

**Minutes of the meeting of Weaverthorpe Parish Council held on 17th July 2017 at 7pm in
Weaverthorpe Village Hall**

Present: S Taylor, M Rowland, M Mitchell, G Perry, J Mason, A Milner, T Thomson, F Shellard (Chair)
J House (Clerk) Cllr Tharik Deen (P/T)

Apologies: N Lattaway, G Downes, J Fisher

Members of the public: J Lake, M Lake, T Chapman, J Taylor, P Wilson, M McKinley, V Rowland,
P House, N Walker (Vellco) R Hardy (Vellco)

Apologies from Members of the Public: S Johnson, T Johnson

1. **To receive apologies from members of the Council:** Apologies from Councillors and their reasons for absence were noted as above.
2. **Matter to be raised by members of the Public:** There were no matters raised.
3. **Approval of the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 15th May 2017:** The Clerk pointed out that the date of the meeting in January 2018 is 22nd not 20th as typed, this has been corrected in the minutes to be signed. The Chair signed the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
4. **Matters arising:** The Clerk reported that Bridget Skaife, RDC Communities Officer would now attend the September meeting.
The Clerk also reported back on a reply to a query about the rates the PC were charged by the Village Hall. The council agreed that charging a higher rate because we are publicly funded was wrong and that a reply should be sent addressed to the Chair of the VH Committee saying that we still do not agree and that we will look for an alternative venue.
5. **Finance and Governance:**
Invoices for approval were presented for:
Autela Payroll Services £24
HMRC £65.20
J House for village signs, JH paid by Debit card £131.64
On the subject of Autela, the Clerk has tried to get the cost down, as we currently pay £24 per quarter. Apparently we already get a reduced price per quarter, so he asked if we could just pay the Clerk annually, but that cannot be done at present because of the auto enrolment process, but could change next year.

Bank Balances after the above payments have been made:

Current Account: £2222.63

Reserve Account: £4924.29

6. **Correspondence:**

E-mail received from YLCA regarding Parish Meetings. This was in reply to a request made by the Clerk for information on Parish Meetings following a lack of interest by Village organisations at the Parish Meeting. YLCA had confirmed that the Local Government Act 1972 states that a Parish Council must, in every year, hold an Annual Meeting between 1st March and 1st June which must be convened by the Chair or two Parish Councillors. The Parish Meeting is a completely separate body to the Parish Council but legislation links the two bodies together through the Chair of the Parish Council. YLCA confirmed there are no formal penalties imposed on a Council that chooses not to comply, but failure to comply

could result in an elector, in the Parish, making a complaint to the Commission for Local Administration ie the Ombudsman.
The Council noted this information.

Reform of Data Protection Legislation. E-mail from YLCA highlighting that Data Protection Law will significantly change in May 2018 because of an EU Directive (which will not be affected by Brexit). This note is a heads up for parishes and includes a briefing document from NALC. Basically we need a Data Protection Officer and the General Data Protection Regulation has 12 steps to follow which are attached to the e-mail. The Clerk will review the points when the legislation come into being.

Letter from Seafarers UK highlighting Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September. They ask that we fly the Red Ensign on a prominent flagpole. It was agreed to ask Chris Howe if he wants to get involved.

2 PCC reports for Southern Ryedale – crime figures for May and June. This highlights new Beat Manager for our area, PC Dave Meer, and two instances of crime in our village.

E-mail from YLCA re Plunkett Foundation request for setting up Community Co-operatives. The council agreed no further action was necessary.

Letter from Chairman of Ryedale District Council for contribution to his charity fund. The Clerk will draft the usual reply, stating that we will not be contributing as it is not good use of taxpayers' money.

E-mail from North Yorkshire Community Messaging inviting the PC to join the service. Clerk has enrolled us.

E-mail from Highways regarding their new Parish Portal. Have registered but it won't accept our password. Suggest this is a waste of time. Other PCs are having the same problem.

