

MINUTES OF THE EAST WITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 06 March 2024 IN THE PARISH ROOM.

Present

Mrs M Fawbert	Chair
Mrs M de Vaal	Vice Chair
Mr R Wells	Councillor
Mr A Fullerton	Councillor
Mrs C Dent	Councillor
Ms Sarah Sayer	Clerk to the Parish Council

Two members of NY Police, one village resident, East Witton Estate gamekeeper and Strutt & Parker representative.

Item 1 Introduction and Apologies

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present. No apologies were to note.

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 08 November 2024 were approved and signed by the Chair.

Item 5 Matters arising

a) Summer BBQ

Defer to May Meeting

b) Permissive Footpath

The middle ride permissive path is now open for villagers until 31 July 2024. There are repeat offenders who flout the rules and this is an issue for the gamekeeper and the Estate. There is no route through Town Head (except for Witton Lodge and Grange Farm).

Cllr Dent suggested that a letter from East Witton Estate to all residents would carry the most weight. It was noted that quite a few new people who have recently come to the village may not know about the path and how/when to use it.

Peter Casey from Strutt & Parker will look at doing a mailshot, and the Parish would help resolve transgressions.

c) Ploughed Field/Footpath

This will resolve itself by the Autumn, and has been noted for next time.

Item 6 Broken Pipe/Yorkshire Water

The sewage pipe has had two breaks in the last 2 months. The first on Tony Clarkson's land and the other on the south side of the River Cover. This is very close to the watercourse and pollution will be an issue.

Clerk to contact YWS to see what their long term plans are in terms of replacing the system. Also, Clerk to advise of the issues caused by the recent leaks and the fact that there is still detritus on the site which needs clearing if the work is complete.

Item 7**Highway Issues**

- a) The first issue is the standing water on Braithwaite Lane, which is having a serious and detrimental impact on villagers, not to mention the danger to road traffic, especially when frozen. This lane is the route to the two primary footpaths adjacent to the village, which are used regularly and seen as beneficial to the mental health and social wellbeing of residents.

The issue is that the two historic channels to allow water to run into the adjacent field are blocked. One year ago, the same issue arose and was dealt with swiftly by unblocking the channels. The Estate need to resolve this as quickly as possible and advise the tenant that the historic channels should remain open.

The Estate has been in touch with NY Highways, and they appreciated it was their issue to resolve, but there were no funds at present.

- b) The second issue was the blocked culvert on the road out of East Witton towards Jervaulx. The last update was that the Contractors have been instructed but we have not heard any more details relating to dates etc. Cllr Dent to keep on the case.

North Yorkshire Police

PC's Heather and Sharon introduced themselves. They are both based at Leyburn and wanted the PC to be aware that they are there if we need to raise any issues. One issue was the recent email about the speed gun locations. All Councillors were urged to complete the form and specify the locations where the speed camera would be most beneficial and also the days/times of the week.

Clerk to re-circulate the email.

Item 8**Planning**

- a) To consider planning applications received. Actions noted in the box.

Planning Consultations

Reference No.	Proposal	Comments
R/89/131/LB	Listed building consent to replace the existing timber casement windows to the rear elevation, with new timber casement windows incorporating slim line double glazing at 10, East Witton	No comments
21/00891/FULL	Full Planning Permission for Conversion of Agricultural Building to Create 5. No Residential Dwellings (Use Class C3) (Amended Red Site Plan Dated 4.1.24) at Lane House Farm, Kilgram Lane, Jervaulx AMENDED	No comments
ZD24/00042/OTHER	Notice of Caravan Rally - Approximately 20 LOCATION: Park House Jervaulx Ripon North Yorkshire	No comments

Planning Decisions

Reference No.	Proposal	Decision	Date
ZD23/00532/FULL	Full Planning Permission for Change of Use of Garden Land for the Siting of 2 no Shepherds Huts for Short Term Holiday Accommodation at 1 Jervaulx Cottage Kilgram Lane, Jervaulx	GRANTED	22/11/23

- b) To consider any other planning related issue.
The 5 temporary Shepherds Huts at Moorcote Farm, Ellingstring seems to be having hot tubs and electric connected, which would seem contrary to the temporary nature of the units. Peter Casey advised that Hot tubs are not being installed and the units will be there permanently, but the nature of the units classifies them as temporary. The water and electricity connections are also classified as temporary.

