

Minutes of the meeting of Weaverthorpe Parish Council Held on 20th March 2017 at 19:00 in Weaverthorpe Village Hall

The meeting was preceded by a presentation by Helen Clark of Next Steps, on Working to Reduce Isolation and Loneliness across Ryedale.

Next Steps is an independent charity, run by a board of volunteer trustees, providing support for mental health sufferers, disabled and isolated people in Ryedale. They have a presence in Norton, Pickering and Kirkbymoorside.

They have secured Big Lottery funding to help those who live in Ryedale who have seen their lifelines disappear in terms of shops, transport and many of those people do not even speak to anyone on a day to day basis.

Next steps have an IT suite and run aromatherapy sessions, crafts, walking and provide meals for those in need. They will also work with village hall organisations to bring their help into villages. They have a particular initiative called Totally not Lonely Sundays when they provide transport and lunch in Norton for £5 to those who want to participate.

Next Steps contact details are displayed on the Parish Council notice board, in the village hall. Their telephone number is 01653 690854.

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

Also Present: District Councillor Tharik Jainu Deen

Members of the Public: J Bedson, K Steele, J Wilson, M McKinley, P Downes, A Downes, N Harrison, S Milner, J Taylor, P House, V Rowland, L Mills, M Fusco, A Brown, J Lake

1. Apologies: J Fisher, M Mitchell

Apologies and their reasons were noted as above.

2. Matters to be raised by Members of the Public: There were no specific matters to be raised but members of the public participated in the planning section in section 8 (iii) of the meeting.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2017: The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record.

4. Matters arising: The Clerk had been asked to look at anti flood grant which had been notified to us by RDC. The Clerk noted that we have had no further communication regarding this. The cost of scraping the Gypsy Race in 2013 was £4500, so it is reasonable to assume today's costs would be £5000. The proposed grant is £5000 or 25% of total cost, whichever is the lower. 25% of £5000 is £1250 so we would have to fund £3750. The Clerk proposed that we should revisit this in two years time and the council agreed.

5. Finance:

3 invoices were presented for payment and approved:

HMRC £64.80

Autela £26.99

YLCA £124.00

When these invoices have been paid the balances at the bank are:

Current account: £2081.59

Reserve Account: £4924.05

There are two more payments to make before the end of the financial year, which are £258.62 for the Clerk's salary for the 1st Quarter 2017 and £396.10 for the electricity supply for the street lighting. That will leave the balance in the current account at £1426.87. There is also a charge for lighting maintenance , amount not known but should be less than £100.

The Clerk will prepare the accounts for internal audit. And submit them for internal and external audit. Yorkshire Internal Audit Services were appointed by the Council as the Internal Auditor for the 2016 / 17 financial year.

The Risk Management matrix was approved by the Council.

We have been advised by NYCC that they are expecting a 15% increase in energy costs and that we should budget for similar increases over the next three years.

6. Correspondence

Press Release from Ryedale Community Transport to say that they have access to new funding which will enable them to keep the Wheels 2 Work scheme going and extend it to the Scarborough area.

Letter from the Great Yorkshire Bike ride to say they will be coming through the village on 17th June 2017.

Letter from the Chair of NALC reminding us that the government's decision not to introduce the referendum principles for parish precepts is just a deferral, and it might get revisited at any time, so we are being asked to exercise restraint in considering precept increases.

YLCA have asked that we communicate the existence of HMG's Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme. These will be placed on the notice board and details provided for inclusion in the Warbler

7. Planning

- (i) Change of use for Methodist Chapel was consulted upon by email, no objections

Further changes to Corner House holiday cottage, although the applicant has provided a parking place within the curtilage of the property, this is still considered inadequate and no mention of the hazards of the main entrance being straight on the road has been made.

An application had been made for two dwellings at East Bank. No objections were raised, but the Council expressed concern about the location when the building works are being carried out.

- (ii) Methodist Church change of use approved, residency conditions have been applied which restrict residency to those with a close link to the village. It was noted that these conditions have been added to the development undertaken on land adjacent to The Paddocks. Those applicants have appealed these conditions and the Council agreed that they are restrictive and would make sale of new or use changed properties difficult to market in the future.

- (iii) Proposed development at the Vellco site.

A presentation was given by three representatives from Vellco, Andrew Windress (ID Planning), Neil Walker (Neil Walker Consulting) and Richard Hardy (Gerald Eve), on the proposed expansion of the site.

Vellco are a third generation company who have been in existence for 64 years, engaging in the collection and recycling of tyres and have been in existence since the 1960's. The current site has 50,000 square feet which is mainly taken up by two large buildings, access to the site is difficult. The company have purchased the land to the east of the site which was originally owned by a charitable housing trust. They are planning to water down the intensification of

the site, which will not include intensification of vehicle movements. The existing buildings will stay and should serve their existing purpose for another five years or so.

