

MINUTES OF THE EAST WITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 May 2023 IN THE PARISH ROOM.

Present

Mrs M De Vaal Vice Chair
Mr R Wells Councillor
Mr A Fullerton Councillor
Ms Sarah Sayer Clerk to the Parish Council
Mrs Julia Brown Elizabeth Barnett Charity
2 Members of the public

Item 1 Introduction and Apologies

The Vice Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present. Apologies were received from Mary Fawbert, Christine Dent and Catherine Whitbread. The reasons given were due to health and work, and were accepted.

Item 2 Re-election of Councillors

Chair – Proposed by Michelle de Vaal, seconded by Richard Wells
Vice Chair – Proposed by Richard Wells, seconded by Alan Fullerton
Councillor Dent – Proposed by Julia Brown, seconded by Michelle de Vaal
Councillor Wells – Proposed by Julia Brown, seconded by Sheila Waterson
Councillor Fullerton – Proposed by Sheila Waterson, seconded by Michelle de Vaal

The 'acceptance of office' papers were completed at the meeting and signed by persons present. Clerk to deliver to RDC.

Item 3 To note any Declarations of Interest

None

Item 4 Item 3 – Public Participation

Issue raised in respect of the River Cover and the very poor state of the water. This has also led to a decline in wildlife. Parish Council to contact the National Park in the first instance and the Environment Agency. Richard Wells would also raise at the forthcoming Parish Forum. **Clerk to write to YDNPA and the EA**

Item 5 Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 08 March 2023 were approved and signed by the Vice Chair.

Item 6 Matters arising

Coronation Event

Attended by approximately 50 people. The good weather helped it to be successful. The BBQ was enjoyed by all. The 'Big Help Out' on the following day was well attended and work was carried out to tidy the Church grounds, weed the wildflower garden, power wash the benches and a new oak tree planted to replace the one which had been killed off. The oak tree was donated by Michael Pickard. **Clerk to write a letter of thanks.**

Villagers expressed a desire to do this sort of community thing more often as it was a great way of bringing people together for the good of the village. Richard Wells to set in motion a voluntary group who would lead on this. Ideas for future events was a Duck Race and possibly resurrecting the Bank Holiday Village Fete and quizzes, village get-togethers etc.

The coffee drop-in sessions would be a good place to distribute information.

Rotary Club – Best Kept Village

Noted that judging was to take place during the first two weeks in July and that the new Working Group may be able to think of ways to improve things/tidy areas to assist with improving our score.

General Issue regarding publicising Parish Meeting and other events

The lack of a means to circulate information was highlighted. The Parish Council items were always on the Notice Board and Website, but many people didn't have access to either. Similarly, now that Bridge was via email/online a lot of people didn't read it. It was suggested that a booklet be produced with PC member contact details and meeting dates be provided to every household, but this was dismissed due to costs. Noted that flyers worked well when events were planned.

Water on Braithwaite Lane

This issue has been resolved by Catherine Greenwood, from Strutt & Parker who looks after the East Witton Estate. **A letter of thanks will be sent out.**

Item 7

Middle Fell Access

Background – The Estate notified the Parish of recent occurrences where the Middle Fell was being used in breach of the Agreement. Very few people use it, so a targeted approach to advise those persons of the Agreement was carried out and hopefully this has resolved the issue.

Item 8

Community Grant Fund

The benches have been repaired and power washed and it has been decided that a new replacement benches are no longer required. Just need teak oiling. **Clerk to advise RDC that we will not proceed with the purchase.**

Item 9

Grass cutting Contract

The Parish Council have engaged the services of GCH Garden Maintenance. They have commenced and done 3 cuts so far. All looks fine.

Michelle advised that some spare turfs of 'Wildflower Meadow' may be available from No 1 Fell View. Could these be used elsewhere? Possible on Lowthorpe?

Item 10

Planning

- a) To consider planning applications received – Noted – no comments
- b) To consider any other planning related issue – Decisions noted, no other matters to discuss.

