

**Minutes of the Meeting of Weaverthorpe Parish Council held on 23rd March 2015 in
Weaverthorpe Village Hall**

Present: A Milner, M Rowland, T Thomson, C Howe, G Downes, J Mason, J Fisher,
F Shellard (Chair), J House (Clerk)

Members of the public: J Willis, J Taylor, S Taylor

1. **Apologies for Absence:** There were no apologies for absence.
2. **Items to be raised by members of the public:** There were no items to be raised by members of the public present.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Meetings of the Parish Council held on 19th January and 24th February 2015:** The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record of the meetings.
4. **Matters arising:** The Clerk reported that he had reviewed the NY and York Minerals Waste Plan as requested and there was nothing in that plan that would affect the village.
He has also circulated a reply to the NYCC school bus consultation, received comments and incorporated these into the reply to NYCC.
5. **Finance:** There were two invoices for payment:
HMRC for £62.20
NYCC for annual street lighting power for £487.80
Both these invoices were approved for payment.

The accounts are up to date for 2014 / 2015 and copies were distributed. All known expenditure is included in the accounts. As the council will be retiring prior to the next meeting we have to approve the accounts. Also the period for exercising of electors rights (when the public can have access to the accounts) begins before the date of our next meeting, so the audit commission return needs to be completed at this meeting. All the paperwork is done with the exception of the bank reconciliation which cannot be completed until we receive the March bank statement.

The Clerk will complete all the paperwork for the internal audit and send it off after 31st March 2015.

The Council reviewed the information provided for the audit and completed section 2 of the Annual Return.

The balances at the bank as at 31st March will be:

Current Account £1703.25
Reserve Account £4919.39

An invoice for the YLCA annual fee came in too late to be included, so a post dated cheque was signed for this amount of £116, and will be included in next years accounts.

6. Correspondence

Letter from RDC on consultation on the Licensing Authority's Review of its Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005. As the Council have no activities which come under this legislation it was agreed that no response was necessary.

NYCC have informed us of the transitional period, for registering common land, which runs until 14 December 2018. The Clerk contacted NYCC and they say there is no registered common land in the parish. This prompted a discussion as to whether

any land in the Parish should be registered. The Clerk was asked to look at the implications of such an initiative.

The Safer Ryedale statistics for January and February 2015 had been received and were reviewed.

An email had been received from NYCC regarding the salt bins and piles they will replenish in future. These are now limited to the two grit bins by the school and a pile of grit at the junction of Main Road and Green Lane.

A letter informing the Council of the payroll charges of £10 per quarter fixed until 2017.

The Community Infrastructure Charging Schedule, had been received from RDC with comments invited by 15th April 2015. The Council agreed that no comments were relevant in this instance.

A letter had been received from Sir Peter Luff MP, who is Commons Chair of the Speakers Advisory Group for the 2015 Anniversaries. This is concerning an event called Liber Teas to be held on 14th June 2015, to celebrate the 800th Anniversary of the Magna Carta. More details can be found at www.liberteas.co.uk

BT have sent details of their adopt a phone box initiative.

A letter had been received from David Boyes of NYCC to say they have amended the amounts paid for grass cutting for 2015/16 from £87 to £364. There is an offer of transitional help with the cost but as this is only deferring the payment for one year it was agreed that we would not take up the offer.

7. Planning

Approvals had been received for:

4 bedroom house at Gara

Extension to barn at Ropery Kennels

Change of use for glamping site

Signage for glamping site

Parking area for Gritts Farm

The application for a detached outbuilding at The Paddocks has been withdrawn

Appeal to be commented on by 10 April 2015 for Turbine on land to north of Main Road for Wolds Valley Wind Collective. This was discussed at the end of the meeting and it was agreed that the Clerk would distribute the Council's proposed response, which was still one of objection, to the Council for comment ahead of the submission date. (G Downes left the meeting for this topic as he had to declare an interest)

8. Police Business

There was no police business to report.

9. Any Other Business

The Clerk gave a further update on the subject of speeding in the valley. Butterwick PC have come back with a request for more information and Luttons have said they would be interested in the Community Speedwatch Scheme.

There is a requirement with all the approaches that a Speed Concern form is completed by members of the public where they have a concern over vehicle speeds. These forms are sent to NYCC Highways. The clerk suggested that he make the other councils aware of this and investigate giving this a wider circulation via the Warbler.

The Open Gardens team are keen to have some permanent memorial to Roy and Elsie Williamson and it has been suggested that a bench might be a suitable way of doing this. The council has some funds that were diverted from the Community Investment Fund in 2013. The suggestion from Open Gardens is that if the Council funded the acquisition and installation of the bench then a plaque could be financed by Open Gardens. The Clerk was asked to get quotes and if funds allowed we may be able to put a bench on the village green and one by the war memorial. It was noted that the fund was £1174.

A request had been put forward by Norma Harrison that the Council consider asking RDC to give house numbers to all the houses in the village. After some discussion it was agreed that the Council did not consider this to be a viable proposition. The Clerk will look at updating the village map that is on the notice boards and that could be distributed to all residents to help them give directions to delivery drivers etc.

The Clerk asked if the CCTV could be taken down as the dog fouling problem seemed to have got better. It was pointed out that there is now a problem with fouling outside the school gate on Main Road. The clerk would investigate a possible site for the relocation of the CCTV to that area.

J Fisher noted that the white railings around the Village Green and The Star need maintenance. The Clerk will inspect and get some quotes for the work to be carried out before Open Gardens.

The meeting closed at 8:30.

Next meeting which is the Annual Meeting will be on 18th May preceded by the Parish Meeting.