

MINUTES OF THE EAST WITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 November 2024 IN THE PARISH ROOM.

Present

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

Item 1 Introduction and Apologies

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present. No apologies had been received, but Cllr Fullerton was noted as absent.

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 25 September 2024 were approved and signed by the Chair.

Item 5 Matters arising

Street Lighting

Clerk has tried to contact the Streets Team twice regarding the lighting in the village, but had no response. Cllr Sedgwick will chase this up on our behalf.

Rotary Club donation

Discuss in the Spring.

Stepping Stones

NYC sorted out the problem very quickly. Initially the landowner had dragged the displaced stone roughly into place, but on 15th November, the Council came and re-aligned the stone and pinned it to the riverbed. The thanks of the Parish Council were expressed to Cllr Sedgwick. It was also noted that the spacing between the stones is still challenging for shorter legs.

Item 6 Planning

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

Planning Consultations

Reference No.	Proposal	Comments
ZD24/00248/FULL	Full Planning Permission for Erection of a Steel Portal Framed Agricultural Livestock Building at Helming Rookwith Ripon	Awaiting Decision
ZD24/00280/FULL	Full Planning Permission for Change of Use of Garden Land for the Siting of 2no Log Cabins for Short Term Holiday Accommodation at (Revised Application) 1 Jervaulx Cottage Kilgram Lane Jervaulx Ripon	Objections sent – awaiting Decision

Planning Decisions

Reference No.	Proposal	Decision	Date
R/89/106K/LB	Listed building consent to replace 5 no. windows on the front elevation, with new timber vertical sliding sash windows to match the existing design, incorporating heritage slimlite double glazing at Town End Farm, East Witton, Leyburn, DL8 4SH	Granted	11/11/24

b) To consider any other planning related issue.

- Richard Wells raised the issue of the holiday cottage/shepherds huts application at 1 Jervaulx Cottages (see Planning Consultations in box above). He asked County Cllr. Karin Sedgwick if she had any insight into why the decision was taking so long. Advised that there are issues at the Council with workload and integration/sharing caseload between Hambleton/Richmondshire due to incompatibility of the computer systems.
- Karin also raised the subject of housing. There are still problems with bringing forward the 129 houses on Moor Road, Leyburn, as there are issues on the ground still to resolve.

Item 7 Accounts

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

Expenditure		
04/10/24	GCH Garden Maintenance (Sept x 2)	£320.00
21/10/24	St John's Church	£150.00
09/11/24	Royal British Legion	£20.00
20/11/24	GCH Garden Maintenance (Oct x 2)	£320.00
	Total	<u>£810.00</u>
Receipts		
14/08/24	Rotary Club Prize	<u>£50.00</u>
(omitted on Sept papers)		

b) To note budget situation as detailed in Appendix 3

Appendix 3 - On-going 2024/25	Budget Situation
Income to date (£4248.74) plus balance b/f from 2023/24 of £1,110.34	£5,359.08
Expenditure to date 2024/25	£3,671.93
Balance at Bank	£1,687.15

Resolved: To approve the accounts as presented.

- c) Setting the Precept 2025/6. Last year the increase was by £150 to £4000. Discussed the total amount of money required for the grass cutting and other major expenses such as Clerks wage were not adequately covered by the current precept. It was resolved to increase the precept by £250 to £4250 for the Year 2025/26.

Cllr Sedgwick – Locality Budget

Cllr Sedgwick explained that she has an underspend within her locality budget, to allocate by the end of January 2025. Parish Councils can apply for funding for projects for which they need a sum exceeding £300.00.

Councillors to think about the requirements in the village and a bid may be put forward to Cllr Sedgwick by the deadline. Clerk to email a reminder.

Item 8 Correspondence

Correspondence received from 19 Sept 2024 to 11 Nov 2024

From	Description	Action
R Wells	Report of dislodged stepping stone	Reported to Ranger and passed to NYC
Soroptimist Richmond & Dales	International Women's Day 2025 – call for nominations	Circulated
Rural EV Charging	Letter to see if interested in installing an EV charging point	Circulated but no room to park on Parish land.
Hambleton and Richmondshire Bus Users Group	Invite to Public Meeting 28/10/24	Circulated but too short notice to be of much use.
Cameras For North Yorkshire	Letter template to use in petition	Circulated
YDNPA	Trees & Woodlands weekly updates	Circulated
YDNPA	Autumn Parish Forum invite	Circulated RW to attend
YDNPA	Active Travel Conference Invite 17/10/24	Circulated
YDNPA	Autumn Newsletter	Circulated
Local Government Boundary Commission	Consultation	Circulated
Leyburn Police	Monthly crime reports	Circulated
NYC	Parish Liaison Meetings Oct/Nov	Circulated
NYC	Consultation on Harrogate neighbourhood plan	Circulated
NYC	Legal & Democratic Services Meeting invite 23/10/24	Circulated
NYC	'Let's Talk Campaign' Survey	Circulated
NYC	Wensleydale sixth form proposals consultation	Circulated
NYC Area 1	Parish Workshops October 2024	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
YLCA	Royal Garden Party 2025 – new policy	Circulated

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Recipient	Description	Comments
NYC Street Lighting Team	Asked about the possibility of reduction in time period for lights to be illuminated. Letter dated 21 Oct 2024. Chased 11 Nov 2024	2 emails
YDNPA Ranger	Reported the dislodged stepping stone 01/10/24 and Ranger reported to NYC	Issue resolved quickly by land owner

Item 9 Other Business and Items for next meeting agenda

Rotary Club Prize

Thoughts for spending the £50.

Item 10 To confirm date and time of next meeting

Date of the next meeting is Wednesday 12 March 2025 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.....