

Minutes of the Meeting of Weavertorpe Parish Council held on 20th March 2023 in Weavertorpe Village Hall at 7pm.

Present: G Downes, S Taylor, J Mason, T Thomson, F Shellard (Chairman), J House (Clerk).

Apologies for absence: M Rowland, A Milner, N Carter

- 1. To receive apologies for absence:** Apologies and the reason for the absence were accepted from the above Councillors
- 2. Matters to be raised by members of the public:** There were no members of the public present
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting of the Council on 16th January 2023:** The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman as such.
- 4. Matters arising:** There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- 5. Finance and Governance:**

One invoice was paid since the last meeting to Waites Tree services for £550 for the tree work carried out on the Horse Chestnut.

Two invoices and one other payment were presented to the Council for payment:

HMRC for £75.20,

Autela £45.31,

Request for Wordpress subscription £196 (to be paid by BACS).

The above payments were approved by the Council.

After the above amounts and the Clerk's wages of £300.44 have been paid the balances at the bank will be:

Current Account £260.24

Reserve Account £11409.47

We should receive our first precept payment of £2750, early in April but as the transition to the North Yorkshire Council may have an effect on this, to ensure we do not go overdrawn, it was agreed that we should transfer £750 from the Reserve account to the Current account, which can be paid back into the Reserve Account once the Precept is received.

Our Standing Orders have been updated and placed on the web site to reflect a change advised by YLCA that the lower figure for getting quotes for work has risen from £25000 to £30000.

We are nearly at the end of our financial year, so the Clerk will be preparing our accounts for Internal Audit. The Clerk has spoken to Yorkshire Internal Audit Services and recommends that we once again adopt them as our internal auditor. This was accepted by the Council.

6. Correspondence:

- Draft Parish Charter consultation to be considered and replied to. This had been previously forwarded to all Councillors and there were no adverse comments on its content. The Clerk will complete the online consultation document and submit it to NYC.
- Correspondence from RDC informing us that NYCC had an intention on 7th February in relation to the provisions of Part ii of the Local Government (miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, which will make North Yorkshire Council the sole principal authority for North Yorkshire on 1st April 2023.
- A letter had been received from a resident on the "appalling" state of the pavement between the Blue Bell and the Village Hall. Apparently two people have tripped and fallen as a result of this part of the pavement being in a bad state. Photos were shown to those present and it was agreed that we should again write to Highways about the state of our footpaths. It was noted in the letter and by the Council that the letter had been prompted by the work Highways have carried out in the Luttons PC area.

- An advice note from YLCA on timings of Parish meetings and it was noted that one would take place on 15th May prior to the Annual Meeting of the PC.

7. Planning:

No new applications or correspondence on planning had been received from RDC.

An update was given on the Vellco site by the Chairman.

The meeting had taken place on 15th March 2023. The new buildings are now operational a but there is a great deal of remediation work going on to replace concrete that had failed during the recent construction works. This involves a lot of breaking out of the failed concrete and will result in more noise than usual for the next 6 weeks.

Planting has been carried out along the boundary with Rarey Drive which includes trees and shrubs. However only shrubs appear to have been planted along the boundary on Main Road. The site manager is to contact the landscaping contractor and will arrange for trees to be planted along that boundary, but this will probably not happen until Autumn this year.

8. Police Matters:

None

9. VAS Data:

There were 23,643 total vehicle movements since 16th January 23. The Average speed was 29.8. The highest speed was 65 mph at 20:15 on 16th January 23.

10. Village Green:

The Structures Licence has been approved by Highways and they have also said that the small area that was designated as highways on the north east corner can be carried out by ourselves without the need to use one of their contractors.

The current funding situation is as follows:

Open gardens	£1200
Jubilee	£500
C Howe	£365
NYCC	£3000
RDC	£1760
Tesco	£500
Total	£7325

We were unsuccessful in our applications to the PFCC and Asda.

The Clerk has found out that as well as the RDC Community Grants, each RDC Councillor has access to a fund. I have asked Cllr T Middleton to look into this RDC and have asked for another £2000 which has been referred to Cllr Keal.

Vellco are considering the situation. The Star Inn have not replied to our letter. The Blue Bell have declined any contribution.

Cllr Taylor and the Clerk have carried out a detailed measurement of the area. According to this the total cost for the posts is £9274 which will be subject to a discount of 10% which will reduce the price to £8347. These prices are excluding VAT which will add approx. £1500 but we can claim that back. Postcrete, straps and screws will have to be added to that at an approximate price of £800.

There are two possible reductions in the above costs. The first is not to replace the 3m section on the SE corner which is not necessary. The second option is to not replace the sections across the Gypsy Race, at either side of Ropery Lane which are in very good condition and would reduce the cost by just under £2000. These sections are held in place by concrete and have not rotted like the other sections. These could be sanded and painted with some high-quality external paint, prolonging their life.

The Council agreed that we should get a firm quote from Kedel, for the reduced scope as above, with a view to proceeding to purchase the fence materials before further price increases.

- 11. Neighbourhood Issue:** Various members of the Council were approached by a non-resident who spends his time at his father's house in the village. The father is a resident. He was complaining about removal of a metal pole and rubble being buried in the grounds of the property on several occasions over a period of four months. He has reported this to the Police and believes that the neighbour to the property has carried out these acts. He is not satisfied with the way the Police have dealt with it (apparently no action has been taken) and wants the PC to act.

it is a civil matter and should be sorted out between the neighbours, possibly using a legal channel if there is no agreement. If there is criminal damage involved then it can be a matter for the police. If he is dissatisfied with the way the police have dealt with it, then he can raise it with the police as a complaint.

12. Litter Picking:

The Chairman had noticed activity in around the village picking up litter from the verges and pavements. Other members of the Council had similarly commented. Whilst this activity may be carried out by some more regularly it was felt that a thank you in the Warbler to all those who help to keep our village tidy would be very appropriate.

The meeting close at 8.05 pm

Next meeting (Parish and AGM) 15th May 2023