

Minutes of the meeting of Weaverthorpe Parish Council held on 16th January 2017

Present: T Thomson, M Rowland, A Milner, S Taylor, M Mitchell, J Mason, G Downes, F Shellard (Chair)

J House (Clerk)

Apologies: G Perry, N Lattaway, J Fisher

Members of the public: S Milner, D Flounders (both part time)

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Apologies and reasons for absence were noted and approved for those above.
- 2. Matters to be raised by members of the public:** S Milner asked if the Parish Council could do anything about signage on the bend on Back Lane as he has had five instances of cars driving into the hedge at the northern boundary of his property, due to the drivers mis-judging the severity of the bend. The Council asked the Clerk to contact NYCC Highways to see if the signage could be improved.
D Flounders has an issue with the siting of the hedge on the layby opposite the Village Hall as this is causing vehicles to turn using the Village Hall car park, which he considered a safety hazard. The Parish Council has no jurisdiction over drivers habits of turning in the village and noted there are other places where it is safe to turn in the village.
- 3. Approval of minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2016:** The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.
- 4. Matters Arising:** S Taylor reported that the defibrillator had been used at an incident in Kirby Grindalythe, which resulted in the Air Ambulance being deployed. The question was raised as to whether the PCs at the west end of the valley should be looking at a defibrillator in one of their villages. The Clerk will contact them and appraise them of the way that Weaverthorpe acquired the defibrillator that we have.
- 5. Finance:** Three payments were authorised by the Council:

HMRC £67

Autela Payroll services £26.99

Weaverthorpe Village Hall £90.00

When these payments have been made the balances at the bank will be:

Current Account £2297.38

Reserve Account £4924.05

On 9th December 2016 we received the community Grant from RAY. No requests for help with fuel have been received. It was therefore decided that the article should be placed in the February and March Warbler that the help was there for residents of the village.

6. Correspondence

email from YLCA regarding the membership fee for 2017. Formula for calculating the fee is contained in that email, which works out at £123.77, an increase of £7.77 over last year's fee.

email from YLCA about compliance with the Transparency code, including a checklist. The Clerk has completed the check list to assure ourselves that we are complying. The checklist will be retained on file

email from John Wane about house insurance and flood zones.

email from YLCA on the Draft Public Service Ombudsman Bill – possible extension to cover all parish councils.

email from David Martin of Vellco to say that he retired last month and that the new manager is Joe Fell who is the son of the owner.

email from YLCA to say that the Govt are not extending the council tax referendum principles to all councils, but they look at it again.

email and letter from YLCA regarding lighting of beacons to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War on 11 November 2018.

email from YLCA to tell us that as of the 2017/18 financial year that PKF Littlejohn have been appointed auditors for smaller authorities and we will be told of the arrangements directly by the SAAA or PKF Littlejohn, once they have finalised the arrangements.

email from Gail Cook at RDC informing us of the Flood Grant Scheme. The Clerk was asked to look at the possibility of applying for such a grant to scrape the bed of the Gypsy Race in a similar manner to what happened in 2013.

7. Planning

Spaniel Farm, application for a general purpose agricultural building, was consulted by email and no objections raised.

An application received on 13/1/17, is for LBC for various works to Dale Farm House. The application was discussed. The works include external and internal alterations to include installation of a PVCU casement window to replace the door to the north elevation, installation of PVCU double doors to east elevation and removal of the brick pillar to the west elevation together with installation of replacement living room fireplace and wood burner and alterations to internal layout. No objections were raised.

Letter from RDC to say they are looking at the non-compliance with the planning consent at Carvills Pit.

8. Police matters

The CAP meeting in Wintringham was being held at the same time as this meeting so the Clerk has sent his apologies.

Community Speed Watch: We were successful in getting six volunteers whose names have been submitted to NYP. Volunteers are Femi Shellard, Stuart Taylor, Dennis Horseman, Graham Ashby, John Lake and Jeff House. The 4 sites have been agreed at a site meeting on 13th January 2017 with the appointed NYP volunteer, and training will be carried out shortly.

9. Layby

Having had the discussion earlier in the meeting about the layby and the apparent opposition to what we have been doing, to prevent HGV drivers using it as an overnight stop, the Council decided that an article in The Warbler recounting our motives and reasons would be sensible. It was also agreed that the Chair and Clerk would seek a meeting with the new manager at Vellco to renew our requests to them that they should have some responsibility about HGV parking in the village. The Clerk will draft the article and circulate it to Councillors for their approval.

It was noted that NYCC Highways are still assessing the levelling out of the area.

The meeting closed at 8:10.

Next Meeting: 20th March 2017