

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WOMERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COURTYARD TEA ROOM ON MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.00PM.**

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

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

**76/09/21 WELCOME TO ALL AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.**

No apologies were received.

**77/09/21 PUBLIC FORUM**

Two members of the public were in attendance and raised their concerns that the Parish Council had not written to them to reply to their demand that they owned the access to the play area. At minute 65/07/21 when the residents had been present the Council had resolved to contact its solicitors for advice and the Clerk informed the residents that this had not been received until the 27<sup>th</sup> September due to holidays.

**78/09/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs' Crosland and White 99/09/21. Cllr Ainsworth 82/09/21.

**79/09/21 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was **RESOLVED:** To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 21. Minute number 55/07/21 to 75/09/21.

It was **RESOLVED:** to bring agenda item 100/09/21 forward and discuss in open session.

**100/09/21 COMPLAINT ABOUT THE PLAY AREA ACCESS OFF COW LANE AND SOLICITOR OPINION.**

The Clerk advised those present that the solicitor's opinion was that the access road was in the ownership of the developer still and the residents of School Cottages could not restrict access to the play area. The Parish Council and users of the play area has a right over the land to access the gateway which has been there for a significant number of years and this is termed a 'Prescriptive Right of Way by a Long User for 20 plus years. In continuing to maintain the play area for residents we have a 'reasonable use' of the play area and this includes the proposed addition of additional items of play equipment for disabled children. An 'unreasonable use' would be the creation of a carpark or a business such as a kindergarten nursery. The members of the public in attendance left the meeting.

**80/09/21 COUNCIL TO RECEIVE REPORTS (IF ANY) FROM:**

- a) Chairman – no report
- b) County Councillor & District Councillor – no report.
- c) Police – take off future agendas but add Neighbouring Messaging.

**81/09/21 COUNCIL TO RECEIVE REPORTS (IF ANY) FROM:**

- a) Dovecote Park – see planning applications.
- b) Darrington Quarry Liaison Meeting – no report.
- c) Harworth Estates – see 83/09/21.
- d) Monaghan Mushrooms – no report.
- e) Selby and Ansty Area Constituency Committee Meeting 24.09.21 this was noted.
- f) Burial Board – no new information.

**82/09/21 FLOODING ISSUES AT BLUE LAGOON UPDATE (IF ANY).**

Cllr Ainsworth gave Members a verbal update regarding the situation at the Blue Lagoon. The Environmental Agency are still in talks with Harworth Estates and neighbouring farmers land but there remains a number of problems which as yet have to be sorted out. The outstanding S106 conditions which has yet to be agreed for the Harworth Site may be able to help the situation

Cllr Whittles thanked Cllr Ainsworth for his report.

**83/09/21 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. No more progress or information has been offered despite representations from the Parish Council. We have to protect this area from further pollution in the future.

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**b) GALE COMMON JUDICIAL REVIEW IN CONNECTION WITH 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 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.

It is disappointing that there is so little financial support given to this Judicial Review and there is to be an increased campaign within the parish for greater support. The Parish Council are concerned that residents are not understanding what a huge impact this application will make to the surrounding villages. The potential loss of air quality is of an environmental concern 250 HGV lorries per day taking the route from the site through Whitley and Eggborough, past schools and homes notwithstanding the impact on the roads and the danger to all road users. For Womersley there will be noise and dust with working hours of 7am to 7pm 7 days per week. A crowdfunding page has been set up and fundraising events are being held in the parishes and members discussed other ways of trying to raise the necessary funds. It is hoped the community will support this.

**c) WENT EDGE QUARRY NY/2019/0002/ENV**

This application is listed for discussion on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at Northallerton at 10am. Live broadcast is available. Only speakers will be allowed to attend.: For more information see <https://edemocracy.northyorks.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=1177>

PLANNING APPLICATIONS/ APPROVALS	DETAILS	ADDRESS	DECISION
2021/0932/HPA	First Floor Extension	6 Cow Lane	SDC approved
2021/0255/LWORK	Unauthorised fencing off of land	Northfield Close	
2021/0248/LWCU	Unauthorised change of use	Timber Yard at Glebe Farm	
2021/0634/CPE	Lawful development certificate for an existing residential dwelling at	Waterside Spring Lodge Lake	SDC approved
2021/0837/TNO2	Five-day notice to fell 1 Black Pine tree in a conservation area	Womersley Park, Park Lane	SDC approved
2021/0655/FULM	Retrospective application for Construction of new tray store building	Dovecote Park	SDC approved

**84/09/21 FINANCE REPORTS:**

a) List of accounts for payment.

