

**MINUTES OF THE EAST WITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 15 May 2024 IN THE PARISH ROOM.**

Present

Mrs M Fawbert	Chair
Mrs M de Vaal	Vice Chair
Mr A Fullerton	Councillor
Mrs C Dent	Councillor
Ms Sarah Sayer	Clerk to the Parish Council
Dr J Brown	Elizabeth Barnett Trust

Item 1 **Introduction and Apologies**

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present. Apologies were received from Cllr R Wells, County Cllr Karin Sedgwick and Catherine Whitbread. The reasons were due to health and other commitments and were accepted.

Item 2 **Re-election of Councillors**

Chair – Proposed by Michele de Vaal, seconded by Julia Brown
Vice Chair – Proposed by Julia Brown, seconded by Christine Dent
Councillor Dent – Proposed by Mary Fawbert, seconded by Alan Fullerton.
Councillor Wells – Proposed by Christine Dent, seconded by Julia Brown.
Councillor Fullerton – Proposed by Michele de Vaal, seconded by Mary Fawbert.

The ‘acceptance of office’ papers were completed by the Chair at the meeting and signed by persons present. Clerk to deliver to NYC.

Item 3 **To note any Declarations of Interest**

None

Item 4 **Item 3 – Public Participation**

None

Item 5 **Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 06 March 2024 were corrected in respect of Item 4 which quoted the incorrect year of 2024 for the November meeting instead of 2023. The amended minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

Item 6 **Matters arising**

Summer BBQ

This will be reviewed, as the original date of 09 June may be unachievable unless Richard has moved things forward with a sub team. Alan Fullerton to discuss with Richard Wells.

Rotary Club – Best Kept Village

Noted that judging was to take place during the first two weeks in July and we will look at tidying areas such as the phone box and wildflower meadow. Maybe put something in Bridge so residents are aware.

Yorkshire Water issues – broken pipes

Clerk to contact Yorkshire water. Has tried via web form, but the outcome is not satisfactory. Helpdesk number found 0345 1242424. Will phone and pursue.

Braithwaite Lane and Main road towards Jervaulx

The standing water issues are not totally resolved. Highways are aware of the issue on the main road and have had one attempt to unblock the culvert, but it has not proved successful. Christine to continue to monitor and maintain contact.

Braithwaite lane drainage channels to be unblocked after the Estate land agent, Peter Casey raised no objection to this course of action.

Item 7 Grass Cutting

Considered and approved the grass cutting contract for 2024/25 - GCH Garden Maintenance. The charges are £320 per month for two cuts including the War Memorial. Agreed a maximum of 14 cuts a year. VAT can be claimed back.

Item 8 Planning

- a) To consider planning applications received – None
- b) To consider any other planning related issue – Decisions noted, no other matters to discuss.

Planning Consultations

	NONE TO REPORT	
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Planning Decisions

R/89/131/LB	Listed building consent to replace the existing timber casement windows to the rear elevation, with new timber casement windows incorporating slimline double glazing at 10, East Witton	GRANTED	28/02/24
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Item 9

Accounts

To approve payments and receipts as detailed in Appendix 2

Appendix 2		Sum
2024/25	<u>Payments</u>	
14/04/24	YLCA	£137.00
14/04/24	GCH Garden Maintenance	£160.01
06/05/24	Zurich Insurance	£277.00
06/05/24	Strutt & Parker - RENT	£1.00
08/05/24	GCH Garden Maintenance	£320.00
		<u>£895.01</u>
2024/25	<u>Receipts</u>	
23.04.24	Parish Precept RDC	£4,000.00

To note budget situation as detailed in Appendix 3

Appendix 3 - On-going 2024/25	Budget Situation
Income to date (£4000) plus balance b/f from 2023/24 of £1,120.25	£5,120.25
Expenditure to date 2024/25	£895.01
Balance	£ 4,225.24

Resolved To approve the accounts as presented.

Item 10 Correspondence
Correspondence received from 24 Feb 2024 and 06 May 2024

From	Description	Action
Pip Pointon. Ass. of Rural Communities	Invitation to a meeting in Leyburn on 30/04/24 to discuss the health of the River Ure	R Wells attended.
LDWA	Notification of long distance walking event 20/21 July 2024	Circulated
Phoebe King – Phd Student research questionnaire	Using rural land for flood management	Circulated and also completed.
Northern Powergrid	Survey	Circulated
YDNPA	Latest News roundups	Circulated
YDNPA	Spring Parish Forum details	Circulated
YDNPA	Annual Forum for YDNPA Management Plan	Circulated
YDNPA – Footpath Officer	Copy of the Diversion Order	Circulated
YDNPA - Enforcement	Response about possible creation of hardstanding outside 45/46 East Witton – No breach.	Circulated
PCSO	Speed Gun email re-circulated.	Responded prior to the last meeting, but PCSO's happy for more people to reply.
Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner	Inspection Report	Circulated
20's Plenty	Information sharing and updates	Circulated
NYCC	BBC Make A Difference Awards	Circulated
NYCC	Headfirst mental health training	Circulated
NYCC	LNRS Webinar	Circulated
NYCC	Mayoral Elections poster and info.	Circulated
NYCC	Local Plan – Call for Sites.	Circulated
Leyburn Police	Monthly crime reports	Circulated
Area 1 Richmond	Road closure notifications x 3	Circulated
YLCA	Training Bulletins	Circulated
YLCA	Civility & Respect Newsletters	Circulated
YLCA	Chief Executives Bulletins	Circulated
YLCA	White Rose Bulletins	Circulated
YLCA	Law & Governance Bulletin	Circulated
YLCA	Richmondshire Branch Meeting papers	Circulated

Correspondence sent from 24 Feb 2024 and 06 May 2024

Recipient	Description	Comments
Yorkshire Water	Reported the issue of broken pipes. There was no contact address, email or phone number so had to use the online form, which resulted in YW engineers going to the site of the leak but no actual reply to the issue of 'what are the future plans for the East Witton pipework network'.	Via online form 17/04/24
YLCA	Webinar registration form for Clerk to attend Website Accessibility Regulations update on 21 May 2024	Attendance request confirmed 06/05/24

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

- Wildflower Meadow
To discuss how the project is going.

- Holly Tree Grass Verge
To discuss the response from Ian Beighton about a marker post option or to decide if signage is required.

Item 12 **To confirm date and time of next meeting**

Date of the next meeting is Wednesday 25 September 2024 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.....