

MINUTES OF THE EAST WITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25 November 2020
Via Zoom Meeting ID: 719 8882 6560
Passcode: 3FtrnB

Present

Mrs M Fawbert	Chairman
Mrs M de Vaal	Vice Chairman
Mrs C Dent	Councillor

Item 1 **Apologies**
Cllr R Wells and Cllr A Fullerton.

Item 2 **To note any Declarations of Interest**
None

Item 3 **Public Participation**
None.

Item 4 **Minutes**
The minutes of the last meeting held on 09 Sept 2020 were approved and signed by the Clerk on the instruction of the Chairman.

Item 5 **Matters arising**
Mobile Access North Yorkshire (MANY) Project
EWPC to decide of Parish involvement.

Resolved: No further comments. No involvement required by EWPC.

Quoits Pitches

Discussed process used by Jamesons at Masham. Cllr Dent had discussed it with them and found that the wildflower meadow/area would need seeding every year in and required quite a lot of looking after at the end of the growing season to keep it looking good. Bags of seeds were about £40, and soil would be needed to level up the quoits pitches after the clay had been removed. Cllr. Fawbert has some topsoil at the church yard which could be used.

Cllrs. thought it would be nice to ask villagers if they would like to be involved in the project and possibly set up a working party. This could be included in the letter to villagers. Cllr. Wells to be asked to put something together for distribution.

Parking on the Village Green

The letter to the tenants has had a positive result and parking is now on the road. PC to monitor it.

Unitary Authority Proposals

Responded to the RDC questionnaire about PC involvement and letter outlining the views of EWPC sent to all parties. No further comments.

Item 6 **Abandoned Car**
This has been removed by the owner. Clerk had reported it to RDC, but they had no powers to remove a car which was taxed and tested and parked legally on the highway.

Item 7 **Review Grass Cutting Contract**

Councillors discussed the contract we currently have with Anthony Goulthorpe. It is more expensive per cut than our previous contractors, but the PC were satisfied with the work and there had been no complaints received from villagers.

Resolved: To retain the current contractors for a further year subject to price per cut remaining around the same level.

Clerk to check price and confirm.

Item 8 **Parish Council Liability for incidents on the Village Green**

Cllr. Wells raised an issue prior to the meeting relating to rope swings on the village green, and if the Parish Council would be liable for any personal accidents. The Clerk attended a YCLA Seminar on Risk Assessments and raised the question during Q&A.

The advice was that if the PC could identify the owner of the rope swing it should be brought to their attention. The PC could carry out a risk assessment or put up a sign saying it was 'at your own risk to use the swing, with no recourse to the Parish Council'.

Cllr. De Vaal, said that her family had put the rope swing on the tree primarily for use by Grandchildren, but acknowledged that other children would be able to use it too. Cllr De Vaal's son is a qualified climbing instructor/ropes man and the rope used was suitable for the purpose of a swing.

Clerk to carry out a risk assessment using template provided at the seminar.

Item 9 **Planning**

Planning Consultations

Reference No.	Proposal	Comment	Date
20/00765/FULL	Full Planning Permission for Sub-Division of Existing B&B into a Dwellinghouse and Holiday Cottage, to Include Amendments to Fenestration and Installation of Two Shepherds Huts at Park House, Jervaulx, Ripon, North Yorkshire, HG4 4PH	No Comments	21.11.20
20/00639/FULL	Full Planning Permission for Single Storey Rear Kitchen and en-suite Bedroom Extension at 3 Lowthorpe, East Witton	None	11.09.20

Planning Decisions

Reference No.	Proposal	Decision	Date
20/00639/FULL	Full Planning Permission for Single Storey Rear Kitchen and en-suite Bedroom Extension at 3 Lowthorpe, East Witton	Granted	Fri 23 Oct 2020

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Item 10 Accounts

To approve payments and receipts as detailed in Appendix 2 - Approved

Appendix 2		Sum
	<u>Payments</u>	
14.09.20	Anthony Goulthorpe (Grass 8)	£105.00
25.09.20	S.L.Sayer	£270.13
07.10.20	HMRC	£67.40
07.10.20	Anthony Goulthorpe (Grass 9,10)	£225.00
30.10.20	Royal British Legion (Leyburn branch)	£17.50
30.10.20	Microsoft Subscription via clerk	£79.99
13.11.20	Anthony Goulthorpe (Grass 11,12)	£240.00
		<u>£1005.02</u>
	<u>Receipts</u>	

To note budget situation as detailed in Appendix 3 - Noted

Appendix 3	Budget Situation
Income to date £4195.45 + balance b/f of £1,366.17	£5561.62
Expenditure to date 2020/21	(£3,407.38)
Balance	£ 2154.24

Item 11 Parish Precept

Setting the precept - summary

The November 2020 balance is down about £1300 on previous years.

Expenses have arisen in respect of:

- increase to grass cutting £520
- Legal cost for lease of VG £600
- Additional materials beyond RDC grant (£1000 – grant sum)
- Bench was £1,295
- Fixings, paving, mortar £216

Total £1,631 – over normal spending

Apart from the grass cutting, the extra expenditure is not normally an annual cost.

Resolved: To increase the Parish Precept by £200 for 2021/22 – the full precept sum being £3650.00.

Item 12 Correspondence

Noted - Correspondence received from 01 September – 16 November 2020

From	Description	Action
YDNPA	Parish Forums cancelled – info sent about Zoom	n/a

	Conference "Green New Dales" – 03 & 17 Oct 2020.	
RDC	Stronger Communities Grants – Restore & recover	Circulated.
YLCA	White Rose Updates	Noted
RDC	Best churchyard competition	Forwarded to MF for Church Committee
Julian Sutcliffe	Police Reports	Noted
RDC	Council Tax Reduction Scheme consultation	No comments.
Cllr Karin Sedgwick	Shared her letter to Simon Clarke MP regarding the Unitary council/authority proposals.	Noted
RDC	Richmondshire Area Partnership funding 2020/21	Circulated – no replies received.
Citizens Advice	Service bulletin	Noted
NYCC	Covid advice updates	Noted
Rishi Sunak	Reply to our letter regarding the Unitary proposals	Circulated
Admin YLCA	Seminar on Risk Assessment	Clerk to attend.
RDC	Letter from Angie Dale – requesting thoughts to be submitted via Get Change Right website.	Clerk to seek Cllrs. instruction on this, considering the letter already sent.

Correspondence sent from 01 September – 16 November 2020

Recipient	Description	Comments
NYCC, RDC, Rishi Sunak CC Cllr Fairhurst and Cllr Sedgwick	EWPC letter regarding unitary proposals	
RDC	Reported streetlight No.8 on A6108 – not working	Awaiting action.
RDC	Reported abandoned car.	Received telephone call from Lee Richards. Clerk to update at the meeting.

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

- Quoits Pitch/Wildflower Meadow
- Village Party 2021

Item 14 - To confirm date and time of next meeting

Date of the next meeting is 10 March 2021 at 7.30pm – venue to be confirmed.

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

Signature.....

Date.....