

MINUTES OF THE EAST WITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 March 2019 IN THE PARISH ROOM

Present

Mrs Mary Fawbert	Chairman
Mr Alan Fullerton	Councillor
Mr Richard Wells	Councillor
Mrs Christine Dent	Councillor
Ms Sarah Sayer	Clerk to the Council
Mrs Sue Fairhurst	RDC Councillor

Item 1 - Introduction and Apologies

Cllr de Vaal sent apologies.

Item 2 Public Questions

None

Item 3 – Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record of the meeting.

Item 4 - Matters arising from Minutes

Market Charter

Cllr Fawbert and the Clerk have investigated this and found a record to say that the Charter was granted in 1219. We may look at celebrating this later in the year.

<http://www.outofoblivion.org.uk/>

During the 13th century, more and more charters were granted. Wensley had a market and fair from 1202, East Witton from 1219, Settle from 1249 and Grassington from 1281.

Footpath near Coverbridge

The path is much improved following works by the landowner, and work to ensure that the right of way continues to be accessible to the public will be carried out annually.

Stile at Braithwaite Lane

This was mended by the YDNPA Ranger shortly after it was reported.

Bird Boxes

Richard and Alan have 10 bird boxes ready to be put up. Christine offered use of the quad and trailer to transport the ladder, equipment and bird boxes to the selected sites.

Flesh Beck

This is now running again following the recent rainfall.

Item 5 – Correspondence

- Janie Molyneux – Request to hold an event on the village green on 26 October 2019. There will be Army vehicles and motorbikes on display as well as possibly a tank. **Clerk to respond that the Parish Council give permission for the event, with the proviso that they reserve the right to prohibit vehicles on the village green, should the ground conditions be thought to be too soft.**
- YDNPA - Management Plan 2019-2024 Forum – Notes for circulation.
- RDC – Grants available for the TDY, up to £1000.00. Cllrs noted it was half the sum available last year.
- Hazel Moore – 2019 Best Kept Village Competition – decided not to take part.
- YDNPA – Spring Parish Forum invitation. RW and MF/MV to attend. **Clerk has emailed YDNPA.**

- RDC – Notification of Tour de Yorkshire Roadshows. Circulated.
- YLCA – White Rose update – circulated.
- Julian Sutcliffe – Dales Police Report - circulated.
- RDC – Elections on 02 May 2019. Notification received, and the guide will follow.
- RDC – Papers circulated for the Lower Area Partnership Meeting.
- Bezerkaz – Circus skills for hire – circulated.
- Peter Nesbitt – Christmas Tree invoice and summary - £30.00. Agreed to issue the cheque as per decision taken at the November Meeting. **Clerk to pass on the cheque.**
- Peter Nesbitt – Email advising that his second appeal via Bridge Magazine has resulted in Tony Whitbread from No. 29, volunteering to take on the Christmas tree initiative as Peter is moving away from the village. Alan agreed to help with the electrics, Sarah and Andy with putting up the lights as well as Julia and Nick Brown, and there was an offer of assistance from John Cooper and Paul from No.48.

Item 6 – Planning

Consultation:

18/00746/FULL – Change of use of land to domestic, new access and parking and construction of detached double garage with garden room to first floor. Comments submitted to say it could possible lead to the field facilitating the building of a new dwelling, the design didn't fit well with the historic setting, and the garage was fairly removed from the host dwelling in the position proposed. No decision issued yet.

19/00062/FULL – Full Planning Permission for proposed agricultural building to house 3no. robotic milking machines, 44no. cattle cubicles and feed storage areas at Waterloo Farm, Lowthorpe, East Witton. Comments submitted about the intensification of use of Lowthorpe Lane and the cumulative effect of individual developments over recent years. No decision issued yet.

Decisions:

None to report.

