

MINUTES OF THE EAST WITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 09 September 2020
Via Zoom Meeting ID: 482 683 9326
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Present

Mrs M Fawbert Chairman
Mrs M de Vaal Vice Chairman
Mrs C Dent Councillor
Mrs S Fairhurst District Councillor
Mr M Grayson NYCC
Cllr K Sedgwick NYCC Councillor
Additional NYCC Representatives for Item 5.

Item 1

Apologies

a. Cllr R Wells and Cllr A Fullerton.

Item 2

To note any Declarations of Interest

a. Clerk declared an interest in Item 9.

Item 3

Public Participation

None.

Item 4

Minutes

a. The minutes of the last meeting held on 17 June 2020 were approved with amendments to site address for R/89/115N. Change West Witton to East Witton.

Item 5

Mobile Access North Yorkshire (MANY) Project

Michael Grayson (NYCC) provided information about the 2-year project which is to provide infrastructure which can connect rural areas to 4G and superfast broadband. Coverdale has been identified as an area with poor coverage. Councillors queried costs, which are free during the pilot scheme but will involve a business plan going forward. The project would seek to address social isolation, tourism, emergency services and environmental monitoring.

EWPC to decide of Parish involvement.

Resolved: to discuss at the November meeting.

Item 6

Parking on the Village Green

EWPC discussed the issue. One letter has been sent by Strutt & Parker to their tenant, but further issues had arisen with other properties.

Resolved: To send a village Newsletter to residents which would include a reminder not to park on the VG and remind residents of the responsibility of the Parish Council in adhering to the terms of the lease. **Cllr Wells to draft a Newsletter for Councillors to look at prior to circulation to residents. The newsletter could be along the lines of what was in Bridge with regards to Parish Council involvement – bench, bins and new grass cutting contractors, also thank residents for help with the grass.**

Item 7

Quoits Pitches

A member of the quoits team inspected the pitches and noted that one of the covers is rotted and would need to be repaired if the quoits pitches were to be retained. There was a general feeling that some villagers would like to keep the quoits pitches, but others were open to them being removed. If they are to be removed

the clay would be taken away and the empty boxes could be infilled with soil and planted.

It was noted that 2021 is the 25-year Anniversary of the annual Johnny Fawbert Memorial Trophy and it would be nice to hold that one last year. It was also possible to hold the Memorial match at another venue if necessary.

One idea put forward by a resident was to sow the area with wildflower seed and create a wildflower area. A note on this item from Cllr Wells was read out by the Chair, which showed the support of Cllr Wells for this idea. Cllr. Dent mentioned Jamesons at Masham has done something similar and could be approached for information on the seed mix.

Resolved: To remove the clay from the quoits pitches and create an area of wildflower meadow in that space, covering a wider rectangle over the whole area, rather than four squares or two strips.

Item 8 **Unitary Authority Proposals**

To discuss the recent email from RDC outlining the proposals NYCC are putting forward for North Yorkshire. Sue Fairhurst to give the view from the standpoint of District Councillor. Karin Sedgwick will send in her letter on the subject, which will be circulated.

The Chairman read out notes submitted by Cllr Wells, which were thought to be very good and it was agreed that they should form the basis of the Parish Council response.

Resolved: To ask Cllr Wells to formulate a response based on the notes read out by the Chairman.

Item 9 **Clerks Salary**

To receive NALC information on the Clerk salary and to determine if EWPC wish to increase Clerks salary in line with the guidance.

Resolved: To increase to SCP point 17. **NOTE:** Clerk wishes to point out an error in her report that the salary had not been reviewed since 2014. After emailing the accountant it was advised that the rate had been reviewed in 2018 and was currently on the 2018 SCP 17 rate, so in actual monetary terms the increase per hour is 17p before tax. Clerk content with that outcome. (Please note that the hourly rate quoted in the report was after deduction of tax, therefore 20% lower than actual salary band – hence the confusion)

Item 10 **Planning**

- a. To consider planning applications received (Appendix 1)

Reference No.	Proposal	Comment	Date
	NONE		

- b. Planning Decisions

Reference No.	Proposal	Decision	Date
R/89/115N	Householder planning permission for construction of raised decking area in garden (retrospective) at Grange Farm, East Witton	Granted	28.07.20
R/89/16E	full planning permission for siting of Shepherds Hut for use as holiday accommodation at 22 East Witton	Granted	17.07.20
R/89/129B/GPDO	application for prior approval for erection of agricultural building for use as lambing shed at East Witton Lodge, East Witton	Granted	21.08.20
20/00169/FULL	Full Planning Permission for Demolition of Existing Agricultural Building and Erection of a Steel Portal Framed	Granted	02.07.20

