

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Weaverthorpe Parish Council held on 15th May 2023 at 7:20 in
Weaverthorpe Village Hall**

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

J House (Clerk)

Apologies: G Downes

There were two members of the public present.

- 1. Election of Chairman of Weaverthorpe Parish Council:** F Shellard was elected as Chairman, proposed by S Taylor, seconded by J Mason
- 2. Election of Vice Chairman of Weaverthorpe Parish Council:** M Rowland was elected as Vice Chairman, proposed by F Shellard, seconded by T Thomson.
- 3. Confirm YLCA Representatives:** F Shellard and J Mason were confirmed as YLCA representatives.
- 4. Apologies for absence:** Apologies and the reason for absence were accepted as above.
- 5. Matters to be raised by Members of the Public:**
 - Many members of the public have complained about the poor state that Sked Dale and the Main Road through Butterwick have been left in, following the surface dressing that has taken place. There are patches of road on Sked Dale which have no dressing and on Main Road in Butterwick, potholes have been treated with the surface dressing, when they should have been filled first. Previously when a good job was carried out on Sked Dale we congratulated Highways, but in this case the Clerk was asked to register our dissatisfaction with the work done.
 - There has been another accident at the Butterwick crossroads, when a vehicle travelling from the Sherburn direction failed to give way and collided with a vehicle driven by a Weaverthorpe resident. Foxholes and Butterwick Parish Council have evidently contacted Highways and asked for action to be taken to find a solution to this notorious accident scene. The Clerk was asked to contact the Clerk for Foxholes and Butterwick to find out who they have written to at Highways. Then the Clerk can draft a letter, to again ask that something be done about the number of accidents that have happened at that location. One idea would be to change the Give Way sign to a Stop sign.
 - The question was asked as to whether the village will benefit from the sale of the School via the Section 106 planning rules. This will depend on whether any major work is carried out once it is sold.
- 6. To approve minutes of the last ordinary meeting of WPC on 20th March 2023:** The minutes of the meeting were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.
- 7. Matters arising:** Contact was made with Highways about the state of the footpath west of Middlefield Close. The reply told us that it was not bad enough to be repaired but they would keep it under review and place it on their wish list of work to be done if capital is available.
- 8. Finance and Governance:**

The Internal Audit has been completed and the report is available, the auditor recommended that transfers from between accounts should be omitted. The Council agreed that these should still be included. A minor error was found in the Accounts which was corrected. (The Clerk had recorded two outstanding invoices from last year and the Auditor says these should not be included, although he has approved the accounts with these included).

The Certificate of Exemption AGAR 2022/23 Form 2 was signed by the Chairman.
Section 1 of the AGAR, Annual Governance Statement, was completed and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

Section 2 Accounting Statement was signed by the Chairman.

The Spreadsheet of Accounts page 3 was signed by the Chairman.

The Risk Assessment and Management Statement was reviewed and agreed.

The Period for the Exercise of Public Rights will commence on 5th June 2023 and end on 14th July 2023.

Invoices for payment that have been paid since the last meeting are:

Membership Subscription for YLCA £136

Yorkshire Internal Audit Services' fee of £195

Wordpress were paid the sum of £235.20 for our subscription, then an offer of a second years subscription at a reduced rate of £142.80 was agreed on 20th April 2023. Our subscription is now paid until 21st April 2025. These sums were paid via BACS.

The Precept of £2750 was paid by North Yorkshire Council, on 26th April 2023.

The white Plastic Fencing has been ordered and paid for by BACS £8584.24.

Our Insurance policy expires on 31st May 2023 and the renewal price is £403.06.

All the above sums were authorised by the Council.

After the above sums have been deducted, the balances at the bank are:

Current Account: £2843.14

Reserve Account: 2087.75

All current suppliers of services and goods will be maintained during the next financial year.

The VAT return has been completed, we will receive a refund of £1650.84

- 9. Correspondence:** The Council had received a report of £1m. investment which the new North Yorkshire Council will receive from the Government's Local Investment in Natural Capital Programme, this correspondence has been distributed by email to all Councillors.

Communication from Democratic Services at North Yorkshire Council on how complaints will be handled by them in the future.

Letter from Yorkshire Internal Audit Services to say they are not carrying out audits in the future. The Clerk will investigate YLCA providing this service in the future.

A letter has been received from the Department for Education (Real Estate) enclosing a notice which the Clerk has put on the noticeboard, informing the public that an order will be made under section 554 and 556 of the 1996 Education Act allowing the Diocese of York to put the school building up for sale and the proceeds will go into a trust for new and continuing voluntary schools and foundation schools of the same denomination.

- 10. Planning:** There are no new planning applications nor any planning correspondence to be considered.

- 11. Police matters:** Nothing to report.

- 12. 12.VAS data:** Since our last meeting the sign was at the east end of the village until the end of April. In that time there were 15,477 vehicles recorded and the average speed was 30.6 mph. The highest speed recorded at that location was 65mph at 23:40 On 04/04/23. The sign was moved on 28th April and since then there have been 7,889 vehicles through the village in an easterly direction and the average speed was 26.6 mph. The highest speed at it's present location was 60mph at 04:50 on 11/05/23.**13.**

- 13. Village Green:** The fencing has been ordered and will be delivered 4-5 weeks after it was paid for, potentially this week.

Once it has been delivered we will organise working parties to install the fencing, probably over two weekends

- 14. Phone box:** We discussed the state of the phone box earlier this year and agreed that we should make representation to the Planning Dept of the North Yorkshire Council to allow BT to make it available for adoption. The Clerk to draft a letter.

- 15. Defibrillator:** The defibrillator has been used twice in the past month.

- 16. Register of Interests:** All Councillors have been asked to check their entries and update them where necessary.

17. Dates for WPC meetings 2023 / 2024

17th July,
18th September
20th November
15th January
18th March
20th May

The meeting closed at 20:15

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Seal'.