

**Minutes of the meeting of Weaverthorpe Parish Council held on 15th
September 2014 at 7pm in Weaverthorpe village hall**

Present: J Mason, A Milner, C Howe, T Thomson, C Howe, F Shellard (Chair)
J House (Clerk)

Public: J Wilson, P Wilson

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from M Rowland and J Fisher.
2. **Items to be raised by members of the public:** There was nothing raised.
3. **Approval of minutes for 21st July 2014:** The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

4. **Matters Arising:**

Regarding the BT Box. The Clerk had sent an email to BT on 31st July for which a read receipt was received. No reply had been received by 10th September, six weeks after the original was sent, so, another email was sent requesting the courtesy of a reply. Only a read receipt has been received.

On the subject of other providers supplying HS broadband, the Clerk has written on a personal basis to Anne MacIntosh and Superfast North Yorkshire. The former has forwarded the letter to the CEO and Govt Affairs at BT and the relevant Minister, the latter has not replied!

White lining: The Clerk raised a case with NYCC which they undertake to look at in 5 working days. No response has been received as yet.

Clerk also sent an email to the person in charge in Ringway, NYCC's contractor, copied to Richard Marr and Melanie Farnham regarding the damage caused to the road surface by the white line removals last week, no reply as yet.

5. **Finance:**

There were three invoices to pay:

CCTV and a memory stick, cheque payable to J.House as these were purchased on the internet £241.27

HMRC for PAYE £60.60

ROSPA for Playground Inspection £78.00

We have been informed that the second half of the Precept and the Council Tax Support will be paid five working days from 11 Sept 2014.

When these transactions are complete the balances at bank will be:

Current Account £3118.92

Reserve Account £4918.17

Total £8037.09

6. Correspondence:

An acknowledgement of letter to David Bowe NYCC regarding highways was received on 28th July response, this stated that a response was to be expected within 20 working days. The 20 days expired 22nd August 2014. Chased up on 10th September. No reply.

Letters from NYCC – Highways regarding road closure for resurfacing, Work will be carried out Pasture Road from the junction of amin Road to Galloping Slack, on Sherburn Road between Gara Farm and Foster Wold Farm and on Main Road between Green Lane and Spaniel Farm.

Email from ROSPA to say that the safety inspection of the play area will be carried out in September as requested.

E mail from YLCA to say our complaints procedure should be reviewed. They attach a model policy which has some discrepancies in it so the Clerk has drafted a policy for the Council to approve. This was reviewed and with a few alterations was adopted by the Council. It was also agreed that this procedure together with our Code of Conduct and the Financial Regulations are placed on the valley website in readiness for changes to the audit process later in this financial year.

Letter from Autela offering a return to quarterly Payroll from October. As the payments are already set up with the bank, it was agreed that we would request a return to quarterly payroll in April 2015.

Letter from Northern Powergrid who want to conduct a telephone interview on their future business plan. It was agreed that the Clerk will take part.

Email from YLCA on the outcome of the HM Gov consultation on a transparency code for councils with a turnover not exceeding £25K.

The questions asked and responses from HM Gov are as follows:

- Whether the code should be mandatory? There is a consensus that it should be mandatory, this will eliminate the external audit and put the accountability into to the domain of the electorate.

- Whether parish meetings should be exempt from complying with the code? General consensus is that parish meetings would be exempt from the code.

- Whether to apply a threshold above which individual items of expenditure should be published? The Government will set the individual item threshold at £100, but councils will be able to publish all items of expenditure if they wish. Suggest that WPC would publish the full accounts so this would not be a problem.

- Whether any exemptions should apply to information published to explain negative responses to internal controls objectives? The Government will legislate to say that only the information currently required by the external audit will be

required to be published, and should there be anything which is sensitive eg an investigation into possible fraud, that could be exempt under data protection rules.

- Whether the code should require electronic publication? It is agreed that the data will be displayed on a website (Luttons and Weaverthorpe) and those who do not have access would still have the window available after the internal audit which would be published on the notice board (and The Warbler)

- The level of additional staff time and cost involved in publishing the required data online? There is a concern that it would increase staff time but the Government intends to look at ways to help with the process.

The Safer Ryedale statistics for July and August were reviewed.

E mail from YLCA on the new regulations on openness. The Clerk had distributed these to all councilors and there were no points to be raised.

Central Ryedale Childrens Committee notice was placed on the village hall notice board

Notification of Reydale Area Committee to be held on 17th September at Ganton Village Hall at 10.30am.

ROSPA Playground inspection report. Inspection was carried out on 3 September and our overall risk is medium although all but one aspect comes within the low category. No cause for concern.

Notification of Ryedale Branch Meetng of YLCA to be held on 7th October at Ryedale House.

7. Planning

Notification of Refusal of the application for a wind turbine for Wolds Valley Wind Collective Ltd on land to the north of Main Road

On the same subject there is an email from Stuart Taylor thanking the Parish Council for their input.

G Downes questioned why those against wind turbines had not protested against the turbines that had been erected in Foxholes PC area.

J Wilson said that they would be appealing.

Notification of Refusal of application for a wind turbine at Dotterel Farm.

Carvills Pit: The service request that we submitted on 4th July regarding the activity at Carvills Pit was for the breach of conditions for the application that was approved earlier this year. In particular we requested that RDC look at the delivery of materials which was in contravention of the conditions because there were to be no material deliveries before the entrance was moved, also the lumber operations and the caravan.

The Clerk requested an update before our last meeting but did not get one. Another update was requested on 28 August and a reply was received to say the breach had been resolved, the caravan does not need planning permission but could we keep an eye on it, and the fence does not require planning permission. By this reply the planning officer has somewhat missed the point. Clarification was therefore sought.

The reply was as follows:

“I will contact the owner and ask them for confirmation with regards to the wood.

I appreciate you maintaining regular updates.”

It would suggest that the whole thing has been managed from a desk in Ryedale House or that the planners don't see what we see! Pressure will be maintained on this issue.

An extraordinary meeting was held on 27th August to discuss an application for a 4 bed house on land at Waddale End. Concerns were raised about the access and the position of the building in relation to the other buildings at Waddale End. Apart from these no objections were raised.

An application for a 4 bed detached dwelling at Gara Farm to replace the existing farmhouse which will be demolished. J Mason registered an interest in this application and left the meeting. There were no objections raised.

8. Police Business

The only police activity had been connected with a neighbour dispute which the police were dealing with.

9. Any other business

There was no other business.

The meeting concluded at 7.55.

Next meeting will be held on 17th November 2014.