

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WOMERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COURTYARD TEA ROOM ON MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021 AT 7.00PM.**

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

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

**101/10/21 WELCOME TO ALL AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.**

Cllr P White. It was **RESOLVED:** to approve the reason given for absence.

**102/10/21 PUBLIC FORUM**

No public were present.

**103/10/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. R Crossland 122/10/21 and Cllr M Ainsworth 107/10/21.

**104/10/21 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Minutes Parish of the Council meeting held of the 26<sup>th</sup> July 21 Minute number 78/09/21 to 100/09/21 required some alterations and therefore the Clerk was asked to undertake these and bring the Minutes back to the next meeting for signing.

**105/10/21 COUNCIL TO RECEIVE REPORTS (IF ANY) FROM:**

- a) Chairman – none.
- b) County Councillor & District Councillor – none.
- c) Neighbourhood messaging. The recent updates received are national campaigns rather than local information. The recent email was concerning ASBO and training availability.

**106/10/21 COUNCIL TO RECEIVE REPORTS (IF ANY) FROM:**

- a) Dovecote Park – none.
- b) Darrington Quarry Liaison Meeting – none.
- c) Harworth Estates. An application 2021/1288/MAN2 has been received see 108/10/21.
- d) Monaghan Mushrooms – none.
- e) Burial Board – none.

**107/10/21 FLOODING ISSUES AT BLUE LAGOON UPDATE (IF ANY).**

No further information.

**108/10/21 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. It also looks to change certain conditions which had previously been discussed and agreed upon.

**b) GALE COMMON JUDICIAL REVIEW IN CONNECTION WITH NY/2019/009/ENV**

The Chair and Vice Chair reported about the fundraising attempts by the four parishes for the costs for the Judicial Review and the legal opinion of the QC against this application. It is unfortunate that there is very little interest in support by the residents of Womersley considering this application will affect everyone over the 25 years that the works will be in operation. Whitely Parish Council is most affected by this application and are financially committed to supporting the review and it is to hold a public meeting in November and is adamant that the effect on all of its residents was too large to ignore. The legal opinion is that the Judicial Review has a very good chance of overturning the NYCC permissions. Residents of Womersley are not responding and they seem ambivalent to the situation regardless of the information in the newsletter and flyers. The 250 HGV lorries per day and the associated works will have a huge impact for noise, dust and pollution. In the light of the forthcoming COP26 talks which is the 2021 United Nations climate change conference it is surprising about the lack of response. The Parish Council discussed ways to obtain the required funding and discussions considered raising the Precept accordingly.

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

This application was approved at the NYCC planning meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> September at Northallerton, the meeting was available to view on YouTube and despite numerous objections from the likes of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and Brockdale nature reserve which is less than 50 metres away the permissions were granted for the quarry extension.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS/ APPROVALS	DETAILS	ADDRESS	DECISION
2021/0255/LWORK	Unauthorised fencing off of land	Northfield Close	
2021/0248/LWCU	Unauthorised change of use	Timber Yard at Glebe Farm	
2021/1198/FUL	Erection of a storage building for agricultural machinery	Fulham House Farm, Whitely	noted
2021/1227/LPA	Prior approval for planned in filling works to structure HBR3/123	Street Record, Grove Road, Stubbs Waldon	noted
2021/1182/HPA	The Vicarage	First Floor Side Extension	noted

**109/10/21 FINANCE REPORTS:**

- a) List of accounts for payment.

CHQ	DATED	PAYEE	REASON	GROSS	VAT	NET
1370	25.10.21	SUE COLES	EXPENSES	£ 22.61	£ 3.48	£ 26.09
1371	25.10.21	JRB ENTERPRISE	DOG BAG DISPENSERS	£ 216.50	£ 43.30	£ 259.80
1372	CANCELLED					
1373	25.10.21	SOVEREIGN PLAY	BALANCE FOR LOG SWING To be held until the surfacing is corrected 111/10/21	£ 2,493.74	£ 498.75	£ 2,992.49
1374	25.10.21	SUE COLES	SALARY	£ 430.59		£ 430.59
1375	25.10.21	PLAYSAFETY (RoSPA)	ANNUAL PLAY INSPECTION	£ 72.00	£ 14.40	£ 86.40
1376	25.10.21	GLASDON	TIDY BEAR BIN	£.....244.23	£.....48.84	£.....293.07
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 3479.67</b>	<b>£ .....608.77</b>	<b>£ 4088.44</b>

- b) Current Balance of the Community Account as at 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 is £30,856.05  
c) Bank reconciliation to 14<sup>th</sup> October.  
d) Payment requests received after the agenda - none.  
e) Budget to end of October 21/22 with suggested Precept demand 22/23. Members discussed the budgets for 22/23 and the Clerk was asked to bring back the costings for a Precept of £30,000 (an approximate increase of £5,000) to support the costs of the Gale Common Judicial Review.  
f) List of cheques report issued to end of September 21/22  
g) Precept Income received of £12,125.00.

Members **RESOLVED:** to make the payments listed (except cheque 1373) and accept reports.