Item 7 - Accounts

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

Expenditure (since the November meeting)

Farm & Land Services	£153.60
S L Sayer	£266.59
HMRC	£ 66.60

Expenditure due before end of year

Mr P Nesbitt (Christmas tree) £ 30.00	
St Johns Church	£150.00
East Witton Parish Room (Hire)	£ 48.00
S L Sayer (Web Domain & Host)	£ 49.18
S L Sayer	£266.59
HMRC	£ 66.60
YLCA Membership	£125.00
Accountants Fee	£60.00
Adam Curtis Web Services	£130.00

Receipts due before end of year

HMRC Vat Refund	£663.05
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The balance stood at **£2,586.13**

Accounts cont.

Tender process for Grass Cutting contract

Barry Robertson

£145/cut 13-16 cuts/year £2320

Farm & Land Services

£78/cut 13 cuts/year £1014

Gareth Hastie

£120/cut main village green 14 cuts/year £1680 £1880

£25/cut War Memorial 8 cuts/year £200

Proposed:

Accept Farm & Land Services quote

Resolved:

To accept Farm & Land Services quote. **Clerk wrote to all contractors thanking them for their tenders and sent letter of acceptance to Farm & Land Services.**

Item 8 – Lowthorpe Lane

RW spoke about the traffic issues Lowthorpe Lane. The increase in vehicle movements and the size of vehicles was of potential concern.

The first task is to survey the amount of traffic on Lowthorpe. AF to ask NYCC about the cost and procedure involved in installing a traffic counter on Lowthorpe.

Proposed:

The Parish Council would initiate investigations and gather evidence of use over the late Spring/Summer 2019 if thought to be necessary.

Resolved:

To take the above course of action.

Item 9 – Tour de Yorkshire Event

Saturday 04 May 2019 – An evening social event in the Parish Room and garden. Possibly a BBQ and quiz. All money raised from the tickets and the raffle (less expenses), will go to Help for Heroes – official charity of the Tour de Yorkshire.

R Wells to form a small sub-committee to organise the events.

Sunday 05 May 2019 – East Witton stage of the race. Propose to have an event in the Parish Room, with a large screen TV and tea/coffee refreshments. Proceeds to go to local groups including Under 5's, Church, WI and the Parish Room.

Clerk to apply to RDC Tour de Yorkshire fund for money to buy bunting and flags. RW to provide costings from two suppliers.

Item 10 - Any Other Business

Defibrillator Group

Judy Metcalfe approached MF to say that the group would like to move the defibrillator from inside the Parish Room to an outside accessible location, on the external wall of the Blue Lion (Paul Klein has agreed to put electricity through from the pub to the box), facing the Holly Tree. It is thought that the Blue Lion is a listed building and so LBC would be required. MF to speak to Judy about this. The Parish Council to apply for funding to provide the waterproof casing needed. **Clerk to look into this and contact Jane Ritchie in the first instance for advice on the fund and the**

application process.

Dog dirt in gateways

A member of the public has brought this issue to the attention of the PC. It is not entirely clear which locations are a problem. RW commented that he believed the situation had improved. Keep an eye on it and act if the problem persists.

Traffic turning out of the Blue Lion

The grass opposite the egress onto the highway, outside of Mr & Mrs Bussey’s property is being eroded by vehicles taking a wide turn. The PC has been asked to look at having the grass edged with stone setts. AF advised that permission for any work adjacent to the highway would need the consent of NYCC Highways. RW queried the ownership of the land. It is not registered village green.

Proposed:

MF to verbally advise that to the best of our knowledge the PC has no record of any right over the land. The occupiers of the property should check their deeds to see if it is on them. It is currently unknown who has responsibility over the land.

Resolved:

To act as above initially and take further action if it is found to be the responsibility of the PC.

Blue Lion Staff House

A significant amount of rubbish was accumulating at the property and blowing around the village due to the high winds. Paul Klein has spoken to the staff who occupy the property (25 East Witton), and the situation has improved considerably.

PC to monitor and if necessary contact Environmental Health Officers at the District Council.

Item 11 – Date of the next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 13 May 2019 and will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting. This will commence 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.....REDACTED.....

Date...13 May 2019.....