

**Minutes of the meeting of Weaverthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 in  
Weaverthorpe Village Hall at 7pm.**

Before the Meeting started, The Chairman informed the Council that one of our one of our CSW volunteers, passed away suddenly on Thursday 5th January. To remember his life and contribution to our village, one minutes' silence was observed by all present.

**Present:** N Carter, A Milner, S Taylor, J Mason, M Rowland, T Thomson, F Shellard (Chairman),

J House (Clerk)

**Apologies:** G Downes

1. **To receive apologies for absence:** Apologies and the reason for absence were accepted from the above.
2. **Matters to be raised by members of the public:** There were no members of the public present.
3. **To approve the minutes of the last meeting of Weaverthorpe Parish Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022:** The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman as such.
4. **Matters arising:** none
5. **Finance and Governance:** Since the last meeting the following invoices have been paid:

New battery for Defibrillator £232.80

Autela payroll Administration £30.22

HMRC £85.80

Following the last meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> December the Clerk requested a price for relocating the dog waste bin from the west end of the village and place it outside the Church and move the large waste bin forward to the pavement at the west end of the village. No price was given by RDC but they carried out the work and an invoice was presented for a sum of £118.55 plus £23.71 VAT, total cost £142.26. The previous cost of two new bins was £510. The council agreed that this sum was good value for money. This cost and the previously mentioned costs were agreed by the Council. RDC do not accept cheque payments so the payment above will need to be paid by BACS, which the Chairman agreed to carry out.

We have received two payments which have been placed in the Reserve Account, £3000 from NYCC Community Grants and £1760.40 from the RDC Community grants.

After these invoices and receipts have been processed the balances at the bank are

Current Account £1,043.01

Reserve Account £11,393.99

6. **Correspondence:** An email has been received from an organisation called PARISH>UK Network who want us to update our details so that they can publish data such as demographics, electoral results, directories of local businesses, recent planning applications, details of education establishments etc. It was agreed that this was a duplication of information already contained on our website and other websites. It was agreed that we would decline this request.

Details have been sent from UK Cycling Events to inform us of the Yorkshire Classic Road Cyclo Sportive which will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> March but will not go through Weavertorpe. The nearest place it goes through the valley is through West Luton and the towards Wintringham.

An email was received from RDC Planning on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 informing us that they have issued a consultation document on the Ryedale Plan, and that the consultation will run until Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023. It is a full review of the Local Plan, not a partial review as was previously considered. The consultation document is 36 pages long and the Clerk has not had time to read all the way through it. The Clerk proposes to send the link to all Councillors for their perusal and the Clerk will highlight anything that needs to be considered by the Parish Council. One item of note is that RDC are scrapping the LNO conditions and these will not be included in the new plan.

## 7. Planning

No new applications to be discussed.

Ling Farm: The application for a roof to cover the manure storage area has been approved.

The Chairman did endeavour to meet with the manager of Vellco but when the Chairman contacted him by email the day before the visit was due he received an out of office reply to say that the manager was on paternity leave until 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The Chairman will make contact after that date. There had been cause to contact the manager in December when bright floodlighting was left on all night and complaints were received by the PC. The lighting was turned off and has not been noticed to be on at any time since then.

## 8. Police Matters

Nothing to report

9. **VAS Data:** The data from the VAS from the beginning of November to yesterday showed that there were 52,490 vehicles coming into the village from the east end. The average speed was 29.6 mph. The top speed recorded was 60 mph at 04:30 on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

10. **Village Green:** The Structures Licence application has been prepared and circulated to all Councillors and it was agreed that it should be submitted to NYCC. The only area which is classed as Highway is on the north west corner of the Village Green and if we replace that with the white plastic we will have to use a NYCC approved contractor which will cost a great amount which we do not have. Fortunately, some of that fencing was replaced a few years ago, after a vehicle reversed into it so it is in good condition. The Clerk has stated in the Licence that we will leave this and the Clerk will ensure it is painted regularly, and we can see at a later stage whether we can afford to replace it. Currently we have the following in the Reserve account which is ring fenced for the project:

Open Gardens	£1210
Jubilee	£ 500
CH donation	£365.03
NYCC	£3000
RDC	£1760.40
TOTAL	£6835.43

We are still awaiting confirmation of the grant from Tesco, but that is likely to be £1000 or £500. Asda say they did not receive our two applications totalling £2000, but the Clerk has asked for details of their January grant round and will resubmit them. So, currently we are £3000 short of our target. The PFCC has a community fund which majors on safety so it was agreed that the Clerk would submit an application to that fund which closes on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Letters, asking for help towards the funding, to the landlords of the two pubs and the Manager at Vellco were agreed and would be sent by the Chair in the next few days.

11. **Defibrillator:** The battery has now been purchased and has been installed. We will have to purchase new pads next year.
12. **Tree Survey:** The Clerk had a conversation, which was followed up by an email from the RDC Tree and Countryside Officer in which he made it quite clear that RDC would not allow us to remove the Horse Chestnut unless its condition was to deteriorate substantially.

The Clerk has asked Waites for a quotation and he has come back with a price of £550 to remove the deadwood greater than 25mm in February and to return in May/June and re inspect the tree for any further signs of damage or deterioration. The Council agreed that the Clerk should authorise the contractor to go ahead with the work.

The Clerk also contacted Zurich, our insurers, to challenge the annual survey of the trees, quoting that an arboriculturist had said that the next inspection would be in three years. Zurich replied as follows: "In regards to tree inspections it is your decision to decide how regularly these inspections should be carried out. For your insurance to be valid you need to exercise a duty of care, this means carrying out any actions which you deem as necessary to reduce / remove the risk posed by trees."

Therefore, it was agreed that we should diary the next tree inspection for November 2025.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

Next meeting will be on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023