

**Minutes of the meeting of Weaverthorpe Parish Council held on 18th March 2024 at 7pm in
Weaverthorpe Village Hall**

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

Apologies: A Milner, M Rowland, G Downes

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies and the reason for absence were accepted.
2. **Matters to be raised by Members of the Public:** None.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting of WPC on 15th March 2024:** The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman
4. **Matters arising from the above Minutes:** None.
5. **Finance and Governance:** There are two payments to be made:

Autela final payment for payroll plus end of year £56.44

HMRC £80.40

The above payments were approved by the Council

The payroll will move to Yorkshire Payroll Services at the end of the financial year. The price quoted by YPS is £10 per quarterly payroll, £40 per financial year. It was agreed that as the new provider would probably prefer payment by BACS that we should offer an annual payment upfront. Clerk to check whether there is any charge for end of year HMRC paperwork.

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

Current account: £872.65

Reserve account: £5467.78 (interest for February was £18.65)

The Clerk will be finalising the accounts for the year end after 31st March 2024

6. **Correspondence:** An email has been received from NYC Passenger Transport enclosing the outcome of their review into NYC funded bus services. Service 190 will be run by a new operator, 21 Transport, from 1st April. There is no change to the route. Current journey 12:15 from Malton will now depart at 12:30, and consequently the 13:10 departure from Foxholes will now depart 13:25.

An email on gov.uk domains was sent to all Councillors recently. In our case we have a dedicated email address and all emails are kept on a password protected laptop so even though our email address is not gov.uk it is secure. The Council agreed that to move to gov.uk domains for our email and website would no doubt incur additional and unnecessary costs , so we would remain as we are.

As part of the White Rose update from YLCA, there is an entry for the D Day 80 Flag of Peace to be displayed from 9am on 6th June for one week. The cost for a 3' x 2' flag is £22.80 incl VAT and postage. The Council agreed to purchase the flag which would be flown on the village green flag pole.

As a Parish Council we are eligible for a free framed portrait of HM King Charles III. The Council agreed to apply for this.

Other correspondence on NYC's consultations on home to school transport and all age substance abuse policy and a briefing on the new Combined Authority, and an update on the improvements NY Police have made, were sent to all Councillors since the last meeting. It

was noted that it would be prudent to keep an eye on the home to school transport in view of the pupils that transferred to Luttons School upon closure of Weaverthorpe School.

Planning: There are no new planning applications to consider.

There has been a lot of discussion in the village on the siting of two large containers, one red and the other blue at the School House. There is concern about the stability of the land and the unsightly nature of these containers. At least one resident has submitted a complaint to NYC. It was agreed that WPC should submit a Planning Enforcement Request, asking whether Planning Permission is necessary, has it been sought, and expressing concerns on behalf of a number of residents about the unsightly appearance and whether the ground is stable enough to take the weight of the containers and whatever they may contain.

Vellco had promised our Chairman that a number of trees would be planted along the northern boundary of their site to shield the buildings from the residents on Main Road. The Chairman followed this up with Vellco and was informed that two trees would be planted by the landscaping contractor during the current week. The Council agreed that two trees would not be adequate and the Chairman took it on board to visit the site this week.

Police Matters: Nothing to report

V.A.S Data: For the period 15th January 2024 to 12th March 2024 the total vehicles through the village in an easterly direction were 21,384. The average speed was 30.1 mph and the top speed was 60 mph on 24th January at 09:20

Community Resilience Plan: The Clerk has been in contact with the Community Resilience Team at NYC and they have given guidance on how we go about producing a Community Resilience Plan. Once it is in place it is held by NYC.

North Yorkshire advise that plans are tailor made to each community's needs, the template is just a guide, we need to fill in which ever sections are relevant for Weaverthorpe. Some communities feel the full template works for them, others feel they would like a smaller plan and just include details such as where could be used as a rest centre, who has the keys, and who in the community can offer support. One major point to bear in mind is that the bigger you make your plan, the harder it is to keep up to date. We need to go through the detail of what we want to include. If we decide to go for a fuller plan then this would involve a mail shot to everyone in the village. It was agreed that we would develop a mailing shot to ask the residents for input such as identifying vulnerable people, volunteers and establishing what equipment might be available. The Clerk will continue with the process.

Drainage: The Clerk forwarded the email from the maintenance manager at NYC Highways which was not very helpful. The Clerk then reached out to Cllr Sanderson who is willing to get involved and hold a site meeting.

The refusal of NYC to clear out the gulleys on the Sherburn Road is adding to the silting up of the Gypsy Race, as all the water that flushes down the road is carrying with it debris. If the gulleys are not at a low point as he says, then Highways should be ensuring that they are engineered to ensure that the gulleys take the water off the road.

NYC's insistence on the Riparian owners responsibilities are at odds with what the Environment Agency say, both in terms of the amount of the water course coming under the Riparian owner and the ownership of the water course.

His offer to do the same as they did in Luttons is not relevant to us and we don't have any road crossings in the village. Would it be an idea to get together a working party to clear the silt from the GR on the village green, and ask highways to take the spoil away?

The section of the GR between the Blue Bell and the piece of land where Ropery Bungalow was, appears to have gone partially underground as the Blue Bell was still pumping water out (w/e 15th March) but water is not flowing above ground from that point eastwards.

Next meeting is the Annual Meeting on 20th May 2024.

Meeting closed at 20:15