

MINUTES OF THE EAST WITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 September 2016 IN THE PARISH ROOM

Present

Mrs Mary Fawbert	Chairman
Mrs Michele De Vaal	Vice Chairman
Mr Alan Fullerton	Councillor
Mr Richard Wells	Councillor
Mrs Christine Dent	Councillor
Ms Sarah Sayer	Clerk to the Council

Item 1 - Introduction and Apologies

The Chairman made the introductions. No apologies received, but Michele would be late to arrive due to another commitment.

Item 2 – Public Questions

None

Item 3 – Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Item 4 - Matters arising from Minutes

Touring Theatre Company Event

All agreed that the performance had been a success and very well received. The Parish Council plan to hold a similar event in July 2017.

Potholes

Despite correspondence with NYCC, no action has been taken to repair the potholes around the village. **It was resolved that the Clerk would write to County Councillor Roger Harrison-Topham, to see if he could press the case.**

Sowden Back/Fell Lane

The Parish Council have had no notification of the road works, which involve closing the road for 3 weeks. The new road surface is tarmac, which raised concerns about the safety of the lane during the winter months, should it snow or freeze.

Smaller Councils Transparency Fund Application

Further communication received from YLCA, advising that the fund was open for applications for 2016/17. Councils can apply for items such as internet connection, internet subscription, word processing/spreadsheet software, additional training if required and officer time to ensure that the Council keeps compliant with the Transparency Fund. **Clerk to look at funding for the word processing/spreadsheet package, security and hosting costs for the year.**

Item 5 – Correspondence

- NHS Hambleton & Richmondshire – Public Consultations Dates and Venues.
- YLCA – Seeking information regarding defibrillators on behalf of Middleham TC
- NYCC – 2017/18 Approved Highway Schemes.
- NYLCA – Transparency Fund application dates for Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec 2016.
- W2W – Wheels to Work scheme publicity.

Item 6 – Planning

Consultations:

R/89/105D & E/LB – Full Planning and Listed building consent for conversion of outbuilding to ancillary accommodation at 12 East Witton – No Comments.

Decisions:

R/89/105D & E/LB – Full planning and listed building consent for conversion of outbuilding to ancillary accommodation at 12 East Witton – Conditional Approval 19/08/2016.

Item 7 - Accounts

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

Expenditure

Farm & Land Services	£151.20
St John's Church	£150.00
S L Sayer	£219.13
HMRC	£ 54.60
Library Theatre Touring Co.	£245.00
Farm & Land Services	£226.80

Receipts

Parish Precept	£1514.00
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The balance stood at **£3,524.58**

Clerk to look into the grass cutting purchase order for NYCC.

Item 8 – Any Other Business

Adopted Telephone Kiosk

Suggestions so far have been for a book exchange or information point.

Councillors decided that a combination of both would work well. The kiosk would need fitting out. RW proposed that we set a deadline of Easter 2017 for completion of a refurbishment scheme. Cllrs. to look into different ideas for the final design and bring those to the November meeting, so that an action plan can be formulated.

Cherry Trees

The oldest cherry tree is growing lopsided. **Clerk to contact Farm & Land Services and arrange for the tree to be pruned and re-shaped.**

Fallen Branch over Public Right of Way

A branch has fallen off a tree situated in the garden of 42 East Witton, and is over the footpath behind the Chapel. Councillors agreed that it was the responsibility of the owners of the tree to remove the obstruction. RW to speak to Mr & Mrs Butcher, to see if they can have it removed as soon as possible.

The Old Churchyard Wall

An area of the boundary wall has partially collapsed and is in need of repair. **Clerk to contact RDC to see if they can look at scheduling the work.**

Church Clock

The clock has stopped working properly. Responsibility for the clock lies with the Church Council and they are looking into the issue at the moment.

Broadband

AF reported that an application had been made to site a BT broadband apparatus box at the bottom of the village, near to The Holly Tree. Alan to keep the PC up to date with developments.

Item 9 – Date of the next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 23 November 2016, commencing 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.....

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