	Building for Equine Purposes (New Location Plan (Repositioned Site Area to Avoid Flood Zone - Dated 2nd June 2020) at Fleets Farm, East Witton, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 4SR - AMENDED PROPOSAL		
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c. To consider any other planning related issue

Clerk advised that the works to 1 Jervaulx Cottages had been reported to RDC. A chase up email sent, but no further information had been received regarding the works. The correspondence was with the Enforcement Officer, so it appears they are investigating to see if there has been a breach of the regulations. Covid-19 restrictions may have prevented/slowed down site investigations and face to face discussions with the owners. **Clerk to chase again.**

Item 11 Accounts

To approve payments and receipts as detailed in Appendix 2

Appendix 2		Sum
	Payments	
18.06.20	Anthony Goulthorpe (Grass 1 & 2)	£225.00
26.06.20	S.L.Sayer	£266.59
26.06.20	HMRC	£66.60
23.06.20	Wrigleys Solicitors	£600.00
12.07.20	Anthony Goulthorpe (Grass 3 & 4)	£225.00
22.07.20	Hill & Sons (sand and gravel)	£195.00
24.08.20	Anthony Goulthorpe (Grass 5,6,7)	£345.00
	Receipts	
03.06.20	HMRC Vat Refund	£571.54

To note budget situation as detailed in Appendix 3

Appendix 3	Budget Situation
Income to date £4195.45 + balance b/f of £1,377.08	£5572.53
Expenditure to date 2020/21	(£2,402.36)
Balance	£ 3170.17

Item 12 Correspondence

a. To note correspondence received.

From	Description	Action
Sustainable Swaledale – (regarding RDC position on Climate Emergency.)	Email asking if EWPC would like to be a signatory on a letter to the District Council requesting clarification of the authority's proposed objectives & methodology and offering the support of local groups in achieving the aims of the original declaration.	Reply required by 03 July 2020. EWPC did not put forward a reply.
NY Police	Monthly updates	Noted
NALC	White Rose Updates	Noted
Police Crime and Fire Commissioner	AJ1 Project Road Safety Fund -Projects will be asked to focus on improving road safety for children and young people, cyclists, motorcyclists and older road users with bids invited from Councils and other community groups. One-off grants of up to £20,000 can be applied for and bids which include matched funding from other sources will be eligible to receive an additional 10 per cent on top of the amount requested.	No project bid was proposed by EWPC.

Hambleton & Richmondshire Rural Transport & Access Partnership (RTAP).	Invitation to attend Zoom meeting.	Not taken up by EWPC.
Safer Roads Fund	Proposed layouts and response forms regarding various road proposals in the area (none in East Witton)	No comments.
NY Police	Response to email from EWPC reporting illegal hedge trimming in roadside between Cover Bridge and the village.	Police advised that the Rural Payments Agency would investigate as it is a matter that would be covered by 'cross compliance' rules. Resolved by Cllr Wells speaking to landowner.
St John's Church Committee	Request to hold an open-air Service on the VG on 19 July 2020.	PC happy to allow the Service on the VG.
NYCC	Newsletter and Covid-19 Update.	Noted
YDNPA	Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan Annual Progress Report for 2020.	Noted
YDNPA	Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Local Plan 2023-2040 Consultation No.2 – Exploring our options – 'Ambitions'	No Comments
Angie Dale Leader of RDC	Government desire to see a Unitary Council rather than two-tier system.	Noted and asked Cllr Fairhurst to provide more info. at the Sept t meeting of the PC.
Examination of Hambleton Local Plan	Invitation to attend the hearing sessions.	Noted, and no uptake from EWPC.

Correspondence sent from 13 June 2020 – 31 August 2020

Recipient	Description	Comments
Strutt & Parker	EWPC brought the issue of unauthorised parking on the VG by an Estate tenant, to the attention of the Agent.	Agent to write to the tenant to request that cars are not parked on the VG
Julian Sutcliffe NY Police	Email to NY Police regarding hedgerow trimming on road between Cover Bridge and East Witton	Advised to contact RPA.
RDC	Email to ask that the issue of works to 1 Jervaulx Cottages be investigated	Chase up email sent in August, but no further information received from RDC.

Item 13 - To note matters for information and items for next meeting agenda

- Quoits Pitch/Wildflower Meadow
- Mobile Access North Yorkshire (MANY) Project
- Parish Precept

Item 14 - To confirm date and time of next meeting

Date of the next meeting is 25 November 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

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

Signature.....

Date.....