

**Minutes of the meeting of Weaverthorpe Parish Council held on 20th July 2015
in Weaverthorpe Village Hall at 7 pm.**

Present: G Downes, G Perry, M Mitchell, N Lattaway, S Taylor, T Thomson,
F Shellard (Chair), J House (Clerk) District Councilor T Jainu-Deen

Members of the public: J Taylor

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Julie Mason, Anthony Milner, J Fisher and M Rowland.
2. **Items to be raised by members of the public:** There was nothing raised.
3. **Introduction of District Councilor T Jainu-Deen:** Councillor Jainu-Deen introduced himself and informed the meeting that he had been a District Councillor before he moved to Ryedale and he is pleased to be appointed to Ryedale District Councilor where he has joined the Licencing and Planning Committees. He also has a keen interest in being involved with Energy, Waste Management and marketing of localities. Although he represents the Conservative party he believes that the council business is not political and he sees his role as getting involved in any areas that the Parish Council may need his assistance.
4. **Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2015:** The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes:** The Clerk answered a question about how many Councillors we needed to be quorate. It requires one third of the number of councillors so to be quorate we need 4 Councillors present.

The Clerk had enquired about repairing or replacing the road sign at the end of the village. The highways inspector was going to replace the bracket but he was subsequently told by the NYCC Highways maintenance manager that the village signs are not the responsibility of the NYCC, but are now the Parish Council's responsibility!

The Clerk was asked to write to NYCC Highways and ask where the change came about and could we have the subject in writing.

The Council asked the Clerk to produce a new village map at the last meeting. This had been produced and subject to a couple of minor alterations it was approved for issue with the August Warbler and will be placed on the village notice boards.

The Councillors' profiles have now been completed and these will be publicised via the same methods.

6. **Finance:** Three invoices had been paid in between meetings, these were for:
J House for BROXAP for payment for bench: £727.20
HMRC £62.20
Stephen Wallace for painting the railings £725:00
One invoice to be paid today:
M Rowland for installation of bench and renovating other benches £236.20
All the above were approved by the Council.
When these invoices have been paid the balances at the bank are:
Current Account: £1246.02

Reserve Account: £ 4920.62

There is a cheque to pay in to the bank for £33.60 being a refund of part of the carriage charge on the bench due to a complaint the Clerk made to the supplier, Broxap, over their poor delivery and subsequent customer service.

The audit was returned from PKF Littlejohn with no comments. The annual return has been displayed on the notice board for 14 days as required. As notified the requirements of the Transparency Code have been posted on the valley web site.

We have received an order from NYCC for grass cutting for the sum of £364.34, which will be invoiced in September.

7. Correspondence:

A Revised template rules for recording of Council / Parish meetings had been received from YLCA. The Council agreed to adopt the rules and a copy would be placed on the website.

The Annual Letter from the RDC Chair requesting a charity donation will be replied to in the usual manner stating that Weaverthorpe Parish Council do not spend taxpayers money making donations to charities.

The Safer Ryedale statistics for May and June 2015 were reviewed..

A request for information had been received from the Making Parishes Better Places Project. They requested an organisation chart. YLCA recommended that the PC should comply so the Clerk sent a list of councillors as we do not have or need an organisation chart.

A letter from Autela states that Clerk is an entitled worker and will not be auto enrolled into a pension scheme. The Chair noted that he gets regular correspondence from the Pensions Regulator on the subject of auto enrolment.

YLCA have sent a note, enclosing a report by RDC basically saying that they are achieving their savings on garden waste costs.

The Clerk has received two emails from Bridget Skaife at RDC explaining the Transparency Code, this in addition to an earlier email from Faye Snowden enclosing a copy of the code. As we have complied with the code the Clerk saw no reason to waste paper printing these.

The Annual Review from YLCA had been received.

The Clerk has received a 16 page report from Julia Mulligan the Police and Crime Commissioner. If any councillor wants it forwarding please let the Clerk know.