Item 9 Accounts

- a) To approve payments and receipts as detailed in Appendix 2

2023/24	Payments	
E18	GCH Garden Maintenance	£320.00
E19	Clerks Salary	£274.66
E20	HMRC	£68.80
E21	Krystal Hosting Ltd/ S Sayer	£9.59
		£673.05
2023/24	Receipts	
Receipts	None	

- b) To note budget situation as detailed in Appendix 3

Appendix 3 - On-going 2023/24	Budget Situation
Income to date (£3923.91) plus balance b/f from 2022/23 of £1058.35	£5,554.68
Expenditure to date 2023/24	£4,061.91
Balance at Bank + Petty Cash £9.91	£ 1492.68

Resolved: To approve the accounts as presented.

- c) To appoint the Internal Auditor as Mrs N Hunt, YDNPA Finance Officer
Proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Wells.
- d) To note the application for a VAT refund for the sum of £439.55

Item 10 Correspondence

- a) To note the correspondence received and sent.
- b) To decide if we wish to partake in the Best Kept Village Competition 2024. Voted to do so.
Clerk to confirm with the organisers.

Correspondence received from 31 Oct 2023 and 24 Feb 2024

From	Description	Action
YDNPA	Latest News roundups	Circulated
YDNPA	Autumn Parish Forum recording available online	Circulated RW to attend
YDNPA	Farm Team events	Circulated
Richmond Rotary	Best Kept Village 2024	To discuss
Highways	Flooding reported by Cllr Dent on the A6108	All noted

Highways	Braithwaite Lane	Reply to say landowner issue.
Strutt and Parker	Emails about Braithwaite Lane flooding	Circulated
PCSO	Speed gun location request	Responded
Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner	Quarterly Engagement Blog	Circulated
Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner	Your Fire Service Your Say	Circulated
Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner	Information about NY police having their Cause for Concern lifted.	Circulated
20's Plenty	Information sharing and updates	Circulated
NYCC Cllr Sedgwick	Grant Scheme for energy efficient homes	Circulated
NYCC	Lets talk food campaign	Circulated
NYCC	Cost of Living Campaign poster	Sent to Richard for Noticeboard
NYCC	Local Plan Launch slides	Circulated
NYCC	Waste Management. Survey about the Household Recycling Centres.	Circulated
NYCC	Planning Policy Local Plan consultation.	Circulated
Leyburn Police	Request for next meeting date.	Circulated
Leyburn Police	Monthly crime reports	Circulated
RDC	Community Newsletter	Circulated
RDC	Portrait of the King	Sent in the request
GCH Garden Maintenance	Email agreeing cap of 15 cuts/year	Noted 1 due in March 2024 and 2 in April 2024
Area 1 Richmond	Road closure notifications x 3	Circulated
Area 1 Richmond	Dates for the Area 1 Parish Workshops	Circulated
YLCA	Training Bulletins	Circulated
YLCA	Civility & Respect Newsletters	Circulated
YLCA	Chief Executives Bulletins	Circulated
YLCA	White Rose Bulletins	Circulated
YLCA	Richmondshire Branch Meeting papers	Circulated

Correspondence sent from 31 Oct 2023 and 24 Feb 2024

Recipient	Description	Comments
Strutt & Parker	Water on Braithwaite Lane	Emails
GCH Garden Maintenance	Email regarding number of cuts and contract for 2024/25	Emails
Strutt & Parker	Email regarding date of next meeting sent 09/11/23	Notify of Meeting date
North Yorkshire Police	Advised the CPSO of the date of our next meeting email sent 09/11/24	Notify of Meeting date
YDNPA PROW Officer	Advised that EWPC have no objections to the proposed footpath diversion	Email response

Item 11 Other Business and Items for next meeting agenda Summer BBQ

Item 12 To confirm date and time of next meeting Date of the next meeting is Wednesday 15 May 2024 at 7.30pm in the Parish Room. This will also include the Annual Meeting.

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

Signature.....

Date.....