

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WOMERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE ST MARTIN'S CHURCH ON MONDAY 31ST JANUARY 2022 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 one member of the public.

THIS MEETING HAD TO BE RE-LOCATED DUE TO THE STORM ON SUNDAY 30TH JANUARY CUTTING OFF THE ELECTRICITY AT THE COURTYARD TEA ROOM.

153/01/22 WELCOME TO ALL AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.

Cllr M Ainsworth due to work.

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

154/01/22 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no matters raised.

155/01/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Crossland and White in 180/01/22.

156/01/22 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was **RESOLVED:** To approve and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 29th November 2021. Minute number 124/11/21 to 152/11/21.

157/01/22 COUNCIL TO RECEIVE REPORTS (IF ANY) FROM:

- a) Chairman
- b) County Councillor & District Councillor J McCartney has requested a public meeting with Ms Zoe Metcalfe at Eggborough Village Hall and requested that the local parishes reinforce the invitation. Members agreed.

158/01/22 COUNCIL TO RECEIVE REPORTS (IF ANY) FROM:

- a) Dovecote Park - none
- b) Darrington Quarry Liaison Meeting – none.
- c) Harworth Estates, it is reported that the bridleway has been blocked, Cllr McCartney and Cllr Barker have contacted Harworth who will arrange for it to be removed. It had placed in situ to prevent access by bikes etc. Unfortunately erecting a more permanent structure like a gate is a matter for the Council as it is an adopted Bridleway. At the same time the block is removed Harworth will repair the fence again. Harworth also advised that they were aware of tree planning schemes to which Cllr Barker had suggested from an environmental protection perspective for the site but Mr Warren said they are not suitable for Womersley as the site has a planning restoration obligation and then a 10-year aftercare provision. Both of which cannot start until the County approves the detailed restoration scheme, submitted last year. Once the aftercare period is finished the site is then free to be considered for schemes such as this.
- d) Monaghan Mushrooms – none.
- e) Burial Board – none.

159/01/22 FLOODING ISSUES AT BLUE LAGOON UPDATE (IF ANY).

There was no report available.

160/01/22 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. There is no further information at this time.

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

The Judicial Review for this application and the legal opinion from the QC who has been 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. The Chair reported that the GCAG are still waiting to hear the Judicial Review results.

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

The Enforcement and Planning Regulations and Functions Policy is now being reviewed at NYCC. Members felt that it didn't go far enough to combat flagrant breaches in planning rules.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS / APPROVALS	DETAILS	ADDRESS	DECISION
None received for Dec 21/Jan 2022			

161/01/22 FINANCE REPORTS:

- a) List of accounts for payment.

CHQ	DATED	PAYEE	REASON	GROSS	VAT	NET
1380	01.12.21	WHITLEY PC	CONTRIBUTION TO . GCAG	£ 1,500.00		£ 1,500.00
1381	25.12.21	SUE COLES	SALARY	£ 430.59		£ 430.59
1382	01.01.22	AUTELA PAYROLL	PAYROLL	£ 52.50	£ 10.50	£ 63.00
1383	25.01.22	SUE COLES	SALARY	£ 430.59		£ 430.59
1384	3101.22	YLCA	TRAINING	£ 15.00		£ 15.00
			TOTAL	£ 2428.68	£ 10.50	£ 2439.18

- b) Current Balance of the Community Account as at 24th January is £25,736.74
c) Bank reconciliation to 1st January 2022.
d) Payment requests received after the agenda – none.
e) Budget to end of January 2022
f) List of cheques report issued to end of January 2022
g) Income received: £1621.20 being the final sum under the S106 monies for the play area; £112.20 received from Yorkshire Water refund of DDR water meter charges.
h) Appointment of Mr A Bosmans as internal auditor for 21/22.
It was **RESOLVED**: to make the payments listed, accept reports and appoint of Mr Bosmans.

162/01/22 PRECEPT 2022/23

Several examples of the effects various percentage increases in the Precept Demand would have on the average band D property were distributed.

The Parish Council remains extremely concerned about the Gale Common planning application and its negative impact on the village and had wished to financially support the legal challenge. A consultation was placed in the November newsletter to advise residents that the Parish Council may wish to take this action and detailed the financial effects on households. Two residents contacted the Clerk with their objections.

Since that consultation there has been dramatic changes to the current economic climate and significant increases in inflation, gas and electricity prices. It was **RESOLVED**: the Precept demand for 2022/23 will be £24,423.90 which represents a zero increase.

163/01/22 GRANT APPLICATIONS FROM TWO RIDINGS.

The Clerk submitted a grant application to the Two Ridings Community Foundation Fund (for the Selby District) for 20 hanging baskets at a cost of £1820 for 'Womersley in Bloom' and the Queens Jubilee. Members **RESOLVED**: to approve the grant application.

A second funding grant is available for up to £10,000 and Members asked the Clerk to find quotes for a multiuse games equipment for the playfield.

164/01/22 AED TRAINING

One person has contacted the Clerk to request AED training at Womersley Watersports as advertised in the newsletter and it was **RESOLVED**: to arrange the training.

