

**Minutes of the meeting of Weaverthorpe Parish Council held remotely by telephone on Monday
16th November 2020 at 7pm.**

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

Apologies: G Perry

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Apologies as noted above and the reason were accepted.
- 2. Matter to be raised by members of the public:** There were no members of the public present.
- 3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2020:** The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.
- 4. Matters arising: Play area:** It was reported at the last meeting that one piece of play equipment had failed and we agreed to quarantine the other two similar pieces. There was then correspondence and a site meeting on 17th October at which the majority of the PC agreed to move the play equipment and the bench to form an L shape from the telephone box eastwards then northwards towards a tree. It was agreed that the two pieces of equipment that had been quarantined would be put back into use. It was also agreed that MCR Joinery would provide a quotation to carry out the work, which would be carried out early in 2021, as the Clerk had been unable to find another contractor who could carry out the work any earlier. We now have the quote which is included in the papers provided for the meeting. This quote was discussed at the end of the meeting and it was agreed that a further quote would be sought to give a price comparison.
- 5. Finance and Governance:** Two invoices were paid in between meetings:
YLCA for the sum of £15 to advertise the vacancy for a Clerk
Playsafety for inspection of the play equipment - £82.20
The Clerk's expenses for two years from Dec 2018 to November 2020 being the sum of £163.78, are presented for payment. Postage, paint and sundries for village green, printer ink and paper.
After these invoices have been paid the balances at the bank will be:
Current Account £6314.30
Deposit Account £ 1544.67
As the projection of costs shows that there will be still be considerable expenditure between now and the year end, and taking into account that the interest rate on the reserve account is currently 1p per month, that no transfers between accounts were required at present. The projection of costs to year end in order that the Precept can be set for next year. This shows the potential costs for the VAS once the grant money has been received from the PFCC.
We received an email to say that RDC will produce estimates of Council Tax bases by 20th November. If the Precept is not increased we will not need these. The Council agreed to leave the Precept at this year's level of £4850 and the request was signed by the Chair.
- 6. Correspondence:**
email received from the Clerk resigning his position wef 31st March 2021 or sooner if a replacement can be found.

The Council agreed that a sub committee be formed to oversee the recruitment of a new Clerk. The group will consist of F Shellard, J Mason and S Taylor.

Letter from Rachel Balmer introducing the fact that the consultation on the Local Plan will start next year, but we have a leaflet entitled Ryedale Plan 2020 to 24 . The Clerk has asked Cllr Middleton for clarification. Also review of village facilities which the Clerk has completed and returned.

Correspondence had also been received from both NYCC and RDC on the formation of unitary authorities, with a request from RDC input. It was agreed that no formal input would be made by the PC but if individual members wanted to reply that would be at each members discretion/

Email from highways to say they are taking some action on the verge over run opposite Pasture View, this was following the Clerk sending photos of where pushback of the verge had been repaired further along Main Road and asked for an explanation why the area opposite Pasture View was different.

7. Planning:

20/00910/73A Removal of local needs occupancy conditions for Sunday School Cottage was supported on 16/10/20. Just prior to the meeting correspondence was received from RDC stating that this will go to the Planning Committee on 24th November and the decision recommended is refusal.

No other correspondence has been received from RDC.

In reply to our letter to the HSE the Clerk received a call from Paul Yeadon who basically said that that the HSE are not interested in such documents that we sent them (Site Mgt Plan and Outline Construction Mgt Plan). If anything happens once the work has started we are asked to contact them. So much for preventing accidents, it would seem that the HSE act after the event! It was agreed that the Clerk would inform Kevin Hollinrake of this approach.

8. Police Matters: No CAP mtg or activity

9. Tree Survey: The remedial work to the Oak and Horse Chestnut on the village green and felling of the Cherry Tree outside Rarey Farm will be carried out on 27th November 2020.

10. Grass cutting: Further to the Clerk's email two outcomes have been achieved and our contractor will continue to cut the grass next year.

It was agreed that the Chair and Clerk would meet with the helper and inform him of previous correspondence that said that he could not carry out grass cutting activities on land maintained by the Council as he did not have the relevant Public Liability insurance in place.

11. VAS: The grant application was successful. We were awarded £1900 plus the NYCC grant of £1000 plus our contribution of £1000 giving a total of £3900.

Clerk has completed the paper for the PFCC and is awaiting a formal agreement for signature. The Council agreed that we would purchase The SWARCO model of the VAS or similar (dependent of prices and the Clerk will meet with NYCC to discuss positioning, when the money has been received.

It was noted that no further contact had been received from other interested parishes.

The meeting closed at 8:30

Next meeting will be held on 18th January 2020