

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WOMERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COURTYARD TEA ROOM ON MONDAY 26TH JULY 2021 AT 7.00PM.

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

In Attendance: Sue Coles (Clerk) and two members of the public.

55/07/21 WELCOME TO ALL AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.

No apologise received.

56/07/21 PUBLIC FORUM

The residents who attended expressed how upset they were about the Parish Council's decision to site the disabled swing in the play area. Land registry documents had been submitted to the Clerk to claim that the access belonged to the cottages with a demand for the gates to be locked up. The meeting was informed that dangerous dogs were in the play area, cars and vans parked on the private lane. The Chair thanked the residents for raising this with the Council and they were welcome to stay to hear the rest of the meeting.

57/07/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Crossland and White in item 74/07/21.

58/07/21 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) It was **RESOLVED:** to approve and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on the 28th June 2021. Minute numbers 27/06/21 to 40/06/21
- b) It was **RESOLVED:** to approve and sign the Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held of the 5th July 21. Minute number 41/07/21 to 54/07/21.

59/07/21 COUNCIL TO RECEIVE REPORTS (IF ANY) FROM:

- a) Chairman - no report
- b) County Councillor & District Councillor – no report
- c) Police – no report

60/07/21 COUNCIL TO RECEIVE REPORTS (IF ANY) FROM:

- a) Dovecote Park - no report
- b) Darrington Quarry Liaison Meeting - no report.
- c) Harworth Estates – see 62/07/21
- d) Monaghan Mushrooms – no report.
- e) CEF, YLCA, Selby Council Parish Liaison meetings. An information item on Village Gateways was received from YLCA.
- f) Burial Board – no new information.
- g) Brockdale Nature reserve will be impacted by the approval of the Went Edge planning application.

61/07/21 FLOODING ISSUES AT BLUE LAGOON (if any).

62/07/21 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. NYCC acknowledged receipt of the PC's complaints regarding landslips and other issues and it is still waiting further information from the Environment Agency.

b) GALE COMMON NY/2019/009/ENV

A further report will be made by the Chair and Vice Chair regarding the Judicial Review (JR) 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).

Fliers have been printed and are to be issued to highlight the planning application to residents and the funding required to bring the JR to court. Whately PC are to donate a higher percentage of the funding and the other Councils will contribute. Event fundraising is being organised and Eggborough will be approached as the application will affect the parish.

Cllr White said that he had had a near miss in his vehicle with 2 HGV's recently which were travelling at speed on a sharp bend on the wrong side of the road because the hedgerow needed cutting back.

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Members advised that even though there had been a lot of information put out into Womersley to seek support to stop the scheme it was thought that the majority of the village still remained unaware of the major impact it's going to cause, in terms of noise, dust and HGV's on the roads. NYCC has a lack of enforcement officers and it was thought that the planning conditions may be left unactioned since there will be no enforcement action.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS/ APPROVALS	DETAILS	ADDRESS	DECISION
2021/0837/TNO2	Five day notice to fell 1No Black Pine tree in the conservation area – tree leaning and unstable.	Womersley Park Park Lane Womersley	Noted
NATTRAN/Y&H/S247/4596 2018/0742/FULM	Stopping up of highway	Post Office Lane Level Crossing	Noted

63/07/21 FINANCE REPORTS:

a) List of accounts for payment.

CHQ	DATED	PAYEE	REASON	GROSS	VAT	NET
1351	25.07.21	SUE COLES	SALARY	£ 430.59		£ 430.59
1352	26.07.21	ADAMS GROUNDS	MOWING 4 OF 7	£ 939.00		£ 939.00
1353	26.08.21	ADAMS GROUNDS	MOWING 5 OF 7	£ 939.00		£ 939.00
1354	26.07.21	VISIONICT	CLLRS EMAILS	£ 18.00	£ 3.60	£ 21.60
1355	26.07.21	AUTELA PAYROLL	PAYROLL	£ 42.00	£ 8.40	£ 50.40
1356	26.07.21	SUE COLES	EXPENSES	£ 120.31	24.07	£ 144.38
1357	26.07.21	FIRST IMPRESSION	HANGING BASKETS	£ 970.00	£ 194.00	£ 1,164.00
			TOTAL	£ 3458.90	£230.07	£ 3688.97

- b) Current Balance of the Community Account as at 15th July 2021 is £27,038.10.
c) Bank reconciliation to 15th July.
d) Payment requests received after the agenda – none.
e) Budget to end of July 21/22
f) List of cheques report issued to end of July 21/22
g) Income received – noted.
h) Canon Printer is not being used and it was decided to advertise for a village charity use.

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

64/07/21 WOMERSLEY WAY MEMORIAL

It was **RESOLVED**: to close the Barclays Bank account which has a nil balance.

65/07/21 S106 FUNDING AND NEW ENTRANCE PROJECT.

- a) The Clerk read to the meeting an email dated 19th July from some of the residents of School Cottages and Barn Cottages regarding the project for the new play area which stated that there is no public foot traffic access to the parish field from their lane and that the gate to the play area must be closed off by the 26th July..

It was **RESOLVED**: that this matter has legal implications to the Council it can't be discussed in the public part of this meeting and the Chair recommended that the correspondence received and land registry documents are sent to solicitors for advice. A further discussion will be held in Private and Confidential at the end of the meeting.

