

MINUTES OF THE EAST WITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 September 2023 IN THE PARISH ROOM.

Present

Mrs M Fawbert	Chair
Mr R Wells	Councillor
Mr A Fullerton	Councillor
Mrs C Dent	Councillor
Ms Sarah Sayer	Clerk to the Parish Council
Cllr Karin Sedgwick	County Councillor

Item 1 **Introduction and Apologies**

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present. Apologies were received from Cllr De Vaal. The reason given was a prior commitment and was accepted.

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

None

Item 3 **Item 3 – Public Participation**

None

Item 4 **Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 17 May 2023 were approved and signed by the Chair. The Annual Meeting minutes of the same date were also confirmed and signed.

Item 5 **Matters arising**

River Cover

The situation has improved a little since it was reported and discussed in May, but Cllr Wells will be raising this issue at the YDNPA Parish Forum Meeting in October. The main concern is the decline in breeding birds.

Raising awareness of Parish Meeting and other events

The Community Group met again following the success of the days which were organised as part of the Coronation weekend in June. Tony Whitbread to co-ordinate for future events.

Trees at the top of the village green need to have their lower branches cut back to allow for grass cutting equipment to access the area beneath the trees. Cllr Dent offered services of husband and son to do this. Villagers to clear away the branches and brash. The work to be undertaken in October.

Item 6 **Planning**

a) To consider planning applications received – No objections but Cllr Sedgwick is going to look at the ‘temporary’ nature of the proposed huts. Seemed unlikely they would be moved once in place.

ZD23/00491/OTHER	Temporary Campsite for 5 Shepherd Huts at Moorcote Farm, Stark Bank Road, Ellingstring, Ripon, North Yorkshire, HG4 4PL
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b) To consider any other planning related issue – Decisions noted, no other matters to discuss – None

Planning Consultations

Reference No.	Proposal	Comments
R/89/113A	erection of extension to agricultural building to provide covered storage area for farmyard manure at Coverbridge Farm, East Witton, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 4SQ	No objections
ZD23/00491/OTHER	Temporary Campsite for 5 Shepherd Huts at Moorcote Farm, Stark Bank Road, Ellingstring, Ripon, North Yorkshire, HG4 4PL	Circulated 01/09/23

Planning Decisions

Reference No.	Proposal	Decision	Date
F106200-Works to protected trees	notification to fell one blue cedar located at 42 Braithwaite Lane, East Witton.	No objections	04/08/23
No Ref on email	Notification to crown reduce one beech tree, located at 11 East Witton	No objections	20/07/23

Item 7 Accounts

To approve payments and receipts as detailed in Appendix 2

Appendix 2		Sum
2023/24	Payments	
E5	Zurich Insurance	£277.00
E6	GCH Garden Maintenance	£320.00
E7	Clerks Salary	£274.86
E8	HMRC	£68.60
E9	GCH Garden Maintenance	£320.00
E10	GCH Garden Maintenance	£320.00
E11	SL Sayer (Teak Oil)	£24.95
		1605.41
2023/24	Receipts	
R2	NYC Urban Grass cutting	£186.33

To note budget situation as detailed in Appendix 3

Appendix 3 - On-going 2023/24	Budget Situation
Income to date (£4036.33) plus balance b/f from 2022/23 of £1508.35	£5,544.68
Expenditure to date 2023/24	£2,305.41
Balance at Bank	£ 3,239.27

Resolved To approve the accounts as presented.

Item 8 Correspondence**Correspondence received from 08 May 2023 to 01 Sept 2023****CLlr Sedgwick to look at Market Charter issue.**

From	Description	Action
Richmond Rotary	Confirmed entry into 2023 competition.	Circulated
NY Police , Fire & Crime Commissioner	Online Road Safety Meeting	Circulated.
YDNPA	News Round up	Circulated
YDNPA	Parish Forum invitation – Tuesday 23 May at 7pm at West Burton Village Hall	R Wells to attend
NYC	Nomination request for North Yorkshire Community Awards	Circulated
20's Plenty	Speed Review and various updates	Circulated.
NYC	Dementia Strategy Events	Circulated
Leyburn Police	Monthly Crime Reports	Circulated
RDC	Adult safeguarding webinar	Invite circulated
YDNPA	Parish Council Training Session – request for topics	Circulated
YDNPA	Local Plan Consultation No.6 summary	Circulated
NYC	Weight Management – shaping the future - Survey	Circulated
Area 1 Richmond	Road closure notifications x 6	Circulated
Area 6 Highways	Layby Works notification	Circulated
NYC	Passenger Transport Review	Circulated
NYC	Suicide Prevention Awareness Session	Circulated
Dales to Vale Rivers Project	Request for help to work together to improve the quality, Biodiversity and Function of our Rivers	Circulated and AF and RW volunteered to respond to questionnaire
NYC	Parish Charter	Circulated
NYC	Future of Sports, Leisure and Wellbeing survey	Circulated
Leyburn Town Council	Market Charter letter	Circulated and responded to Leyburn TC
NYC Network Strategy	Managing Speed Limits in North Yorkshire	Circulated
Royal Scottish Country Dance Society	Weekly Classes flyer/poster	For Noticeboard
NYC	Multiply Sessions for over 19's without GCSE Maths	Circulated
YLCA D-Day 80 Guide	To be celebrated on 06 June 2024	Circulated
YLCA	Training Bulletins	Circulated
YLCA	Chief Executives Bulletins	
YLCA	White Rose Bulletins	Circulated
YLCA	Richmondshire Branch Meeting papers	Circulated
YLCA	Dissertation research survey	SS and MdeV completed the survey
YLCA	Light Up Blue NHS 75	Circulated

Correspondence sent from 09 October 2022 to 04 March 2023

Recipient	Description	Comments
Strutt & Parker	Letter of thanks for prompt action on Braithwaite Lane	09/06/23

Michael Pickard	Letter of thanks for donation of oak tree	09/06/23
RDC	Community Investment Fund Application	Email sent to say no longer required
YDNPA	Email to Rangers regarding fallen tree and damaged stile.	29/06/23. Later sent email to say resolved
YDNPA	Letter regarding the state of the River Cover	No reply received
Leyburn Town Council	Email to query need to apply via LTC when the village has its own market charter.	No reply received

Item 9

Honey Fungus update

Advised that this was a naturally occurring disease which would eventually kill the tree. Monitor the situation.

Oak Tree

There is mildew on the leaves of the new oak tree. Action is to dispose of the leaves once they have dropped and clear away to prevent spores from re-infecting soil/new growth.

Item 10

Summer BBQ

This did not go ahead. Hopefully next year.

Item 11

Other Business and Items for next meeting agenda

Slurry Tankers

Complaints had been received regarding the slurry tanker movements through the village. Also a major issue had occurred which had resulted in a lagoon of slurry covering the public footpath. This may have been an issue with the pipe coming loose, but contractors will be informed of concerns and be asked not to spread the slurry on the footpath.

Road Closures and Laybys

The Parish Council was disappointed that the layby near Harkerside Beck was now closed/grassed over as it had always been a very good place for large vehicles and farm machinery to pull in to let traffic past before the hill. Traffic trying to pass vehicles on the hill was very dangerous. The bollards were forcing people to park further down the road, which again was dangerous. Cllr Sedgwick will pass on the comments, but it is too late to reverse the works. The PC would have been consulted on the layby proposals and that was the time to raise concerns.

The road closures should also have been notified unless unexpected and urgent due to an issue on the highway.

Beacon for D Day

Item 12

To confirm date and time of next meeting

Date of the next meeting is Wednesday 08 November 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.....