

**Minutes of the meeting of Weaverthorpe Parish Council held on 20th January 2025 in
Weaverthorpe Village Hall**

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

Apologies: M Rowland, A Milner

There were two members of the public present. One member is an applicant to join the Parish Council.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies and the reason for absence were accepted from the above.
2. **Matters to be raised by members of the public:** The sister of the late Malcom Carter, expressed her wish for the Brunch which will be held on 18th April 2025 to be held in the memory of her brother who was cremated earlier in the month. This will be passed on to the VH committee.
3. **To approve the minutes of the last meeting of Weaverthorpe Parish Council held on 18th November 2024:** The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.
4. **Matters arising:** We received news from the National Lottery Community Fund that we have been successful in getting the grant for £20,000 for the new play equipment. The Clerk has been in touch with the installers of the equipment and they are planning on installing the equipment in late February / early March. C Howe has offered to remove the old equipment closer to the time.
5. **Finance and Governance:**

One payment was made since the last meeting: £90 to HMRC

After this payment has been made the balances at the Bank are:

Current £840.79

Reserve £20018.49

Extra Interest £7171.84

We have been notified by Nat West that the interest rate on the old Reserve Account will decrease from 1.36% to 1.26% from 24th January 2026.

We have been notified by NYC that the monies for grass cutting will be £291.44, same level as last year.

The Clerk has completed the Re-declaration of Compliance under the Pensions Act 2008 as requested by the Pensions Regulator

6. **Correspondence:** email from Opinion Research Services regarding them carrying out research into Traveller and Gypsy sites in North Yorkshire for inclusion in the next Local Plan. The Clerk has completed the survey that was linked to this email stating there are no traveller / gypsy sites in our area.

NYC have sent guidance on verge restoration guidance which they are looking at. The Clerk has signed up to get updates. The approach includes collection of grass cuttings to enable wild flowers to grow. There is a cost implication to this. It was agreed that as this was guidance we would continue to cut the grass in the manner it has been done in the past.

Other correspondence sent out by email was on Parish Updates from NYC, funding for Police and Fire Services and Road Safety / Speed Cameras.

7. **Planning:** Application ZE24/09951/HOUSE for erection of two storey side extension, single storey side extension and link to from elevation following demolition of existing outbuildings, alterations to fenestration and erection of detached garage with home office above at The School House. This application was considered by all Councillors and no objections were raised.

Egdon Resources: An email has been received from Egdon Resources regarding their plans for PL81/PEDL347. The content of that email is as follows:

“ Further to our exchange back in July, I am writing to update you on Egdon’s plans for PL81/PEDL347. As I mentioned at the time there are no plans for drilling in Weaverthorpe, but the company has identified a site in the neighbouring parish of Foxholes to the east.

Egdon will be seeking temporary planning permission from North Yorkshire Council to erect a wellsite and drill an exploratory well bore to test for gas at a site at Butt Lane in Foxholes (I attach a map of this location to this email).

Prior to this, the company will soon submit a screening request to North Yorkshire Council to check if the site will require an environmental Impact assessment as part of this application. I can confirm that this would be a conventional operation and would not involve any high volume fracturing (fracking). Neither will it require a proppant squeeze (which is a low volume, conventional oil field operation).”

The Clerk has asked Egdon if they have sent this information to Foxholes Parish Council and they have confirmed that they have. As there is no drilling in the Parish of Weaverthorpe no further action is required at this time.

8. **Police Matters:** There is nothing to report.
9. **VAS data / Community Speedwatch:** The data from the VAS from 18th November 2024 to 16th January 2025 shows that 20,557 vehicles went through the village in a westerly direction. The average speed was 29.6 mph. The top speeder was 65 mph at 14:45 on 14th January 2025.

We have had a request from Foxholes Parish Council to see if we would be willing to share our equipment with them. The Clerk has requested more information from them as they state that they are in the process of setting up a CSW.
10. **Role of the Parish Council.** The Chairman reported that he has set up a gmail account for the Council’s Facebook page which is to be set up. He also stated that he would finalise the flyer that had been produced.

The meeting closed at 7:45.

Next meeting: 17th March 2025