CHQ	DATED	PAYEE	REASON	GROSS	VAT	NET
1358	03.08.21	SOVEREIGN PLAY	NEW EQUIPMENT	£ 623.43	£ 124.69	£ 748.12
1359	13.08.21	JRB ENTERPRISE	DOG BAG DISPENSERS	£ 52.05	£ 10.41	£ 62.46
1360	13.08.21	PLAY INSPECTION CO	QUALITY CHECK RE GROUNDWORK	£ 300.00	£ 60.00	£ 360.00
1361	25.08.21	SUE COLES	SALARY	£ 521.32		£ 521.32
1362	13.08.21	SUE COLES	EXPENSES	£ 96.26	£ 14.23	£ 110.49
1363	27.09.21	VISIONICT	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE	£ 125.00	£ 25.00	£ 150.00
1364	27.09.21	PKF LITTLEJOHN	EXTERNAL AUDIT	£ 200.00	£ 40.00	£ 240.00
1365	27.09.21	ADAMS GROUNDS	GRASS 6 OF 7	£ 939.00		£ 939.00
1366	25.09.21	SUE COLES	SALARY	£ 447.59		£ 447.59
1367	27.09.12	CAB	ANNUAL DONATION	£ 50.00		£ 50.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 3628.98</b>	<b>£ .....274.33</b>	<b>£ 2818.40</b>

b) Current Balance of the Community Account as at 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 is £21,438.74

c) Bank reconciliation to 9<sup>th</sup> September.

d) Payment requests received after the agenda. Autella Payroll £50.40 and Adams Grounds Maintenance £980.70.

e) Budget to end of September 21/22

f) List of cheques report issued to end of September 21/22

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- g) Income received – none.
  - h) Virgin Money (was Yorkshire Bank) email of intension to apply £6.50 bank charges to account from 01.11.21. Members decided to wait any further changes to the account.
  - i) Clerk's change of address – Virgin Money request a signed letter to be emailed to them.
  - j) The Citizens Advice Bureau were able to help approx.8 people in Womersley in the last year. They are to launch a new Advice Van which is able to attend more rural villages and asked if the Parish Council would be interested in arranging a visit.
- Members **RESOLVED** to approve the payments listed and accept the reports.

**85/09/21 COMPLETION OF AUDIT 20/21**

- a) External Auditor Report and Certificate 2021/21 was circulated to the meeting.
- b) Notice of conclusion of Audit will now be displayed on the notice board and website to allow local government electors the right to inspect the accounts from 28<sup>th</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> October.
- c) Auditor Closure Letter.

It was **RESOLVED**: to approve the External Auditor Report and Notice of Conclusion of Audit.

**86/09/21 S106 FUNDING AND NEW ENTRANCE PROJECT.**

- a) The project with Sovereign for the erection of a disabled swing has been approved and deposit paid. It is expected to be installed on site in October.
- b) The Clerk has lodged a complaint with Groundworks Leeds and also forwarded this to Selby DC concerning the low standard of workmanship in the play area. No response has been received from the Mr Murphy Operations Director of Groundworks.
- c) A quote from Glasdon has been received for a novelty litter bin.

It was **RESOLVED**: (b) To send the letter to the Chairman. (c) to order the Glasdon Tidy Bear litter bin.

**8709/21 PARISH FIELD**

- a) The weekly/monthly play equipment inspections have been undertaken.
- b) The donated Walnut Trees are overgrown. The Clerk was asked to contact the mowing contractor.
- c) The annual maintenance of the hedge in Cow Lane has been done.
- d) Yorkshire Water Meter update. Business Stream debt collector for Yorkshire Water has ascertained that it is the Council/Developer/Resident responsibility not Yorkshire Water.

**88/09/21 GRASS MOWING STANDARDS FOR 2022/21**

- a) The grass mowing contract for 2022 was considered with view to improving junction splay viewpoints, traffic vision along Bank Wood Road and mow any other points within the 30mph limit. No decision was made.
- b) The spraying of pavements was considered but no decision was made.
- c) To create a list of other grass mowing requirements: to ensure that the grass under notice boards and other street furniture was cut back and the outside edges of the sports field.