The current situation with regard to (mainly) foreign HGVs parking in the village was raised and although there was no provision in the plans to address this, the representatives agreed to look at this aspect.

The plans are mainly to erect two buildings, one encompassing the majority of the site, which in a U shape, which will encompass another building within the U. An access way will be between the two buildings which will allow HGVs to drive around that access way thus taking away the current practice of HGVs reversing back out of the site onto Ropery Lane. This issue was raised on behalf of Wolds Glamping who have had damage to the pavement they were required to install as part of their planning application.

There was much discussion on the increased business that the site will have, and how this would affect vehicle movements. The way the company stores tyres is changing with more emphasis on storage rather than recycling, which apparently will cut down the need for vehicle movement both on and off the site .

The buildings will be situated 13 metres from the boundaries of the houses on Main Road and Rarey Drive, the height of the buildings will be 5 metres closest to the neighbours rising to 7 to 8 metres into the site. The applicants are seeking views on how landscaping should be tackled, whether this should be on the boundary of the neighbours or adjacent to the buildings. They would like to receive comments by the end of March 2017. The point was raised that there was a danger of light being cut out from the gardens of the neighbouring properties. It had not been finally decided but it was likely that there could be a double fence put up as a security measure. The actual finish of the buildings has not been decided upon, the point was made that the existing site does dominate the views from the north side of the valley and this proposed extension would add to the visibility. The idea of a living roof was suggested by a resident.

Noise was an issue that was discussed, with the company saying that the noise levels would reduce because the vehicle movements would be shielded by the buildings, but the point was made by the residents that the vehicles would be closer to the houses.

Fire risk was also discussed. An assessment has been carried out with the Environment Agency to ensure compliance with the EA's guidelines. The area used for storage had been subsequently reduced. The corridor around there sides of the new site will give access to fire service vehicles if required. The company are within 15% of the EA limits for operating the site.

Operating times of the site were discussed. The company stated that these are 8 to 5 during the week and 8 till 12 on a Saturday, although it was subsequently admitted that Vellco's own transport use the site from 6 am.

Although the lighting of the site had not been finalised, it was suggested that down lighting be provided on the new buildings to avoid light pollution for the neighbours.

Existing trees between the existing site and the expansion area would be removed although none of these are significant.

Drainage surveys have been carried out as the site is a flood zone, residents urged the company to give this subject considerable attention due the recent problems suffered by the village with the water table.

The company said that the Village Development Limit which had previously been applied to the site whilst it was considered for residential development, did not apply to commercial development.

Representatives of the Parish council had met with Vellco's site manager six weeks ago and when asked what plans the company had for the site and the bungalow, they were told that they no plans. The representatives present confirmed they had been working on the plans for 10 to 12 weeks.

The bungalow will be retained and possibly developed for staff use.

When asked for the timescale of the development those present were not entirely sure, they intend to submit a formal planning application in April, after approval of which, a more detailed plan for construction will ensue.

ID planning asked that any comments be sent to them, by the end of March to andrew.windress@idplanning.co.uk

- 8. Police Matters** An update on the Community Speedwatch was given. We commenced Community Speedwatch on 10th February 2017 and have carried out 7 deployments. 236 vehicles passed through the village over those seven sessions, 27 of which were observed at travelling at 35 mph or above, which is a percentage of 11.5%.

All feedback received by the team has been positive.

The Council agreed that a volunteer who has come forward from Snainton, via the CSW team, should be invited to join the team.

9. Layby

Filling in has been carried out by North Yorkshire Highways.

When the Chair and Clerk met the manager of Vellco six weeks ago, they agreed to fund a planter for the layby to be placed at the east end to stop HGVs reversing into the layby. In view of the ongoing discussions regarding planning at the Vellco site it was agreed that this option should not be taken up and that the Council should fund the planter. The council agreed a sum of £275 which would use up the remainder of the NYCC locality grant of £164, the remainder will come from Council funds.

Post meeting note: A. Brown has agreed to manufacture a planter using his links to the Prison Service and the cost will be reduced substantially.

T Thomson reported that one salt on the bench by the War Memorial, is damaged. M. Rowland said he would look at this.

- 10.** The Clerk left the meeting to enable the Council to review his performance over the past year. The salary increase agreed by the NJC for Local Government Services, for SCP 27 will be applied to the Clerk's salary from 1st April 2017.

The meeting closed at 21.10.

Next meeting which is the Annual Meeting will be held on 15th March 2017 , preceded by the Parish Meeting.