

MINUTES OF THE EAST WITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 May 2018 IN THE PARISH ROOM

Present

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

Item 1 - Introduction and Apologies

Apologies received from Richard Wells and District Cllr. Fairhurst

Item 2 – Re-election of Members

The Chairman stepped down from the Chair and asked the Clerk to seek nominations for the post of Chairman. Cllr. De Vaal proposed Cllr. Fawbert and this was seconded by Cllr. Dent. 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 Public Questions

None

Item 4 – Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Item 5 - Matters arising from Minutes

None

Item 6 – Correspondence

- NYCC – Community Awards – Seeking nominations – No candidates proposed by EWPC.
- Velo29 Events – Notification of Sportive through village on 09 June 2018. Noted
- NYCC – Renewal of subsidised local bus service consultation.
- Leyburn Town Plan Steering Group – Launch Event details 12 June 2018.
- NYCC Democratic Services – New Area Constituency Committees.
- YDNPA – Notes circulated from the Parish Forum meetings.
- PCC – Appeal for Communities to have their say on rural crime.
- Area 1 Richmondshire – Parish Council workshop dates circulated.
- NYCC – Parish Council Archives letter looking at what future provision would be recommended.
- Norman F Brown – Best Kept Village competition. Resolved not to nominate East Witton as a participating village.
- Dept. Leader Magistrates North Yorkshire – Update on closure of Northallerton Courthouse.
- Pat Coulson LDWA – 50 mile walk in the area May 2018.
- Zurich – Notification of renewal of annual insurance. Accepted and paid.
- YLCA – General Data Protection Regulations – various updates.
- NALC – 2% National Salary Award for Clerks. See Item 9.
- RDC – Street lighting – Contractors need 8 week lead in to do works. New lantern ordered Feb 2018.

Item 7 – Planning

Consultations:

None.

Decisions:

None

Item 8 – Accounts

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

Expenditure (Since March Meeting)

YLCA Training GPDR	£ 38.25
YLCA Membership	£ 121.00
S L Sayer	£ 219.13
HMRC	£ 54.60
Accountant Fee	£ 54.90
Event Hire Equipment (deposit)	£ 336.00
Curtis Web Design	£ 130.00
Strutt & Parker	£ 1.00
Zurich	£ 417.71
Event Equipment Hire (balance)	£1344.00

Receipts

YLCA Training Fee refund	£ 4.50
Parish Precept	£1625.00
RDC – Parish Room Hire	£ 56.75

The balance stood at **£1,868.85**

NB: Still have RDC Tour de Yorkshire grant to come in to cover the cost of the big screen. £1680.00 less VAT.

Cheques were signed at the meeting as follows:

Farm & Land Services	£ 153.60	Cheque No: 100498
East Witton Parish Room	£ 50.00	Cheque No:100499

Item 9 – Clerks Salary

A National 2% pay increase from April 2018 has been awarded.

Proposed to increase the Clerks pay by 2% in line with the National Award.

Resolved to accept.

Item 10 – GPDR Regulation Policy for EWPC

Proposed to adopt the Policy as per the circulated papers.

Resolved to adopt the Policy,

Clerk to upload to website.

Item 11 – Any Other Business

Street Lighting - Lowthorpe

The Chairman reported that the fault had still not been fixed and a further bulb was now out on the corner of the Parish Room. **Clerk to chase up RDC.**

Holiday Cottages with outside lights being left on.

EW resident noted that the outside lights on two cottages were regularly being left on by

departing guests. Waste of energy, light pollution issues. **Note to owners from EWPC stating that this was an issue and the owners need to add a note to the guest pack to request the lights are turned off on departure.**

Grass cutting

The cuts have been sub-standard last year, and the Parish may need to go out to tender for the next Season 2019/20. **Councillors to monitor and report back to Clerk if further action is needed.**

YDNPA Boundary Sign

A meeting was held with YDNPA Ranger and Councillors on 03 April 2018. Ranger explained difficulties with dismantling the stone plinth and possible cost of rebuilding existing plinth to continue to house Village Name, and the cost of new sign at the bottom of the village. Councillors looked at possible places for a new sign, but there were obvious Highway issues if the sign was adjacent to the road. It was also thought not practical to site the sign on the Parish Room. The consensus was that it would be a big job and costly. The burden of cost would fall on the Parish Council. Decided to move it was not practical at present.

Interpretation Board

Clerk to consider the option of having one in the village. Possible sources of income from YDNPA Sustainability Fund and maybe RDC Community Grant Scheme.

Date of the next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 19 September 2018, 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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