**89/09/21 RIGHTS OF WAY ACCESS**

An update was received via email see 20.09.21 concerning the bridge on the rights of way path. NYCC are continuing to monitor the path and recently visited one of the local landowners who wished the closure to remain in place although the bridge had been removed and therefore does not represent a significant danger anymore. The cost to replace the bridge is between £5,000 and £7,000.

**90/09/21 WORKS TO BUS SHELTERS (IF ANY).**

The building company has been delayed due to the shortages of building materials and labour; however, they will attend to the shelters as soon as possible.

**91/09/21 SELBY DISTRICT LOCAL PLANNING POLICIES**

- a) Selby District local Plan – Evidence Based Documents 03.09.21 to 15.10.21
  - I. Green Belt Review
  - II. Greenspace Audit
  - III. Local Plan and CIL viability
  - IV. Indoor and Outdoor Sports Facilities.
- b) Selby DC Validation of Planning Application Checklist – final draft circulated 13<sup>th</sup> August.
- c) Local Plan Parish Council Presentation email 02.08.21. Emerging Local Plan – Additional Sites Consultation. All documents above were noted.

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d) Members had a meeting with Mr M Brown, Rural Housing Enabler and Tenant Participation Officer at Selby District Council prior to the meeting at 6.30pm. Members confirmed that they will support a Housing Needs Survey in Womersley.

**92/09/21 NYCC MINERALS AND WASTE DOCUMENT AMENDMENTS 2018/19 PLAN.**

A response to this document was required by 15<sup>th</sup> September the Clerk has requested an extension to this date but this has been refused.

**93/09/21 UNITARY AUTHORITY ANNOUNCEMENT.**

Selby District Council and NYCC announced that the Government has decided that just one council Unitary Authority will represent the whole of the county with the exception of York. This now means that all the districts will work together to prepare for the New Council launch date of April 2023. Volunteers to assist in the creation of the new authority are encouraged to contact [neil.iring@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:neil.iring@northyorks.gov.uk) and Womersley has registered an interest in this.

**94/09/21 NEWSLETTER UPDATE, WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK.**

An experienced volunteer has come forward to assist with the redesign and production of the newsletter to create a greater social media presence and assist in a new electronic distribution along with the current paper edition and the creation of a new social media policy.

**95/09/21 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING**

From	Details	Action Suggestion
Neighbourhood Watch	Impact Report 20/21	noted
Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner	Consultation on Priorities for police, fire and rescue and victim's service. Email 17.08.21. Plus, poster Have Your Say	Noted
Mr Brownless email	Pdf Walks around Womersley which is available in Selby DC website and Womersley PC website. The walks are currently unable to be accessed and therefore the information is inaccurate.	See 89/09/21 and to remove the pdf from the websites.
YLCA	Call for Evidence on the National Resilience Strategy – lessons learnt from Covid – email 31.08.21	Noted
NALC	National Resilience Strategy Letter with consultation questions	Noted
R Harrison	Acknowledges the letter of the 9 <sup>th</sup> July and requests to be included in a meeting with Highways.	Clerk to thank Mr Harrison
E Thompson	Email of concerns about Cow Lane, HGV's received 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Clerk replied.
20's Plenty for North Yorkshire	national organisation that campaigns for a 20mph speed limit in place of existing 30mph limits.	Noted
YLCA	Changes to the MHCLG to the DLUMC	Noted

**96/09/21**

a) Councillors' Forum: The Clerk has written to Selby DC asking for the sign The Paddock to be removed from private land and placed on the highway. Members are very pleased with the hanging baskets in this first year of this project.

b) Items for the next agenda: Potential new access splays have been noticed on land near the junction of Croft Lea and Cobcroft Lane on Northfield Lane near Cridling Stubbs which has been brought to the attention of the NYCC.

**97/09/21 TO RECEIVE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

No members of the public were present.

**98/09/21 TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The following meeting dates are approved at the Courtyard Tea Room 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021. There will be no meeting in December.

**PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

**99/09/21 WOMERSLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY HALL.**

Further difficulties in the planning application process have been experienced and there is no further information.

**100/09/21 COMPLAINT ABOUT THE PLAY AREA ACCESS OFF COW LANE AND SOLICITOR OPINION.** This item was taken after 79/09/21 so the public could hear the solicitor's opinion.