

**Minutes of the meeting of Weaverthorpe Parish Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7pm in  
Weaverthorpe Parish Hall**

**Present:** S Taylor, N Carter, J Mason, G Downes, T Thomson, F Shellard (Chair), J House (Clerk)

**Apologies:** M Rowland, A Milner

1. **Apologies** and the reasons for absence were received 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 Annual Meeting of Weaverthorpe Parish Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023:** The minutes were approved with one addition regarding dates ("All current suppliers of services and goods will be maintained during the next financial year) to the Finance section and were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
4. **Matters arising from the Minutes:** None
5. **Finance:** We have received £273.25 from NYC for grass cutting for this year.

HMRC have paid the VAT refund of £1650.84

Invoices that required payment because of the due by dates, since the last meeting are:

NYC for street lighting power £436.58

HMRC for tax deducted from Clerk's wages £75.20

Autela Payroll Services for processing payroll £37.29

There is one cheque to be signed for the Clerk who has purchased the Birdmouth straps and stainless-steel screws for the fencing £135.33

All the above payments were approved by the Council.

The balances at the bank after these payments have been made are:

Current account: £3,781.55

Reserve account: £2,091.76

We have received another invoice from NYC for maintenance but this referred to the photo cell at Peter Liberty House, and the engineer said there would be no charge, but they have invoiced us for £75.89, so, the Clerk has queried this.

6. **Correspondence:** The Clerk recently sent the Councillors an email from the Local Transport Plan to reply to a survey which was aimed at individuals. The Council worked through the survey giving answers to the questions which the Clerk will input to the online survey.

Correspondence from Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission, including a short video was viewed by the council but it was difficult to get any direction from the presentation.

Request from NYC to comment on the 190 Bus service which is up for review in April 2024. The following comments were made to NYC: The service only goes to Malton which has limited services and facilities, the timetable is very restricted and if a person wants to get to York or Scarborough for instance, it is impossible to get there and back in a day, the timetable means that nobody could get a job in Malton as the bus arrives too late and leaves too early, links to get to Driffild and the coast would make a service more viable and would help to reduce a considerable amount of emissions by journeys and links to other services serving other areas from the A64 would make a lot of sense.

An email from YLCA regarding the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D Day on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 was noted.

Email from Darren Griffiths on our email regarding Butterwick crossroad. Since we sent our email the road markings have been repainted.

Email from NYC asking for people to become involved in the North Yorkshire Local Access Forum. Poster to be put on Notice Boards.

Letter from W Quince, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care checking that our Defibrillator is on The Circuit. The Clerk has checked with Cllr Taylor and it is registered.

We have been notified by RoSPA that our annual play equipment inspection will take place in September at a cost of £75 plus VAT.

7. **Planning:** nothing to report
8. **Police:** nothing to report
9. **VAS data:** The VAS was positioned outside the Blue Bell Inn from 28<sup>th</sup> April till 29<sup>th</sup> June, during this time the total vehicles through the village were 35,543 travelling in an easterly direction, of which 8314 were over the speed limit. The average speed was 26.5mph and the top speed was 60 mph at 04:50 on 11<sup>th</sup> May.

You may recall that we had a problem with the battery at that location and the manufacturer took the VAS away and tested it and said everything was functioning correctly. However, the battery ran out on 23<sup>rd</sup> June at around 6am. This means that it functioned for 57 days which is just over 7 weeks. The specification says it will last for 6 weeks but that is meant to be on 4000 activations per day, we only had 8314 in the 7-week period, so you could argue that it is still not up to specification. We have three options, ensure we only use it at the Blue Bell location for 6 weeks and only during the summer as the cold affects battery life, or go back to the manufacturers again and say it is not up to spec., or purchase another battery for £255, (that price has probably risen). The Council agreed to adopt the 6 weeks at the Blue Bell option.

10. **Village Green:** We now have the fencing and need to organise to get it erected. After discussion and dependent on harvesting the Council agreed on the weekend of 19/20 August 2023. Will seek the aid of a farmer to use a fork lift truck to pull the existing out of the ground. Water is available at one of the pubs, Clerk to investigate. All materials are now available. We will ask for volunteers via the Warbler.

Costs to date are as follows, all excluding VAT some of which has been claimed back, but will all be reclaimed by the end of the project.

Fencing:	£7,153.53
Straps:	£76.34
Screws:	£36.22
Postcrete:	£214.20
Total:	£7,480.29

There will be a cost to hire the hole borer and to purchase the paint for the wooden sections we are retaining.

The total we received through grants was £7,325.00

Vellco have been approached for a donation, but we have not had a reply as yet.

**Phone Box:** The Clerk sent a letter to the new head of planning at NYC (Ryedale Division) but no reply has been received. However, someone has painted the phone box!

Next meeting 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023