Planning Consultations

Reference No.	Proposal	Comments
23/00180/FULL	Full Planning Permission for Stable Block at Lane House, Lane House Farm, Kilgram Lane, Jervaulx, Ripon, North Yorkshire, HG4 4PQ	None

Planning Decisions

Reference No.	Proposal	Decision	Date
22/00890/FULL	Proposed extension (amended scheme) at Ramshaw Barn, Kilgram Lane, Jervaulx, Ripon	GRANTED	07/03/2023
23/00022	Slurry lagoon to support the farming enterprise at Waterloo Farm, Low Thorpe, East Witton	GRANTED	18/04/23

Item 11Accounts

To approve payments and receipts as detailed in Appendix 2

Appendix 2		Sum
2023/24	<u>Payments</u>	
10/04/23	YLCA	£130.00
10/04/23	East Witton Parish Room	£60.00
02/05/23	GCH Garden Maintenance	£320.00
09/05/23	Curtis Website Design	£190.00
		£700.00
2023/24	<u>Receipts</u>	
	NYC Parish Precept	£3850.00

To note budget situation as detailed in Appendix 3

Appendix 3 - On-going 2023/24	Budget Situation
Income to date (£3850.00) plus balance b/f from 2022/23 of £1508.35	£5,358.35
Expenditure to date 2023/24	£700.00
Balance at Bank + Petty Cash £9.91	£ 4668.26

Resolved To approve the accounts as presented.**Item 12**Correspondence

Correspondence received from 05 March 2023 and 08 May 2023

From	Description	Action
Zurich Insurance	Renewal quote and also a new type of insurance for smaller PC's	Renewal of our current insurance is £495.24, but if I go online for the new type of smaller Councils insurance from Zurich it is £277 including the War Memorial or £214 without the War Memorial. What cover is needed?
YDNPA	Potential Housing Development Sites Consultation	Circulated. RW replied to say no comments as none proposed within EWPC remit.
YDNPA	Local Plan Consultation	Circulated
YDNPA	Parish Forum invitation – Tuesday 23 May at 7pm at West Burton Village Hall	No takers as yet

Victoria Benn	Invitation to Community Event – Making space for Nature. 01 July 2023 at Addingham.	Circulated. Any interest?
Rural Arts	List of Touring Events 23/24	Circulated.
Richmond Rotary	Best Kept Village 2023 letter to say judging will be in July	Circulated
A Goulthorpe	Email to say retiring and cannot cut the grass this year.	Circulated
East Witton Estate	Letter regarding the rules for access onto Middle Fell	Circulated and R Wells to write a reminder for residents.
Police and Crime Commissioner	Quarterly Engagement Blog	Circulated
20's Plenty	Information sharing and updates	Circulated
NYC	Weekly list of planning applications	Circulated
NYC	Publishing Members details on new NYC website	Circulated forms. Recd back from Mary and Richard
NYCC	LGR updates	Circulated
Barclays Bank	Periodic Review	Circulated to MF and MdeV. Going to see if we can find out what to do on Mon 15 May.
North Yorkshire Shared Prosperity Fund	Email regarding webpage and eligibility of PC's to apply	Circulated
Leyburn Police	Monthly Crime Reports	Circulated
RDC	Kings Coronation Funding	Forwarded to RW
RDC	Area Partnership Fund – now available for applications	Noted and MF to pass onto East Witton Tennis Club
RDC	Community Investment Fund	Decided to apply for benches
Community First Yorkshire	Invitation to event relating to Community Led Housing	Circulated
Area 1 Richmond	Road closure notifications x 2	Circulated
YLCA	Training Bulletins	
YLCA	DLUHC Consultation on Infrastructure Levy	Circulated
YLCA	Chief Executives Bulletins	
YLCA	White Rose Bulletins	Circulated
YLCA	Richmondshire Branch Meeting papers	Circulated

Correspondence sent from 09 October 2022 to 04 March 2023

Recipient	Description	Comments
Strutt & Parker	Emailed info Braithwaite Lane	One? culvert unblocked by the Estate maintenance engineer 28/04/23.
Strutt & Parker	Emailed about measures taken regarding Permissive Access to Middle Fell.	
RDC	Community Investment Fund Application	Acceptance form sent
NY Council	Invoice sent for the grass cutting remittance	Awaiting payment
Emails to	No positive replies. Finally emailed the contractor for	Quote circulated and

potential grass cutters	Spennithorne, who had capacity to quote.	accepted.
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Item 13 To note matters for information and items for next meeting agenda

- River Cover
To discuss any response from YDNPA and EA.
- Honey Fungus identified on trees
To discuss any actions.
- Community Rounders Match and Summer BBQ
To discuss how the new community group is progressing and hear an update on any projects/events.

Item 14 To confirm date and time of next meeting

Date of the next meeting is Wednesday 13 September 2023 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.....