

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Weaverthorpe Parish Council held on 16th May 2022 at 7pm in
Weaverthorpe Village Hall

Present: Cllrs A.Milner, S Taylor, J Mason, T Thomson, M Rowland, N Carter, F. Shellard (Chair),
J House (Clerk)

There were 3 members of the public present.

1. **Election Of Chairman:** Cllr F Shellard was elected Chairman of the Parish Council
Proposed by Cllr S Taylor
Seconded by Cllr J Mason
2. **Election of Vice Chairman:** M Rowland was elected Vice Chairman of the Parish Council
Proposed by Cllr F Shellard
Seconded by Cllr S Taylor
3. **YLCA representatives:** Cllr F Shellard and Cllr J Mason were confirmed as the YLCA
representatives for the Council
4. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies and the reason for absence were accepted from G Downes
5. **Matters to be raised by members of the Public:** A question was asked about progress on the
provision of an electricity supply to the village green. The Clerk reported that he had contact
with Northern Powergrid but had not had any success in actually processing the enquiry as it
is all done by email and it is difficult to answer the questions raised. It is on his to do list, but
at the moment we don't have any money to allocate to the project.
6. **Minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on 21st March 2022:** The minutes were agreed
and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.
7. **Matters arising:** Jubilee committee asked for approval to place a flagpole on the Village
Green. After much toing and froing there was an objection to a permanent flagpole, so the
current situation is that two anchor points will be placed, one on the village green (for the
Jubilee Weekend) and one on the War Memorial site when the flagpole will be placed there
for specific dates such as St George's day, Armistice and Remembrance, Yorkshire Day etc.
The flag pole will not be a permanent feature, but placed on the War Memorial site as and
when necessary.
The exact position on the village green was determined as approximately 5 metres west of
Ropery Lane on the north side of the green. The subject of the siting on the War Memorial
site will be determined once the Chair of the Jubilee Committee is back from leave.
8. **Finance and Governance:**
The report from the Internal Auditor was noted, there were no matters for concern
The Chairman and Clerk signed the Certificate of Exemption for audit
The Chairman and Clerk completed and approved the Annual Governance Statement
The Accounting Statement was considered and approved and signed by the Chairman and the
Clerk
The Chairman and Clerk to approved and signed the Spreadsheet of Accounts
The Risk Assessment and Management Statement was reviewed and signed

The following payments were made in between meetings:

Jubilee Committee £500 as agreed at the last meeting
Yorkshire Internal Audit Services for the audit £175
North Yorkshire CC for street lighting £213.24 Last year was £121.
Cheque to replace an uncashed cheque to S Taylor as highlighted in the auditor's report £43:20
Further payment was approved for Council Insurance (fixed for five years) £367.77
The first part of the Precept of £2500 was received on 22nd April
After the above payments have been made the balances at the bank are:
Current Account: £1637.23
Reserve Account: £4544.90
NYCC have been invoiced for £255.04 for grass cutting for 2022/23
Nat West have informed us that as of 4th April 2022 the interest rate on the Reserve account increased from 0.01% to 0.1%

9. Correspondence:

Acknowledgement of our application for funding for the footpath from the east end of the village to Green Lane from NY Highways

Email from RDC about funding for EV charging points. It was agreed that this would be passed on to the VH Committee

10. Planning:

There are no new planning applications or approvals

Vellco: A proposed update on the work being carried out was postponed by the site manager until a later date. There have been complaints about noise from tyre de rimming at the west end of the site and also from Residents about noise from HGV's well before the opening times allowed in the planning approval. These will be raised when the meeting is reconvened.

Also a complaint has been received from a resident about speeding of Vellco employee's vehicles in Ropery Lane, which resulted in a near miss with a child on 13th May 2022. That resident has spoken to Vellco, although is not convinced anything will happen and completed a speed concern form on the NYP website, but has already received a reply from the traffic bureau saying that no action will be taken. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the Team Leader at the traffic bureau and challenge some of the statements in the rejection of the speed concern form.

11. Police matters: nothing to report

12. School Closure:

Since the last meeting the Statutory Notice regarding the school closure has been issued by NYCC. The is a final date of 31st May when objections can still be raised.

A letter was sent to the Secretary of State for Education pointing out the unsuitability of the route to be walked, both the length and condition of the route is unsuitable and unsafe. The fact that a parent without transport would have to walk 10 miles a day is archaic.

The letter asked for consideration to spend the £30K to £38K on trying to keep the school open.

The letter was also admitted a formal objection to the notice of closure to NYCC.

So far we have heard back from the Leader of the Council to say he shares our frustration but there is nothing that can be done and a reply from the Bishop of Whitby to say the C of E have not objected and that his colleague the Bishop of Selby will be providing pastoral care to those affected. We also received a letter from the RSC which told us what we already knew. Then

on 11th May 2022 we received another letter from the RSC saying that their previous letter was a draft and should not have been sent!

There has been no reply from the Secretary of State.

The Clerk has drafted a letter to Kevin Hollinrake MP, as a last effort to get people to approach the situation differently.

13. VAS data

We continue to get the odd 60mph vehicles, however the 85th percentile speed is 34 mph.

A total of 38040 vehicles passed the sign during March and April, 14023 were above 30 mph.

The higher speeds continue to be early in the mornings from 7am to 9 am.

We still have a problem with the battery when the VAS is outside the Blue Bell. The Clerk moved the sign on 1st May.

The Clerk has not contacted Swarco as we discussed at the last meeting, as he wanted to check the operation of the battery, in the warmer weather. The Clerk moved the sign on 1st May and today he went to check the battery. It has used 40% of it's power in 15 days. According to their quotation in 15 days the battery should cope with 60,000 activations. The Clerk downloaded the data for the last 15 days and there have been 8911 vehicles through the village out of which 957 would have activated the sign. The Clerk has raised this with Swarco again today and asked for the battery to be properly tested.

Update on CSW, just received a request from the traffic bureau to share with Wintringham, the Clerk has a telecon with the North Yorkshire Police tomorrow.

14. Village Green: The working Party to paint the birdmouth fencing around the village green on 30th April was very successful and the task was completed.

We still have a project to replace the birdmouth fencing with long life recycled materials. The estimated cost will be circa £5000.

RDC have an increased amount of money for community projects but this is not available directly to PCs. But it was agreed that we could help the Open Gardens group to apply for £2500 which we stand a good chance of getting. There are three application closing dates one of which is 26th August with a decision in November

There are then the donations from Open Gardens and another chance to apply to Tesco, which the Clerk will look at.

We did not have a tree survey carried out last year, which we should have done. The Clerk was asked to contact JK Arboriculture to progress a survey for this year.

The Clerk has received a request from a resident to ask if we can put some netting on the birdmouth fencing on Ropery Lane to stop balls going into the road. The Council thought this was unnecessary and would detract from the now tidy appearance of the Green.

15. Website: The chairman gave an update of progress on the website.

Dates for meetings for this year:

18th July 2022

19th September 2022

21st November 2022

16th January 2023

20th March 2023

15th May 2023

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.