

MINUTES OF THE EAST WITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2015 IN THE PARISH ROOM

Present

Mrs Mary Fawbert	Chairman
Mrs Michelle de Vaal	Vice Chairman
Mr Alan Fullerton	Councillor
Mrs Lynette Jackson	Councillor
Ms Sarah Sayer	Clerk to the Council

Item 1 - Introduction and Apologies

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present, which included Lynette Jackson Wilde, newly appointed Parish Councillor. Apologies received from Richard Wells and Rachel Allen.

Item 2 - Election of Officials

The Chairman stepped down from the Chair and asked the Clerk for nominations for the post of Chairman. Cllr. De Vaal proposed Cllr. Fawbert and this was seconded by Cllr. Fullerton. Councillor Fawbert accepted the position. The Clerk then asked for nominations for the post of Vice Chairman. Cllr. Fawbert proposed Cllr. De Vaal and this was seconded by Cllr. Fullerton. Councillor De Vaal accepted the position.

Item 3 - Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Item 4 - Matters arising from Minutes

Tour De France legacy

RW submitted an email prior to the meeting, asking for a Councillor to take on the commemorative seat project. MdeV volunteered to do this and would look into the options.

RW confirmed in his email, that he would carry on with the War memorial commemorative plaque for Private Poulter, who won the VC and survived the war, thus remains un-commemorated in the village for his bravery.

Village Notice Board

AF to re-furbish the noticeboard and re-site it on the Parish Room adjacent to the entrance door. The Clerk had submitted a query to YDNPA as to whether or not Planning Permission would be required – it was not required.

Potholes

NYCC has done some work along Lowthorpe, but the potholes around the village green were not on their schedule, and were deemed too shallow.

The Old Churchyard

Gary Hudson has recently emailed to say that the work has been scheduled. MF to check if completed.

Item 5 – Correspondence

- NYCC – Highway grass-cutting proposals.
- YDNPA – Parish Forums.
- BT – Adopt a phone Box.
- RDC – Area Partnership Fund newsletter.
- Janie – Halloween Party on the Village Green (verbal approach to Peter Nesbitt)
- RDC – Electoral Roll update.

- RDC – Election papers and acceptance of Office forms.

Item 6 – Planning

Consultations

Listed building application for house alterations to include improvements to entrance and new porch, conversion of utility room to study, improvements to kitchen and removal of upstairs cupboard at The Old Hall, Jervaulx – No objections.

Full planning permission for erection of agricultural building at Low Newstead – Raised concerns over increase in slurry produced and the increase in the volume of heavy farm vehicles on the highway. PC also wanted to make RDC aware that both Newstead and Town Head Farm were run by the Dent families and slurry could be transported to East Witton to be spread on Town End land. The PC asked that a condition be placed on any permission which would prevent this via the village itself. (No such condition was attached by RDC when the application was approved in April 2015).

Decisions

Erection of extension to existing cow shed at Low Newstead Farm – Granted subject to conditions 15/04/15

Erection of greenhouse at Jervaulx Hall, Jervaulx – Granted subject to conditions 19/11/14 (recd. after 20th November meeting)

Item 7 - Accounts

The Statement of Account was read and approved.

Expenditure since March Meeting

Cheque: 100404 – Thirsk Community Care Association (Accountant)	£ 61.00
Cheque: 100405 – Clerks quarterly salary – Miss S L Sayer	£ 219.13
Cheque: 100406 - HMRC	£ 54.60
Cheque: 100407 – East Witton Parish Room	£ 60.00
Cheque: 100408 – Mr A Fullerton	£115.50

Receipts

None

The balance stood at £2803.87.

The Chairman asked that the annual donation of £150.00 be issued in respect of St John's Churchyard. **Clerk to arrange.**

Item 8 - Any Other Business

Superfast Broadband update

MdeV to follow up her emails to John Moore, and report back on progress at the next meeting.

Defibrillator

RW had been contacted by residents as they were not sure of the procedure in the event of an emergency.

MF – explained to Councillors that villagers should dial 999 and the emergency services would contact a village representative, and that person would have access to the equipment.

Councillors felt that a sign or notice giving details of the procedure along with a letter to all residents would be a good way forward. MF would speak to Eileen about putting something together for residents.

It was also noted that more training was on hand, as was signage.

Christmas Tree wiring

LJ raised a query about boxing in the electrical connection. This was currently covered only with a plastic sack, and could be potentially dangerous, and also looked unsightly.

The PC would be happy to pay for a wooden cover if Peter Nesbitt would like one. **Clerk to speak to PN_**

Halloween Party

Janie is considering hosting a Halloween party in the village, and may need to use the village green. Once an approach has been made to the PC, we will request further details of the event such as what activities, who was attending, numbers expected, times of start finish. **Clerk to write on receipt of written or verbal request from Janie, who has been given contact details.**

Chapel

The issue of the potential sale/re-development of the chapel was raised. It appears that the Estate has lost interest in purchasing the property as the potential change of use to a B&B had not been given a positive response by Planners at YDNPA.

Item 9 - Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 09 September 2015, at 7.30pm in the Parish Room.

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