E-mail from Friends of the Earth requiring details of any correspondence we have had regarding fracking under Freedom of Information. Clerk has replied to say we have had no such correspondence.

Copy of YLCA Annual Review is available for anybody who would like to see it.

Email from John Wane re road closures in West Luton

Email from Julia Mulligan, PCC, on a consultation on improving collaboration between Police and Fire Service. Clerk will review.

7. Planning

Two applications received:

Vellco for 2 Buildings to be located to the east of the existing facility. This part of the meeting was held first due to the number of residents present.

A concern was raised on behalf of the residents of Rarey Drive regarding the landscaping and it was requested that the shrubs and trees be planted next to the building rather than next to the boundary, to preserve light in the residents gardens.

Much discussion took place on the reasons for extending the facility and the expected capacity of the site once it is expanded. Noise, fire risk, transport, trees and flood risk were all discussed with concerns about various aspects expressed by the resident and the councillors.

A "green" roof had been suggested in the meeting in March and dismissed but some of those present felt that it should not be ruled out. The view from the Sherburn Road and the Church would be dominated by the extent of the buildings proposed.

There were concerns over the amount of traffic that is actually travelling in and out of the present facility and the predictions for when it is built. The Residents had conducted a survey which showed double the number of vehicle movements than that stated by the transport consultant.

The council decided on a vote of 4:3 that the reply to RDC should be that they do not object but subject to a number of significant points being addressed before approval could be given. These points are:

- Provision of parking for HGVs arriving out of hours
- Widening of the entrance to the site
- Unsafe movements of HGVs
- Operating hours
- Landscaping
- Appearance
- Construction
- Ropery Lane bridge over the Gypsey Race
- Flood risk
- Tree Survey
- Archaeological Survey
- Traffic Survey
- Out of hours HGV movements
- Noise Survey

A letter explaining the council's views on these subjects would be drafted, for agreement by the Council by email and signed by the Chair for delivery to RDC by the deadline of 21st July 2017.

Caravan at Carvills Pit.

A condition of the application for the agricultural building approved in 2014 was that the access had to be moved and upgraded before any work was begun on the building. This has not been carried out. The existing entrance is too close to the corner of Cowlam Road.

The existing planning permission was for work to be started before 7 May 2017, as this work has not been started then the permission has lapsed. The applicant wrongly states that this agricultural building is in the process of construction.

There has been a building erected in the SE corner of the site which appears to be for wood cutting, but no permission has been granted for that.

This Council has asked RDC on more than one occasion to check on the activities on the site, as there has been illegal waste disposal and at least two businesses carrying out wood cutting.

The applicant states that the siting of the caravan will support tourism by providing employment opportunities, we fail to see how this can be justified.

The Council decided to object to this proposal on the grounds that the previous planning permission had lapsed and that we could not see why this would promote tourism.

Decisions received:

Two semi-detached dwellings at garages at East Bank – refused. One of the conditions is the Local Occupancy Rules.

Extension to Maygarth: approved.

Two No. agricultural buildings at Dottrell Farm: approved.

8. Police Matters

Minutes of CAP meeting held on 15th May. Several issues highlighted but main one is the new Beat Manager, PC Meer.

9. Update on Village Signs

To cut a long story short it took six weeks for Area 4 Highways to give approval for our new signs. Basically they did not read the e-mail that the Clerk sent that we wanted to replace like for like and trying to get a procedure out of them was time consuming and difficult. Finally established we didn't need a procedure just a photo of the new signs once they are installed!

Signs were delivered last week and all were damaged in transit. Post meeting note, replacement signs will be manufactured and dispatched.

S Taylor reported that he would be taking the benches out of commission this week, and the new metal work would be added, then powder coated. M Rowland was supplying wooden end caps for the metal slats. Estimated completion by mid August.

The meeting finished at 9.45

Date of next meeting: 18th September 2107