

WYKEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 6:00pm on Monday 23rd March 2015 at the St John Office, Wykeham Business Centre.

Present:

Cllr Lady Downe (Chairman), Cllr. R Sword, Cllr. L S Day, Cllr Ashman and Mr G Parkin (Clerk).

Also present for part of the meeting were Cllr. David Jeffels (Borough Cllr.) Cllr. Heather Phillips and Mr Neil Sands, a member of the public.

Before the start of the meeting, Lady Downe made reference to the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 and the Council's policy in respect of these obligations was displayed at the entrance to the venue.

No request to film or record was received or conducted and a designated area was not required.

1. Apologies for absence

Nothing to record.

2. Declaration of Interests and Register of Interests

In accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct, the Clerk may grant dispensation to any Member to allow them to contribute to the discussion of any agenda item should the meeting not be quorate as a result of a declaration of interest. This decision is in the interests of the inhabitants of the Parish and will facilitate effective consideration of the business. Voting dispensations will therefore be considered as and when they become necessary.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 12th January 2015

The Minutes were AGREED to be true records and were duly signed by Lady Downe.

4. Matters arising

- The Clerk confirmed that the budget had been revised to reflect a provision of rental income of £250 for Quarry Field.
- The Clerk confirmed that a letter noting the objections of the council to the draft proposals to make any increase on council tax/precept above 2% subject to

referendum had been sent to YLCA to consolidate Yorkshire's response for onward presentation to the appropriate central government minister.

- Cllr Ashman advised that traffic speed through North Moor was still of great concern to the residents and queried whether a traffic survey would be of use to support the campaign. It was also noted that there is no safe refuge area or pavement for pedestrians and that a car could legally travel at 60 mph through the community. Cllr Jeffels advised that to facilitate any change would be a very protracted process and probably require a 2 – 3 year Traffic Order.

It was also noted that a few visits by PCSO officer with portable radar gun could be possible although any punishment would be of an educational nature.

It was AGREED that the campaign would continue through Cllr Ashman and Cllr Jeffels kindly offered to speak with Highway Department in Whitby regarding signage and possibility of a temporary fixture. Cllr Sword would also contact the Forestry Commission as there were temporary signs deployed when Viking Gas were using the road as access to the drill site.

The provision of £50 from parish funds for temporary signage did not receive support as it was felt that this would be better spent on a permanent solution.

Cllr Jeffels also advised that funding support could be possible through the Central Rural Committee and would arrange for the forms to be sent out to the clerk.

5. Election Briefing

The Clerk advised that he had attended an Election Presentation at Scarborough BC on 4th March and summarized the changes to the election process compared to last time for the members. Key dates of the election timetable were noted and also the importance of the revised delivery procedure of nomination papers.

6. Finance

Members received the latest financial statement (Appendix 1) and noted Receipts and Payments made since the last meeting on 19 November 2014. Requests for payments were detailed and cheques duly authorized with the exception of an invoice from Wykeham Estate Settlement which was noted to be higher than the usual amount for printing of the parish newsletter.

ACTION – The Clerk to query the invoice amount with the Estate Office.

7. General Correspondence

NYMNPA - Parish Member elections June 2015

YLCA - Reply email to query raised by the Clerk on the process of increasing the size of a parish council.

All AGREED that the current composition was sufficient to meet the needs of the electorate.

- Hanson - Invitation to attend forthcoming Management Committee meeting.
- Cllr Sword stated that he would be attending the meeting in his capacity of Wykeham Estate Director and that the council should consider a representative if deemed appropriate.
- Northern Villages - Email detailing next meeting of Community and Police group on Wednesday 10th June at Sawdon Village Hall.
- SBC - Precept confirmed and Model Agreement Expenditure Actuals for 2014/5 now required to complete final accounts.
- NYMNPA - Email notification to advise of the implementation of a pre-application enquiry service to improve Planning, Administration and Enforcement.
- Coast & Moors - Area Committee meeting – Cllr Jeffels will report on anything of interest to the parish council.
- EYMS - 128 Bus Service timetable changes – Cllr Jeffels is already aware and will revert when more feedback is available after his discussions with EYMS management.
- Gary Verity - Welcome to Yorkshire email invitation to roadshow (in Leeds) promoting the forthcoming Tour de Yorkshire.
- N. Moor Resident - Email concerning 1) debris left on road and responsibility for removal of same, 2) gully opposite Forest Lodge blocked, 3) provision of salt bins.
- N. Moor Resident - Complaint regarding the tree/hedgerow debris that had been left on the roadside.
- BBC - Request for a representative to participate in a BBC Radio York programme – Cllr Day kindly offered his services.

8. Public Question Time

Mr Neil Sands asked the council for feedback on the 2 points raised at the last meeting:

- Potholes in Ruston

It was noted that some temporary work that had been done was insufficient and a better job was much needed - Cllr Jeffels would raise this again with Highways.

- Fibre Optic Broadband availability for Ruston

Whilst the comments made at the last meeting were noted, Mr Sands asked if anything further could be done. Cllr Jeffels undertook to discuss the issue with

Mr John Moore, Chief Executive of NYNET in the first instance and it was also suggested that the involvement of Robert Goodwill MP may also be considered.

It was also noted that the white lining work in Ruston had still not been attended to and the flooding on the A170 near North House due to a blocked/inadequate gulley continues to be a significant road safety problem even with minimal rainfall. Again Cllr Jeffels advised that he would take up both these issues with Highways Department.

9. Date and Time of next meeting

Confirmed : Annual Meeting
Monday 18th May 2015 at 6:00 pm
St John's Office, Wykeham

(Annual Parish Assembly to follow at 7:00pm)

Duly signed by Lady Downe (Chairman) 27th July 2015