NYFRA are carrying out a consultation on changes to the ways it organises some of its resources for responses to fires and emergencies. The consultation will be on the website from 20/7/15 till 16/10/15. There will be number of drop in sessions. Details will be on the web site www.northyorksfire.gov.uk The Clerk will look at the website and let

councillors know of anything that will impact on our area. The letter was received too late for August Warbler, but will put a piece in the September Warbler so the public are aware.

8. Planning: Two Applications had been received:

Grits Farm – Erection of extension to agricultural building to form additional crop storage together with relocation of existing vehicular access, following demolition of cattle shed. No objection was raised to this application.

The Beeches East - Erection of two storey extension to east elevation to include first floor terrace following demolition of existing outbuildings. No objection was received to this application.

Ryedale District Council are selling the plot of land adjacent to East Bank with outline planning permission for one detached dwelling. The planning application was for two houses but the tree and landscape officer objected to the removal of a large sycamore tree so the application was revised and the garages which were originally to be removed will now stay.

Yorkshire Housing who own the garages seem to have tidied them but they are still in a bad state of repair. The Clerk was asked to carry out an inspection and follow up with Yorkshire Housing.

9. Police Business: There was no police business to report.

10. Any Other Business:

Following the submission of Speed Concern Forms to the 95 alive partnership, a speed recording exercise was carried out for 7 days around 24th April 2015. The results of which were communicated to the Parish Council by RDC on 19 May 2015, although the letter was not received until 19th June.

The results say that the mean speed is between 28 and 29 mph and the 85th percentile speeds are between 33 and 35 mph. Also the data does not record any speed related accidents within the last three years. So therefore no further action will be taken.

Under the FOI rules the Clerk asked for copies of the data and it is evident that there are some horrifying statistics here which need addressing. All the 85th percentile are above the limit and there is not a top speed which is under 42 mph.

Discussion ensued about the data and the comments received from those present stated that they thought the data was a work of fiction, that there had been a speed related accident in 2013, when three gardens were demolished and the vehicle nearly went into Dale Farmhouse, that the mean speed is irrelevant, it is the top speeds which need to be addressed and that it would seem that the speed cameras are concentrated on A roads because they produce more revenue that way.

Two proposals put forward by the Clerk are to be put into place. One is to provide every household with some stickers to put on their wheelie bins to say emphasise the speed limit. This will have the speed limits displayed throughout the village on one day a week for most of the year. Secondly some signs to ask people to respect our speed limit to be placed on road signs and lamp posts. The Clerk will carry out a survey of what is required.

As the 95 Alive project does not appear to have a figurehead it was agreed that we should write to the CEOs of all the organisations that sponsor it and to

the PCC and raise the points about the speeds recorded and no action being taken, to see if we can get some action.

Additionally the Clerk had been contacted by a Rarey Drive resident who is concerned about the number of children in Rarey Drive and the speed of vehicles along that short road. The resident has contacted NYCC and she has asked that the PC write to NYCC to support her case. This was agreed.

Stuart Taylor had attended the Parish Liason Meeting and reported as follows: On the proposed changes to the fire service the FBU gave a view of the proposed changes particularly in relation to cutting personnel by using tactical response vehicle. Their view was that response times will increase.

The bus subsidy review is continuing, £0.5 million has been saved already but the target is £1.5 milion. The Whitby service has a very high subsidy. The review is looking at encouraging car share schemes and flexible timing of school buses to enable other passengers to use these.

Complaints to Mr Marr of NYCC Highways about the state of the road and the false economy of surface dressing on roads that have potholes in them. Poor quality of work by the contractors and clear lack of proper supervision by the councils engineers.

Comments about the state of the road from Helperthorpe to Sledmere that is only single track with no passing places yet is signposted to York yet has no passing places or weight restrictions. Mr Marr promised to take a look at the road.

Stuart also reported back on the Regional Meeting of YLCA where a presentation had been made by Yorkshire in Bloom which is fifty years old this year. They are encouraging villages with a population of 300 or less to take part in planting schemes which involve all ages with the displays being judged to win awards.

Nigel Lattaway said that he hoped to have some road planings left over from a local project which could be put on the lay by opposite the village hall to improve the surface there.

The meeting close at 8:50.

Next meeting 21st September 2015.