

**Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Weaverthorpe Parish Council
held on 10th December 2014**

Present: J Mason, G Downes, C Howe, F Shellard (Chair), J House (Clerk)

Apologies: A Milner, J Fisher, T Thomson, M Rowland

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were noted as above.

2. **Precept:** A request had been received from RDC to set the Precept for 2015 to 2016 by 12th January 2015.
The estimated expenditure to 31st March 2015 is £2647 and the balance in the bank at the same date will be £2024.
The estimated expenditure for 2015/16 is £2865.
The additional expenditure for 2015/16 and beyond is that the Parish Council will have to pay for the grass cutting which has previously been paid for by NYCC. The Parish Council have agreed that the amount to be paid for this service will be £1000 pa.
If the Precept is maintained at £3500 which is the level it has been at since 2012, the cost of the grass cutting can be absorbed within this precept for at least two years.
The Reserve Account stands at £4900. It was noted that the fencing around the village green may be in need of replacement in the near future.
It was therefore agreed that the Precept would be £3500 for 2015/16.
The request was signed by the Chair and Clerk.

3. **Planning Applications:** There were four planning applications to consider.
Two applications were from Yorkshire Wolds Photography and Glamping for change of use of agricultural land and for display of entrance and information signs on land south of Meadowside, Ropery Lane. The Council had no objections to raise.
An application from Mr & Mrs T Vasey for formation of vehicular access and parking area together with replacement of existing section of fence by a 1.8m high brick boundary wall at Gritts Farm Cottage. The Council had no objections to raise.
An application from Mr D Morgan for Variation of plans Condition (i) as added by non material amendment 13/01205/AMEND dated 20.11.2014 to refusal 13/00699/FUL dated 27.11.2013 as allowed by Appeal Ref:APP/Y2736/A/14/2211925 dated 25.09.14 to allow substitution of plan "Turbine detail dwg NWA-30m" by plan "Figure 1.01-Turbine Elevation Plan" – increase in height in tip height of turbine by 2.939m on land at High Barn Farm, West Lutton.
The council discussed this increase in height to 48 metres at the tip of the blade and decided that an objection would be raised as this was higher than any other turbine approved by this Council as 36 metres had been considered to be the maximum height in the past. Further the prominent position would adversely add to the accumulation of turbines in an area of high landscape value.

4. Payment for approval

A payment of £60.80 to HMRC for PAYE was approved.

The Council noted an increase of £0.257 per hour for the Clerk as directed by the NJC for Local Government Services, effective from 1st January 2015.

5. Any other business

The Chair brought a request from the Friends of the School for them to erect a marquee on the Village Green at Easter next year to facilitate an Easter egg hunt.