- b) Project with Sovereign Play Equipment for a disabled swing - the Clerk reported that no further information had been received.
c) Due to concerns about the standards of the works by a contractor to the play area it was **RESOLVED**: To appoint The Play Inspection Company to inspect the project by Groundworks for H&S and insurance purposes.

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- d) Play Area signs have been taken down and strewn in the grass.

66/07/21 PARISH FIELD

- a) The weekly/monthly play equipment inspections have been carried out.
b) Business Stream the debt collection agency for Yorkshire Water have now sent a final demand to the Council for the Stop Tap and Meter which cannot be reached since they appear to be buried under the gardens of School Cottages. The Clerk has written again to Business Stream to state the DDR payments will not be paid; Business Stream have advised that they have been in touch with Yorkshire Water but they are being slow to investigate the matter. In the mean time Business Stream have cancelled the outstanding demand.

67/07/21 BUS SHELTER INSPECTION

Cornel Building Services came to inspect the bus shelters and detailed a report for repairs. They have offered their services free of charge to the community and materials at £300.00. It was **RESOLVED**: to gratefully thank Cornel Building Services for their offer and agree the price of £300.00. Other matters i.e. repainting of the Old Pump and the green bins will be discussed in the budgets.

68/07/21 HIGHWAYS AND SELBY ENVIRONMENT MATTERS (IF ANY).

- a) The Clerk was asked to contact Area 7 regarding various grass mowing issues (Ref: CRN473563) and week control (Ref: CRN473558) concerns. A reply has been received advising the Parish Council of changes in Highway's priorities due to austerity measures. Highways grass in rural areas only extends to A&B roads and visibility splays and only where a danger is determined. Bank Wood Road is no longer included within Highway's grass cutting policy. The Parish Council is to discuss the 2022 grass mowing requirements and standards at the September meeting.
b) Speeding vehicles. Area 7 Project Engineer has sent the Parish a Speed Management Protocol and form to be completed and returned. Cllr. White offered to undertake this.
c) HGV traffic in Cow Lane. The Clerk was asked to raise an enquiry with Selby DC planning control in order to obtain a Transport Statement from the Timberyard.

69/07/21 NEWSLETTER UPDATE, WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK.

The future of the Newsletter was discussed such as having the copy set and printed outside the village but they were more costly than the current newsletter. It was decided to have a meeting with a volunteer who has experience of social media and the Council will consider paying for the printing materials to keep the costs of each production down, other options such as reducing frequency were considered. It was also suggested that a short survey should appear in an issue to get feedback from residents. Current advertising was not paying for the copy at present.

Flyers are to be sent around the village to detail the efforts of the Gale Common Action Group.

It was suggested that a parish communications strategy be considered to seek new ways to inform residents who do not read newsletters or have access to the website.

70/07/21 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

From	Details	Action Suggestion
Selby- dx Low carbon project office	Tree Planting Survey	Clerk to complete
YLCA	Queens Jubilee 2022	Noted
YLCA	Rights of Way training	Noted
Mr R Harrison	Requested attendance at any Cow Lane Highways meeting	Noted

71/07/21

- a) Councillors' Forum:
I. A local resident has cut the grass and nettles away from the noticeboard and the Clerk was asked to thank them for their time.
II. It was noticed that Network Rail are to close the crossings at both ends of the village in order to carry out works but the Council has not received advance notice as promised and the diversions takes traffic onto the A19 and round Darrington which could be a disaster for vehicles attending an emergency in the village. The PC would raise further concerns with Network Rail..
III. The Clerk was asked to order more dog poo bags.
b) Items for the next agenda:

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- I. The donated walnut trees in the sports field are being crowded with weeds which need clearing back.
- II. Rights of Way path closed in the winter for bridge repairs is has been detoured onto neighbouring private land.
- III. The hedge on Cow Lane needs cutting back at the end of nesting season.
- IV. Unitary Authority announcement to have one single unitary Council has been received.
- V. Minerals and Waste amendments to the 2018/19 plan

72/07/21 TO RECEIVE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Members of the public felt it would be better to move the playarea from the side of School Cottages to further down Cow Lane or by the basketball area and also listed the high volume of HGV and goods collection vehicles, no footpath and car parking on the pavements. Also, the public are using their cottage recycling bins for the disposal of dog poo bags.

73/07/21 TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the following meeting dates are approved at the Courtyard Tea Room 27th September and 25th October 2021. There is no planned meeting in August although due to urgent matters it may be necessary to call an Extraordinary Meeting.

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

*It was **RESOLVED**: that in accordance with Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press is excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the item set out below on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the general interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.*

65/07/21 S106 FUNDING AND NEW ENTRANCE PROJECT (CONT'D)

Members were further updated with the Council's documents and it was **RESOLVED**: That the matter be sent to the solicitors for a legal opinion.

74/07/21 WOMERSLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY HALL.

A report was received concerning the Annual Meeting of the Committee and the appointment of two new trustees.

Sports England have now withdrawn their objections to the planning application and it is hoped that the application will now go before the Planning Committee for a decision.

75/07/21 STAFFING MATTERS

- a) Due to the extra hours worked by the Clerk for the Extraordinary Meeting and matters raised it was **RESOLVED** to pay the Clerk for an additional 7.5 hours.
- b) The Clerk's holiday was also agreed.