165/01/22 UPDATING VILLAGE STREETLIGHTS

See Min 134/11/21; Cllr Crossland contacted Streetlighting and a report was given to the meeting. It was **RESOLVED**: to change the Lamps of lights 6,20,27,37, and 39 to LED.

166/01/22 PARISH FIELD

- a) The weekly/monthly play equipment inspections have been undertaken.

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b) Mr Milner reported back to the Clerk regarding the Walnut Trees and maintenance work has been authorised

c) The Dog Warden has sent her report via email for consideration in this she advised there should be better signage as to where dogs are allowed. More social media information. Collate evidence of misuse of the play area and field. During the wardens visit a very large dog ran over to her out of control and she spoke to the owner to warn them that the dog's behaviour was unacceptable. The warden suggested that the field be separated into two parts or create a dog walk around the parameter. Members noted that there have been several incidences of dogs out of control in the play area and field scaring members of the public. It has also been noted that three small dogs were loose in the play area which stopped a child entering to play on the equipment. Concern was voiced about dog excrement.

It was **RESOLVED**: to chain the gate to the play area closed to ensure dog owners and walkers use either the steps or the bottom gate to the field and do not use the play area as a throughfare since the current use was unacceptable.

d) The Clerk ordered new posters which have been delivered and will be put up.

e) The Clerk brought two ideas for a new notice board and was asked to seek another quote.

167/01/22 MEETING WITH GROUNDWORKS

a) A meeting was held with Groundworks Leeds about the standard of workmanship in the play area. At which time it was agreed by the company that it would refund the Parish Council £900 in total and remove the present gates, the company has also agreed that they will be leaving the gateposts in situ.

b) Members **RESOLVED**: the purchase of two Aston Easy Latch 2-way gates at a cost of £546.00 plus vat and delivery.

c) Members **RESOLVED**: the fitting of these gates and an independent contractor is to be appointed.

168/01/22 SELBY HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

Mr M Brown Rural Housing Enabler has completed his survey and the letters are to be delivered to each household on the 24th January or thereabouts. The Parish Council was asked to advertise the survey however there is no newsletter this month so the website and facebook will carry notices and information.

169/01/22 YLCA FRIENDS OF THE EARTH CLIMATE CHANGE TRAINING

Cllr Barker attended this training and has circulated the notes via email for members to view. It has been suggested by Friends of the Earth for each Parish Council to have a climate change strategy and engage the younger members of the community.

170/01/22 HIGHWAYS MATTERS AND SIGNAGE (IF ANY).

a) A1 upgrade at Darrington through to Holmfild Pontefract, the Clerk has been asked to contact Nigel Adams and Howard Ferguson and ask that the Parish be kept informed.

b) To consider the purchase of a Speed Indicator Device –Members agreed to have a site meeting with the supplier.

171/01/22 THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE

A letter has been received from Buckingham Palace to inform parishes of Her Majesties 70-year reign which suggested ways the Council may like to celebrate; such as the Big Jubilee Lunch (which has its own website) on Sunday 5th June also The Queens Green Canopy and the Platinum Jubilee Beacons. Members decided to publish more information in the newsletter asking residents to assist with the celebration and approach Selby DC to see if there is any funding stream available.

172/01/22 NEW SINGLE COUNCIL ELECTIONS FOR NORTH YORKSHIRE

An online meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 16th February and this is open to all Councils. Members noted.

173/01/22 NEWSLETTER UPDATE, WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK.

There will be no newsletter in February due to time constraints. It was agreed to have the newsletter printed, folded and stapled by a local printing company. The Newsletter team urgently need another volunteer to help compile the copy each month.

174/01/22 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING/TREES

First Impressions have confirmed that they can supply Christmas trees with solar lights on the street lamps and a price will be offered in due course.

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175/01/22 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

From	Details	Action Suggestion
	None	

176/01/22

- a) Councillors' Forum: it was reported that the RoW path to the side of the Cemetery was blocked by a fallen tree which is to be reported to Paths at Area 7. Dumped 'used sharps' boxes have been reported to Selby for clearance. Network Rail engineer has informed a Councillor that the actual work to block Cow Lane will not be undertaken until 2023.
- b) Items for the next agenda: None.

177/01/22 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR AND SIGNING OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.

Unfortunately, the resident who applied to join the Council has had to withdraw their application.

178/01/22 TO RECEIVE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

None.

179/01/22 TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It has been confirmed that the Courtyard Tea Room is to be closed permanently. Therefore, the Parish Council has no other option but to continue to meet at St Martin's Church because it is in a central location and an easily walkable distance for the whole village. The PC would like to thank the Parish Warden for offering this option.

It was confirmed that the next meetings will be held on the 28th February and 28th March 2022.

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.*

180/01/22 WOMERSLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY HALL.

Cllr P White is now no longer a trustee of the Village Hall.

Cllr Crossland advised that there has been a change to the size of building proposed due to the building material costs and planning application difficulties. This has removed the necessity for a traffic survey and Sports England involvement.