

MINUTES OF THE EAST WITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 09 SEPTEMBER 2015 IN THE PARISH ROOM

Present

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| Mrs Mary Fawbert | Chairman |
| Mrs Michelle de Vaal | Vice Chairman |
| Mr Richard Wells | Councillor |
| Mrs Lynette Jackson-Wilde | Councillor |
| Ms Sarah Sayer | Clerk to the Council |

Members of the Public

Mrs Jean Ireland
Mrs Sheila Waterson
Mr Peter Nesbitt

Item 1 - Introduction and Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr. Alan Fullerton and District Cllr. Susan Fairhurst

Item 2 – Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Item 3 - Matters arising from Minutes

Tour de France Legacy

- RG reported that the memorial plaque and information board relating to Private Arthur Poulter, who was awarded the Victoria Cross, is well underway and should be completed by the November PC Meeting.
- MdeV reported that the circular seat has been assessed by AF and MdeV. The condition is poor around the base and legs of the bench, but pretty sound above this. AF would be able to carry out the repair work but would need to remove the bench for a number of months for this to be carried out. AF to supply an estimate of costs prior to commencing any work. With regards the Tour de France engraving, three options were put forward:
 - i) Engrave the slats around the top of the bench with a logo, date and wording.
 - ii) Re-site the bench on stone flags and engrave the stone flags. It was thought that the flags could be sourced locally from West Tanfield, and Mr G Rhodes could be approached to do the engraving.
 - iii) Replace the whole bench with a new one and engrave slats around the top, cost approximately £1300.00

Resolved

Option 2 was unanimously supported.

Additional history of the bench to be recorded in the PC minutes: The wood for the bench was donated to East Witton Parish in or around the 1930's. The wood originally came from a ship.

Broadband

- Update from M de Vaal

A response to various emails enquiring about the progress made on this issue had finally arrived in the afternoon of 09 Sept 2015 – the date of the meeting. The reply was received from the Chief Executive of Superfast North Yorkshire and advised that “Regrettably SFNY were not able to include East Witton in Phase 2 of the rollout. Too expensive to take forward at £762.00 per property, pursue other options such as Wi-Fi or satellite.....”

The members of the public present at the meeting addressed The Chair with their concerns which are summarised as follows:

- Wi-Fi not an option in the village
- SFNY had not delivered on their promise to look at the ducting already in-situ as far as the tennis court.
- District Councillor Fairhurst should assist in taking the matter forward.
- Take matters further by involving MP and NY Councillor too.
- Rishi Sunak does not seem to have SFB on his agenda.
- PC hadn't done enough to take the matter forward following the meeting in January.
- North Yorkshire was supposed to be a pilot area, but seems to have been ignored.
- A village meeting should be called to discuss a way forward.
- Invite Cllr Harrison-Topham, Cllr Fairhurst and new CEO of SFNY to the meeting.

Resolved

MdeV to email again to ask the question “What has been done”, and to try and arrange another meeting date.

MF to put a note through the door of all properties in East Witton, advising of the response from SFNY, and stating that a further meeting will be arranged to see what can be done to take this forward for the village.

Notice Board

It was looking very smart since AF refurbished the wood and it was much better in the new position. RW to put a note in the Noticeboard directing people to put posters etc. through his door and he would ensure they were displayed and removed after the event.

Defibrillator

Notices have been put up about what to do in an emergency and an article has also appeared in Bridge. Further training has already taken place with more to follow.

Christmas Tree wiring

A stone flag has been placed over the box and the temporary wiring removed until required again in December.

The Parish Council also verbally agreed that the tree could be erected again this year and advised PN that there was no need to put in the request annually.

Item 4 – Correspondence

YDNPA – Local Plan Consultation – No Comments

BT – Adopt a phone box contract. Signed and returned.

YDNPA Parish Forum invite – To accept and attend.

Adam Curtis – Web Design Contract – Signed and returned pending funding.

NYCC – Footpath diversion consultation at Ellingstring – No objections.

Item 5 – Planning

Consultations

15/00583/FULL – Hydro Scheme, Castle Lodge – Support

15/00441/FUL – Extension to building at Cover Bridge Farm – No objections, but would like to see further landscaping.

R/89/ 125 - Erection of two storey rear extension and replacement of oil tank at 39 East Witton – no objections

Decisions

15/00279/FULL & 15/00280/LBC – Internal and external alterations and improvements at The Old Hall, Jervaulx – Granted 16 June 2015

Item 6 – Accounts

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

Expenditure

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| Farm & Land Services | £151.20 |
| St John's, East Witton | £150.00 |
| Miss S L Sayer - Clerk | £219.13 |
| The Theatre Touring Company | £235.00 |
| HMRC | £54.60 |
| Farm & Land Services | £298.80 |
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| NYCC - Grit Bin re-fill | £90.00 |
| BT Payphones Ltd | £1.00 |

Receipts

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| Touring Theatre Event | £152.00 |
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Item 7 – Halloween Party

This matter was discussed, but in view of the fact that no approach has yet been made to the Parish Council, there was very little that could be done at this stage. Janey had telephoned PN in February to advise that she wanted to book the Parish Room and the village green for a party in aid of the Injured Jockeys Racing Welfare Fund. PN advised Janey to book the room with Diane and contact the Parish Clerk about the village green. Contact details were provided.

Janey contacted Diane about booking the hall and the matter was raised at the Parish Room meeting. Condition for all users of the hall have been formulated and will be handed out to all persons who wish to hire the hall. The full conditions are available from Diane.

It was thought that the Parish Council should formulate similar conditions for use of the VG.

Resolved

The PC to wait until Janey had requested use of the VG before responding.

PC to formulate a set of conditions for all users to include:

No parking of vehicles on the green and noise restrictions after a certain time. (Further discussion needed to finalise the details)

Item 8 – Any Other Business

None

Item 9 – Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 25 November 2015 at 7.30pm in the Parish Room.

Signature.....

Date.....

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