

**Minutes of the meeting of Weaverthorpe Parish Council held at 7pm on 22nd July 2019 in
Weaverthorpe Village Hall**

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

Apologies: G Perry, District Cllr T Middleton

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence were noted and accepted as above.
2. **Matters to be raised by members of the public:** There was one member of the public present but no matters were raised.
3. **Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 20th May and an extraordinary meeting held on 11th July 2019:** Minutes of 20th May meeting were amended after the draft was sent out as the Clerk omitted to mention the FOI request on footpath and boundary signs. Minutes of both meetings were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters arising:** The Clerk checked the position of the footpath at East Bank and the boundary sign on the Butterwick Road with the OS map and both are in the correct position. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to NYCC footpaths to point out that the footpath adjacent to East Bank should be shown on the eastern edge of the plot which is currently being developed.

The reply to the FOI request will be reviewed under Correspondence.

With regards to the management of the web site we now have Tom Rowland on board, who lives in the village and is studying computers at Advanced level, as our Web Manager.

5. Finance and Governance:

Since the last meeting we have received three payments:

Community Infrastructure levy from RDC from the development of the Methodist Chapel:
£308.55

Donation from Open Gardens for the street lighting: £1349

Payment from NYCC for grass cutting £255.04

The following payments had to be made in the period since the last meeting:

NYCC Maintenance and periodic testing of street lighting (due date 3 July)	£460.49
T Rowland 1 st instalment of Honorarium (in advance from 1 st June)	£65.00
Autela for processing payroll (due date 30 days from 12 th June)	£110.58
HMRC (due date 19 th July 2019)	£67.00

After the above payments have been made the balances at the bank are:

Current Account £5531.16

Reserve Account £3832.67 **£9363.83**

In order to maximise income £3000 can be transferred from the Current account to the Reserve account as we do receive a small amount of interest on the Reserve account.

The Chair presented a letter of thanks to Mr and Mrs House on behalf of the Open Gardens group and expressed the Council's gratitude for the donation which will go a long way to securing a long lasting solution to the village street lighting.

6. Correspondence:

- Letter from NYCC regarding the renewal of the bus service contracts which will take place in April 2020. We placed a piece in the July Warbler to ask residents who use the service to write to NYCC. A draft letter for the Council to send in support of the service was approved.
- E mail from SLCC regarding the fee payable to the ICO after GDPR. The Clerk has followed the link to the Fact Sheet and gone through the self assessment process and ascertained that we do not have to pay a fee. This is based on the facts that we do not have CCTV and we only process personal data in the form of the Electoral Roll, which is actually managed by RDC.

- Advice note on Local Councillors' rights to time off work.
- Email from YLCA regarding changes to web sites such as ours to ensure that people with sight difficulties can adjust the font size accordingly. RDC will be making these changes.
- Reply to request on FOI regarding footpath signs and boundary signs. The reply stated that the new footpath and bridleway signs have been erected as part of the annual maintenance programme and that they assume that the adjoining county council or district council had erected the North Yorkshire signs on the boundaries! It was agreed that we would forward the reply to Cllr J Sanderson to ask her to ask for clarification.
- Email from G Perry re moles on the War memorial site. It was discussed whether we should do anything about moles as it could be a continuing cost. Initially we would try a sonic device that the Clerk already has.

7. Planning

Applications received

- 19/00694/FUL High Dale Farm: application to alter a two bedroom dwelling into a four bedroom dwelling- Extraordinary meeting held on 11th July, minutes approved earlier in this meeting and RDC advised of no objections.
- 19/00653/HOUSE Geispa Lodge: Erection of a part two storey/part first floor extension. The application was reviewed and no objections were raised.
- 19/00770/MFUL Spaniel Farm: Erection of general purpose barn. The application was reviewed and no objections were raised.
- 19/00820/OUT Fosters Cottage: Outline permission sort for access to one dwelling on land to the rear of Fosters Cottage. The application was considered and it was agreed that we should inform RDC that the Council objects to the proposal on the grounds that there are two empty properties owned by the applicant adjacent to the site, that the proposed dwelling will overlook the adjacent property, Harkaway and is outside of the Village Development Limit.
- 18/01128/OUT Little Garth: Notification of an appeal on refusal of permission to erect a dwelling (approval sought for access). An email conversation concluding that we had input to the original application and there was nothing to add.

Applications approved

- 19/00514/HOUSE Old School House: application approved for side extension

Other planning correspondence

- Notification that the Ryedale Plan – Local Sites Document – has been considered by the planning committee and the Full Council. The changes we requested for the Methodist car park and the war memorial site have not been incorporated.
- 17/00685/MFUL Vellco In reply to a request to Vellco's agent to supply a copy of the landscaping plan for the site this has been received, no screening is included for the northern boundary of the site, which adjoins the properties on Main Road. A 2metre "wide" hedge will be planted along the eastern and northern properties but if this is two metres high it will not screen a building 7m high at the apex and most of the properties along the northern boundary have hedges of 2 m in height already. Tree screening will be planted along the boundary of the properties on Rarey Drive. The Clerk has received comments from the residents on Main Road that they are not happy about the lack of screening and the PC should notify the agent to this effect and copy it to RDC. In a personal capacity the Clerk has already written to the Planning Officer about his own property and got a reply back to say the planning officer no longer works for RDC. The Clerk was asked to write to the agent requesting that the above be taken into consideration.

- Reply from G Housden on “policing” the Vellco conditions. This focusses on the above landscaping but does not refer to many other conditions that we need to have detail on, namely:

Structural Survey of Bridge on Ropery Lane

Hours of operation

Outside storage of tyres

Lighting

Traffic management plan

Construction management

Bat survey

It was agreed that the Clerk should reply to G Housden pointing out that there other conditions and we need information these to “police” these.

- The trees planted along the southern verge of Main Road are now reaching heights of above the adjacent houses. The Clerk was asked to look at whether we are insured in the first instance and also what precautions we need to take to ensure their stability in the future.

8. **Police matters:** Community Speed Watch update

The CSW group have lost one volunteer after criminal damage to his garden and damage to the verge outside the Clerk’s house in June. The Police have contacted those suspected of carrying out the damage but no charges will be made.

As a supplement to speedwatch the Police will be deploying safety camera vans in the village in the future.

9. **Street Lighting:** We currently have £9300 in the bank and there is a further sum of £2375 to come in September for the second half of the precept. Our expenditure to year end will be approx. £2000 based on last year’s figures. We still have a sum to come from the produce show.

The cost of the upgrade to the street lighting is currently £7125 although there will be some inflation on this. This is the ten year warranty option. The cost of the 20 year warranty option is £9100.

Total in Bank at present	£9300	
September precept	£2375	£11675
Less expenditure to year end	(£2000)	£9675
Plus interest free loan	£1600	£11275

The Council decided that we should preferably aim for the 20 year option subject to checking the prices, apply for interest free loan, and plan for street lighting upgrade in 1Q 2020.

10. **Village Green:** We had an excellent turnout for the painting of the village green fencing at the end of May. With Open Gardens coming up a thank you to those who took part was overlooked for the July Warbler but it will be in the August issue.

The fencing looks good for a few months yet.

There is some three inch white recycled fencing available which could solve our problem over like for like etc.

Next community grant deadline is 6 September, after that 3 January 2020.

It was agreed that applying for the CG would be more manageable if we wait until 2020. The Chairman will converse with the parents group and a detailed estimate would be prepared.

The meeting finished at 8:25

Next meeting 16th September 2019