVALS | DETAILS                                                                                                | ADDRESS                   | DECISION                                                                         |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2021/0283/FUL                    | Erection of extensions to existing agricultural building to house a biomass boiler and associated flue | Grange Farm, Fulham Lane  | Granted                                                                          |
| 2021/0628/HPA                    | Proposed single and 2 Storey rear extension to existing dwelling                                       | 3 Station Road            | Granted                                                                          |
| 2021/0105/LWORK                  | Unauthorised Structure                                                                                 | 2 Barn Cottages, Cow Lane | Selby advised there was no breach of planning as the structure was a garden room |

**38/06/21 FINANCE REPORTS:**

- a) List of accounts for payment.

| CHQ     | DATED    | PAYEE     | REASON                   | GROSS    | VAT     | NET      |
|---------|----------|-----------|--------------------------|----------|---------|----------|
| 1344    | 28.06.21 | SUE COLES | CLERKS EX -EXPRESS SIGNS | £ 54.80  | £ 10.96 | £ 65.76  |
| -ditto- |          | SUE COLES | MCAFFEE VIRUS            | £ 74.99  | £ 15.00 | £ 89.99  |
| -ditto- |          | SUE COLES | ZOOM                     | £ 11.99  | £ 2.40  | £ 14.39  |
| -ditto- |          | SUE COLES | HP PRINT CONTRIBUTION    | £ 3.32   | £ 1.67  | £ 4.99   |
|         |          |           | Sub total                | £ 145.10 | £ 30.03 | £ 175.13 |

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| 1345 |          | CANCELLED     |                          |                  |                      |                  |
| 1346 | 28.06.21 | VISION ICT    | WEBMAIL                  | £ 90.00          | £ 18.00              | £ 108.00         |
| 1347 | 28.06.21 | ADAMS GROUNDS | GRASS 3 OF 7             | £ 939.00         |                      | £ 939.00         |
| 1348 | 28.06.21 | NYCC LIGHTING | NEW STREETLIGHTS/REPAIRS | £ 4,123.82       | £ 824.76             | £ 4,948.58       |
| 1349 | 28.06.21 | A BOSMANS     | AUDIT                    | £ 85.00          |                      | £ 85.00          |
| 1350 | 28.06.21 | SUE COLES     | SALARY                   | £ 430.59         |                      | £ 430.59         |
|      |          |               | <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>£ 5813.51</b> | <b>£ .....872.79</b> | <b>£ 6686.30</b> |

- b) Current Balance of the Community Account as at 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021 is £33,616.40
- c) Bank reconciliation to 15<sup>th</sup> June.
- d) Payment requests received after the agenda – TBA
- e) Budget to end of June 21/22
- f) List of cheques report issued to end of June 21/22
- g) Income received.

It was **RESOLVED**: approve the payments listed and accept reports.

**39/06/21 REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS**

Financial Risk Assessment 2021. This document was approved.

**40/06/21 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2020/21**

This year the Council is **unable** to submit an exemption certificate to the auditors due to its income being above £25,000. The following documents are for Council approval and signature.

- a) **Annual Internal Report 2020/21–AGAR P3** completed by the Internal Auditor. Please see report from Mr A Bosmans. Members **RESOLVED**: to approve of the Annual Internal Report.

**b) Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 – P4**

The Council must carry out a review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control and prepare the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 of the Annual Return) at this meeting.

To consider the findings of the review by members as a whole and **RESOLVE** to approve the annual Governance Statement statements 1-8. *(Item 4: To note that the date of the meeting last year was recorded on the exercise of Public Rights notice and not the day after the meeting. As a result, PKF Littlejohn have instructed that the Parish Council answers NO to Item 4).*

It was **RESOLVED**: to approve and the Chair to sign the Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement.

**c) Section 2 of the Annual Return 2020/21– P5**

The Council is to consider the Accounting Statements as a whole and approve and **RESOLVE** to accept the Annual Return. The Chair is to sign and date the statement at this meeting. (The Clerk had already signed the return prior to this meeting).

It was **RESOLVED**: to approve and the Chair to sign the Section 2 of the Annual Governance Statement.

- d) External Auditor's Report and Certificate 2020/21.

This will be brought back to the Council when completed by PKF Littlejohn.

- e) Explanation of variances for PKF Littlejohn

- f) Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance & Accountability Return. This document will be published on the 29<sup>th</sup> June on the Notice Board and Website. The availability of the records will be until 10<sup>th</sup> August. Members of the public will need to make an appointment with the Clerk.

Closure of the Meeting.

It was **RESOLVED**: That since the time was now 9.45pm (public participation having taken 30 minutes) that the Council will end this meeting and an Extraordinary Meeting will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> July to resume the unfinished business of this agenda.