

# WYKEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 6:30pm on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016 at the St John Office, Wykeham Business Centre.**

## **Present:**

Cllr Lady Downe (Chairman), Cllr. Day, Cllr. Ashman, Cllr. Sword, Cllr. Colley, Cllr David Jeffels, Cllr Heather Phillips, Rosie McIlroy (Clerk).

**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 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

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

## **4. Matters arising**

- It was noted that the Village Green signs in Ruston have been erected and are satisfactory.
- Quarry Field: Mrs Risker has informed the Council that she wishes to continue renting the field in accordance with her ongoing contact. A caravan, which was recently parked in a corner of the field has now been removed and some of the tyres in the field have also gone, it was noted that the field was looking tidier. The wooden fencing by the Millennium Path is being damaged by horses, Mrs Risker has indicated that she believed Wykeham Estate would repair the fences and the

cost would be passed to her as tenant. An earlier application for a grant for stone-walling has been turned down.

- NALC Transparency Funding to assist parish council's for compliance with legal requirements: the Clerk will contact Mr Parkin to find out if there is any progress on this matter.

#### **5.Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**

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

#### **Matters Arising.**

I was confirmed that Rosie McIlroy had accepted the position of Clerk and a contract had been prepared by Councillor Sword and signed by Lady Downe and Rosie McIlroy.

#### **6.Finance - #1**

The clerk read the Financial Statement which was accepted by Councillors. Payments were detailed and approved and cheques were duly signed.

#### **7.Police Report**

Lady Downe presented crime figures received from Community Policing, these indicate a slight rise in crime in general and in particular crimes of violence and arson.

#### **8.Ebberston Moor.**

A letter has been sent on 19<sup>th</sup> September regarding this matter but no response has been received, it was agreed that no action can be taken by the Council at present.

#### **9.Clerk's Briefing**

The Clerk informed the Council that a copy of the Local Plan had been recently received from the North Yorks Moors National Parks Authority. It was agreed that a further meeting of the Council be arranged in November to fully discuss the plan and that the Clerk would distribute copies of the plan and the attached map to Councillors.

#### **10.Telephone Boxes**

Correspondence has been received from BT indicating that they are considering the closure of public telephone boxes in Ruston and Wykeham. The Council took the view that the telephone box in Ruston still provided a public service, and, being located in sight of the main road and well lit, was a useful amenity and that closure should be resisted. It was agreed that the telephone box in Wykeham was not used a great deal and that no objection would be raised to it's removal, provided that the site be made

good and left in a clean condition. The Clerk will write to BT indicating the Council's views and also requesting information about possibly adopting the Ruston phone box.

**11.Road subsidence in Ruston.**

Councillor Colley informed the Council that there is a sink hole in the road at Town End, Ruston which is getting worse, there is concern over this, especially with winter coming on. Councillor David Jeffels undertook to investigate this and take action, however the Council also directed the Clerk to write to the Highways department on the Council's behalf.

**12.Date and Time of next meeting**

The next meeting to be held at 6pm on Wednesday November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016 at the St John's Office, Wykeham Business Centre.

Chairman .....

Date .....

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