

MINUTES OF THE EAST WITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 May 2021 IN THE PARISH ROOM.

Present

Mrs M Fawbert	Chairman
Mr A Fullerton	Councillor
Mrs C Dent	Councillor
Mr RM Wells	Councillor
Ms Sarah Sayer	Clerk to the Parish Council
Mags Cran	Resident of East Witton

Item 1 **Introduction and Apologies**

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present. Apologies were received from Cllr. M de Vaal, Catherine Whitbread, and District Cllr. S Fairhurst. The reasons were noted.

Item 1a **Election of Councillors**

The Chairman stepped down from the Chair and asked the Clerk to seek nominations for the post of Chairman. Cllr. Dent proposed Cllr. Fawbert and this was seconded by Cllr. Wells. Councillor Fawbert accepted the position. The Clerk then asked for nominations for the post of Vice Chairman. Cllr. Wells proposed Cllr. De Vaal and this was seconded by Cllr. Fullerton. Councillor De Vaal had advised the Chair that the position was accepted in her absence.

Item 2 **To note any Declarations of Interest**

None

Item 3 **Item 3 – Public Participation**

Nothing raised by any member of the public prior to the meeting, nor at the meeting itself.

Item 4 **Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 10 March 2021 were approved and signed by the Chair.

Item 5 **Matters arising**

Wildflower Meadow

The area has now been seeded, but more help was required from villagers if possible, especially by way of providing plants for the area. Cllr. Wells will write an article for the Parish Magazine – Bridge. Thanks were expressed to Richard and Alan for the work they have done to date.

Clerk to investigate any grants which might be available.

Village Party

Councillors were keen to do something later in the Summer, possibly on the eve of Yorkshire Day. Saturday 31 July 2021.

A quiz and pie and pea supper, with tickets at around £5 pp was proposed, on the proviso it could be cancelled at any time if the situation regarding Covid restrictions changed.

Item 6 **Planning Consultations**

None

Planning Decisions

Reference No.	Proposal	Decision	Date
20/00765/FULL	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	No comments to make.	Approved 16/03/2021
21/00092/FULL	Renovation of cottage to include side and rear extensions (retrospective) at 1 Jervaulx Cottages, Kilgram Lane, Jervaulx	No objections	Approved 30/03/2021

Item 7

Accounts

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

Appendix 2		Sum
	Payments	
15.03.21	Marquess Downshire VG Rent	£1.00
15.03.21	S.L.Sayer - Clerks salary	£270.13
24.03.21	HMRC	£67.40
23.03.21	YLCA Membership	£126.00
24.03.21	Adam Curtis Web Design	£130.00
20.04.21	TP Jones & Co LLP	£73.20
19.05.21	AG Services (cuts 1 & 2)	£230.00
19.05.21	Zurich Municipal	£438.22
	Receipts	
20.04.21	Parish Precept RDC	£ 3,650.00

To note budget situation as detailed in Appendix 3

Appendix 3	Budget Situation
Income to date (£3650.00) including balance b/f from 2020/21 and petty cash	£ 5,271.66
Expenditure to date 2021/22	(£741.42)
Balance	£ 4,530.24

Resolved To approve the accounts as presented.

Item 8

Correspondence

Noted as per the list presented with the agenda.

There was discussion about the campaign run by Friends of The Dales to 'Protect our verges'. It was decided that EWPC only had powers to restrict this on the two areas they were charged to cut on behalf of NYCC. It was noted that all the roadside verges have been cut by the District Council very recently, but they have left an area uncut next to the hedges. The village green would continue to be cut regularly except for the wildflower meadow which was being created to encourage more biodiversity.

Clerk to email a response.

Item 9

Litter/Dog Poo Bin request - Jervaulx

Prior to the meeting, the clerk had contacted District Councillor Sue Fairhurst to see if she could assist in the matter. Cllr. Fairhurst approached the District Council and

received a response, which advised that RDC cannot provide dog poo or litter bins on private commercial premises. The Policy at present has no scope to provide bins and there are no resources to increase dog bins. The Policy would only be reviewed if there was proved to be a real need for a bin on open/public land, at which point the Parish Council could be responsible for paying for the bin, which is around £270 per year.

The Parish Council did feel sympathy with Ms Burden at having the job of cleaning up after members of the public but felt they could not set a precedent and determined that the Parish Council was unable to support a bin on private commercial land.

Resolved: The Parish Council resolved not to support the request.

Item 10 **LGA Model Councillor Code of Conduct**

The 2020 Code of Conduct for Councillors was circulated with papers prior to the meeting.

Resolved: To adopt the 2020 Code of Conduct for Councillors.

Item 11 **To note matters for information and items for next meeting agenda**

- Website Compliance Policy
- Problem of large vehicles damaging the village green.

Item 12 **To confirm date and time of next meeting and the Annual Meeting**

Date of the next meeting is Wednesday 22 September 2021 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.....

Date.....