**110/10/21 UPDATING VILLAGE STREETLIGHTS**

The Clerk attached a report with the suggested allocation of reserve totals. The Council has wished to update its streetlighting and three lights and posts were replaced in June 20. It is suggested that there is enough funds in reserves to allocate a further number of lights and posts for replacement in this financial year. Members agreed to consider replacing 2 or 3 lights in darker areas of the village and the Clerk is to ask NYCC Streetlighting for the costs and bring this information back to the next meeting.

**111/10/21 POLICE ANPR CAMERA**

The ANPR camera in Womersley has been removed and an enquiry with Streetlighting has established that a dummy camera could be installed at the Council's own cost if Members decide upon this action but it is hoped that an enquiry will see the return of the original camera. Members also asked if this camera was part of the Safer Streets Initiative. A further report will be made to the next meeting.

**112/10/21 S106 FUNDING AND NEW ENTRANCE PROJECT.**

- a) The works to install the basket swing is now complete. Members found that the standard of the grasscrete had not been installed satisfactorily and Sovereign Play will be asked to make some

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alterations to remove the trip hazards. Therefore, it was **RESOLVED** to hold the cheque listed on the accounts.

- b) Play Safety (RoSPA) inspection report was received and the suggested repairs and maintenance is to be considered and reported on next month.
- c) The complaint to Groundworks Leeds and forwarded to the Head of Commissioning, Contracts and Procurement at Selby DC about the standard of workmanship in the play area has been more difficult and time consuming to progress than first thought. The Clerk has now received contact from the Executive Director of Groundworks who is arranging a meeting with the Contracts Manager and new Architect for Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October with the Chair and Vice Chair.
- d) Further correspondence has been received to request the reinstatement of the shrub screening of the new play area. This was in the original designs but subsequently removed at the request of other residents at our site meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Members considered this but acknowledged there was no budget allocated since it had been spent on the new equipment. Therefore, for the time being the Parish Council will take no further action and consideration will be given at the next budget 22/23 discussions. Members were mindful that a full consultation with other residents will be necessary.

**113/10/21 PARISH FIELD**

- a) The weekly/monthly play equipment inspections have been undertaken.
- b) The grass contractor states that the grass mowing to the area where the donated Walnut Trees are situated is not on the mowing contract. The Clerk queried this with Members for their opinion and it was agreed that the mowing contract for 2023 onwards would be reworded. It was **RESOLVED**: to contact the Councils woodland management contractor for maintenance advice to the walnut trees.
- c) Yorkshire Water's meter for the water supply for the field still needs to be resolved. Business Stream the debt collection agency is acting as a go-between between the Council and the Water Authority. Yorkshire Water maintain that this situation is a dispute between the builder/house owner/ and Council. It was **RESOLVED**: that the developer is to be contacted.

**114/10/21 SELBY HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY**

Further to the Council's meeting with Mr M Brown Rural Housing Enabler last month. A letter and survey will now be prepared to ascertain the needs of residents with view to distributing this in the New Year.

**115/10/21 BUS STOPS AND TIME TABLES**

The repairs of the two stone bus shelters were to be undertaken by a local company as a community support initiative but they have been unable to release the manpower due to staff shortages which therefore means the Parish Council is still waiting for the work to be undertaken.

The Main Street bus stop belongs to NYCC and still remains unrepaired it also has no up-to-date bus service timetable therefore the Clerk is to contact Passenger Transport.

**116/10/21 HIGHWAYS MATTERS AND SIGNAGE**

The Clerk received a complaint regarding the street sign 'The Paddock' which it seems was installed by Selby DC 20 years ago. The shrubs have significantly grown and Selby DC advised that cutting back the vegetation is the householder responsibility since there was a presumption that it was private land however it now appears that it is highway's verge and NYCC are to send an inspector to review the situation.

**117/10/21 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. Currently the magazine is costing approximately £59 per month of which the Council has agreed where possible to make a contribution. Since the advertising is not paying adequately it will be removed to reduce the size and cost of each copy.

**118/10/21 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING**

From	Details	Action Suggestion
CAB	Letter of thanks for the Council's donation of £50	

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YLCA	Newsletter especially reference to War Memorial Funding – an enquiry has been made for our own memorial but the website states that our memorial does not warrant re engraving as yet and a note should be made of the names.	
Police	Police and Crime Plan and Fire and Rescue Plan began in August and runs Sunday 7 November.	
C Young	Neighbourhood Policy Drafting	
SDC	Parish Audit	

**119/10/21**

- a) Councillors' Forum: A road closure at the crossroads to Criddling Stubbs/Knottingley was noted.
- b) Items for the next agenda: Up-dates on the Unitary Authority. Newsletter item for an advert for people to express interest in Defibrillator training and for the Council to organised this.

**120/10/21 TO RECEIVE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

None present.

**121/10/21 TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting dates are approved at the Courtyard Tea Room on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022. There will be no meeting in December.

**PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

To **RESOLVE**: 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.

**122/10/21 WOMERSLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY HALL.**

As a requirement of the planning application the Trustees of the Village Hall have to commission a transport survey.

**123/10/21 CLERKS HOURS TO PROGRESS COMPLAINTS**

A report was given to the Chair and Vice Chair concerning the increase in hours due to the Play Area and resident's complaints received. It was **RESOLVED**: that the Clerk be paid for an extra 3 hours.