

## MINUTES OF THE EAST WITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 08 NOVEMBER 2017 IN THE PARISH ROOM

### **Present**

Mrs Mary Fawbert	Chairman
Mrs Michele De Vaal	Vice Chairman
Mr Richard Wells	Councillor
Mr Alan Fullerton	Councillor
Mrs Christine Dent	Councillor
Ms Sarah Sayer	Clerk to the Council
Karin Sedgwick	Richmondshire District Councillor
Sara Fleck	East Witton Resident

### **Item 1 - Introduction and Apologies**

Apologies received from District Cllr Fairhurst.

### **Item 2 Public Questions**

None, but a short report from Peter Nesbitt had been forwarded to the Parish Clerk in advance of the meeting, regarding the village Christmas tree

### **Item 3 – Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

### **Item 4 - Matters arising from Minutes**

#### Telephone Kiosk

The kiosk was up and running, looking great and being used as an information point. Michele de V is maintaining the stock of leaflets and checking the kiosk at least once a week. Alan F has provided bespoke shelving and Richard W the images and lettering for the windows.

#### Tree Survey – PICUS Testing

Alasdair Downie – Farm & Land Services has provided the results of the testing which has been carried out on two trees identified as being possibly diseased on the initial tree report. It is clear that one tree will need to be felled and the other will require crown reduction.  
**Clerk to apply to YDNPA and seek permission of the Estate.**

#### Tree Works carried out on 29 Oct 2017

Edward Staveley carried out the work on Sunday 29 October 2017. One tree was felled and two had crown reductions. The work was carried out well and the village green cleared up afterwards. The PC is satisfied with the works and will look at planting a replacement tree in the spring. Cllrs. queried if a new tree was required in this location. To be discussed further at the March meeting.

#### Arthur Poulter Memorial

There is a meeting on 13 Dec 2017 to discuss procedure for the day. The actual event will take place on 10 April 2018.

### **Item 5 - Correspondence**

- Boundary Commission – Review of Richmondshire Wards. Cllr. Sue Fairhurst will be putting in comments in relation to this.
- Farm & Land Services – Further Report about PICUS testing of two trees on the village green.
- Edward Staveley – emails to arrange date for the works.

- YDNPA – Notes from Parish Forum Meeting circulated.
- YDNPA – Management Plan, Annual Forum to be held at Ingleborough Community Centre on 23 Nov 2017 1pm. – RW to attend on behalf of PC.
- YDNPA – Building new homes in the YDNPA – new policies in Local Plan and list of sites available to develop on website.
- RDC – Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership Meeting on 26 Oct 2017 at Middleham.
- Peter Nesbitt – Christmas tree email and summary sheet.

### **Item 6 – Planning**

Consultation:

17/00729 – Extension to ice cream parlour at Brymoor – Comments submitted regarding increase of traffic and poor access on 03.11.17

17/00610/LBC – Installation of replacement boiler and flue at The Old Gatehouse, Jervaulx – No comments.

R/89/47D – Application to discharge the Section 106 Agreement which restricts the use of outbuilding to a bespoke framing business at 48 East Witton – No comments.

Decisions:

R/89/121C – Erection of agricultural building over livestock feeding area at Braithwaite Hall. Conditional Approval 13.10.17

### **Item 7 - Accounts**

The Statement of Account was read, approved and signed by The Chairman.

#### Expenditure (since September meeting)

St Johns Church, East Witton	£ 150.00
YDNPA	£ 15.00
Yorkshire Woodland Management	£ 840.00

#### Receipts (since September meeting)

None

The balance stood at **£4,458.66 (Including £900 of unspent TDF income)**

### **Item 8 – Any Other Business**

#### Grass cutting contract 2017/18- Village Green

A quote has been received from Farm & Land Services to maintain the cost per cut @ £64 +VAT for 13 cuts per year.

**Recommendation:** Accept the quote.

**Resolved: Clerk to contact Mr A Downie to accept.**

#### BT Kiosk

Sara Fleck (56 East Witton) attended the meeting to put forward a proposal to use part of the telephone box as a book exchange. Sara would stock the kiosk with books, keep an eye on the turnover and take responsibility for managing the stock. This proposal was wholeheartedly welcomed by the Parish Council.

**Clerk to put something on the website when it goes 'live'**

#### Christmas Tree

The Parish Council discussed Peter Nesbit's appeal for assistance with the Christmas Tree and his request to the Parish Council for money to meet the cost of the event.

**Recommendation:** Based on the costings given in the Summary sheet (attached), the Parish Council would donate £60.00

**Resolved: Donate £60**

The Parish Council would also help to facilitate spreading the word to try and drum up interest for a new team of helpers, but would not like to take over the Christmas tree event themselves.

**Clerk to contact Peter Nesbitt and make the donation. Also a letter of thanks to acknowledge the effort he has put in over the years.**

Letter from Strutt & Parker regarding the Permissive Footpath on the Fell

The letter set out the terms of the permissive footpath:

Open from 15 February to 12 August Annually were the existing arrangements, the proposal was to change this to 01 March to 31 July annually.

It was noted by the Parish Council that these terms had already been agreed with Kevin Joblin when he attended the meeting in 2014.

**Clerk to write to Catherine Granger at Strutt & Parker to say that this has been agreed with the Gamekeeper and it was agreed in 2014, that Mr Joblin would contact the PC directly if there were any incidents to report. This has happened on one occasion, and it was resolved.**

Street Light – Lowthorpe

There is a light out on Lowthorpe, just up from the Parish Room.

**Clerk to report to RDC**

Karin Sedgwick – Residents Concerns

Karin advised the PC that she had been contacted by members of the public in respect of:

- Mud on the road
- Agricultural vehicle parked on the road.

The PC noted these concerns. The mud on the road incident has been resolved at the time of the complaint. The agricultural vehicle was parked at the farmer's house and was not thought to be in breach of any regulations.

Councillors stated that the village was home to working farms, in an area where agriculture is predominant and as such residents should expect to see agricultural vehicles and occasional mud on the road.

**Item 9 – Date of the next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 14 March 2018, at 7.30pm in the Parish Room.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY PUBLIC QUESTIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE CLERK AT LEAST 3 WORKING DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING.

**Signature.....**

**Date.....**