

Minutes of the meeting of Weavertorpe Parish Council held remotely at 7pm on 18th January 2021

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

Apologies for Absence: None

There was one member of the public present.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** All Councillors were present.
2. **Matters to be raised by Members of the Public:** The subject of dog fouling along Ropery Lane and the bridleway that continues from there and on the Land behind Waddale Eend was raised. The Clerk will obtain some posters from RDC and a piece will be put in the Warbler and on the valley website.
3. **Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th November 2020:** The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.
4. **Matters arising:** Play equipment: A second quotation had been obtained from S & JB Joinery for the work on the play equipment. The previous quote from MCR Joinery was for £1500 therefore the Council approved the quote from MCR Joinery.

5. **Finance and Governance:**

Invoices had been received in between meetings and because of payment terms these had been paid:

J C Howe	£313.12 for Insurance for Grass cutting
Bayes Tree Services	£798 for tree surgery
HMRC	£72.40 for tax on Clerk's salary
Autela	£59.07 for processing salary (x2)
Driifield Weekly	£147.60 for advert

The Council approved the above invoices.

After these payments have been made the Bank balances are as follows:

Current: £ 6469.07

Reserve: £ 1544.69

The Clerk has received notification of renewal of his membership of SLCC. In view of his imminent departure from the role he has not renewed it. Even if he does not depart at the end of March, he does not see the value, as it is very seldom used, as YLCA provides virtually the same service.

6. **Correspondence:** A Letter had been received from the York Disabled Workers Co-operative asking for a donation. The Council's policy of not using taxpayers money to make donations to charities would be communicated to them. They had sent a catalogue of garden accessories, such as planters, so if the need arises in the future we could make purchases from them.

email from RDC asking what we spent the CIL on Sunday School Cottage on. The sum of £308.55 was received in June 2019 and since then we had a number of projects executed and the reply from the Council would be that it has contributed towards the re-siting of the play equipment.

email from Community First saying our membership is due for renewal, but we are not members. It was noted that this organisation used to be called Rural Action Yorkshire and that we decided many years ago not to renew our membership as it did not give value for money, the same applies now.

Letter from North Yorkshire Youth about their offer for youth in the village. There is no youth club any more and any such activity would not be the responsibility of the Parish Council as in the past it had been run by independent volunteers. It was decided that a piece would be put in the Warbler to inform residents of the offer and we would communicate that to North Yorkshire Youth.

7. Planning

Consider any planning applications received from Ryedale District Council;

20/01208/FUL- Spaniel Farm erection of agricultural building

The date for replies was originally 12th January but the Clerk has obtained a deferment until 19th January.

The barn is 30.5 metres square, and 10.5 metres to the eaves with a pitched roof with Juniper green cladding. Same as other barns at the same site. It is for storage of boxed potatoes. NYCC Highways and Archaeology have no objections.

The Parish Council had no objections to raise.

Consider planning correspondence from Ryedale District Council;

20/00910/73A – Removal of LNO from Sunday School Cottage – Refused

As discussed at the last meeting this application has now been refused, mainly because it is considered that the applicant did not give it enough time to be marketed .

Vellco: An email was received from Kevin Hollinrake's secretary to say that Kevin is taking up our concerns about HSE with RDC and will let us know when he gets a response.

8. Police matters: None

9. **Grass cutting:** The Chair and Clerk had the required conversation with the resident who had been helping with the grass cutting.

In a subsequent conversation with C Howe he confirmed that he is happy to continue the grass cutting for 2021.

10. **VAS:** The grant money is now in our bank account and the Clerk did have a meeting arranged with the NYCC engineer responsible at 10 am on 19th January 2021. This has now been postponed due to the lockdown, earliest we can meet is early March.

In the meantime the Clerk will do as much as possible by email in order to progress this.

The Clerk has not had a definitive answer on sharing the VAS from Luttons PC, but has given all the information asked for. The Clerk needs to give Cllr Sanderson an update, so he has asked Luttons PC for any further questions for the NYCC engineer by the end of this week.

11. **Phone box:** The clerk contacted BT in early January to start the process of adopting the phone box only to be told that RDC had again objected to the removal of the telephony and the box. The Clerk contacted the other Parish and Town Councils who had a phone box on the same consultation. Received some feedback from other Parish and Town Councils which did indicate that some other Parish Councils had stated that they wanted to adopt their boxes but RDC have objected. On the whole not a very fruitful exercise, but about 25% of the PC's contacted have incorrect details for contact on RDC's website so we just got an undelivered email message.

The Clerk has asked RDC for a copy of the letter sent to BT, under the freedom of information regulations and we should receive it by 4th February unless they can find a reason not to release it.

The Clerk suggested that we wait till we see the letter from RDC before we do anything further. It was agreed that instead of going through the whole complaints procedure again, if

the reply from RDC was that they had again refused it, we will write to the person who dealt with the second complaint last year and ask, why given the nature of the complaint, did RDC not contact us before rejecting our wishes before completing their consultation.
The Clerk has not heard back from Cllr Middleton.

12. **Clerk recruitment:** The Chair reported that the sub committee formed at the last meeting had met and decided to advertise in the Local Press as adverts in the Warbler and on the Village e and the YLCA website had only brought one application. That was from a candidate that lived over 40 miles way which was felt to be too remote from the Parish.
There are other vacancies locally and it was felt that because of the variance in salaries that it would be worth talking to the Chairs of those PCs involved to see if joint recruitment might be an option. Foxholes have a local parenting website and the Clerk has sent details of the vacancy to be placed on that web site.

The meeting closed at 8:30 pm
Next meeting is 15th March 2021.