**WHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2022**

PRESENT: Jem Beadle, Dolly Hannon (Chair), Jonathan Skidmore and Alistair Wright.

ALSO PRESENT Clerk: Angela Livingstone, 5 residents, Cllr Griffiths and Cllr Hugill.

Due to covid-19 restrictions in the room, residents had been asked to register in advance for the meeting.

21.80 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES and approve reasons for absence and receive any declarations of interest**

21.80.1 Cllr Brisley had sent his apologies for the meeting. These were accepted. No declaration of interests.

21.81 **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2022 AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD**

21.81.1 The minutes of the meeting of the 19 January 2022 were proposed as correct and approved, these would be signed by the Chair and the Clerk would add to the council website.  **ACTION: Clerk**

21.82 **PUBLIC FORUM**

21.82.1 Residents from Black Horse court attended to question the planning application for change of use to a B&B at Whorlton Cottage. Not all neighbours had received the information, and the application gave little supporting information. Concerns were voiced on the number of bedrooms and the lack of parking. It was discussed that there were two off street parking spaces but the application stated four spaces existing. The Chair reminded of the need to individually comment on the application and informed that the highway authority would comment on any issues on safety.

21.82.2 A resident gave information on a Repair café to be held in the hall on 26th March 2022. He also commented on the housing needs survey and the possible need for the school if social housing was brought to the village. The Chair informed that the delays to the school housing site were down to material shortages.

21.82.3 A resident enquired if there had been any progress with costs for VAS to help stop speeding in the village. The Clerk informed that she would chase a reply. **ACTION: Clerk**

4 residents’ left the meeting.

21.83 **TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** –

21.83.1 Brierley Homes – Arising from 21.68.2

The Chair had made contact regarding the contribution to a village activity and was informed that the budget was £1,000. Chair to request this as contribution towards VAS. **ACTION: Chair**

21.83.2 Toilet block – electrical repairs – Arising from Item 21.77.4

Cllr Beadle did not believe that the work on the intermittent fault had been completed and was uncertain if the light was fixed in the disabled toilet. Chair to email electrician again. **ACTION: Chair**

21.84 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** – Councillors discussed the applications received for Whorlton Cottage, residents’ views were considered and councillors agreed that they supported the principle of a B&B but agreed to request more details and clarity on the number of rooms and parking places. **ACTION: Clerk**

School Site – Amendments to plans were only minor to reduce costs - No comment

Wellington Farm - There were no concerns – No comment

21.85 **CLERKS AND CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

21.85.1 The Clerk had forwarded correspondence received: To note – email to Highways re VAS, no response – to be pursued. Cllrs discussed the need for the correct type of lamppost and location.

Emails received from 20s plenty, Swainby Housing Need survey, draft structural order for NY Council and No-Mow May. The Chair informed that she had invited a resident to give more detail on No-Mow May. Cllr Beadle was asked if he could manage the additional work if areas were left uncut, he responded that he had left areas the previous year and would do this again. Possible signs were discussed. Clerk to progress. **ACTION: Clerk**

The Clerk had received additional emails from a resident asking for support in getting involved in the village, the Chair confirmed that she had responded to this. Stokesley Police had asked for details of any events to be passed to them and email from NYMNPA re appointments, nomination forms will be issued.

21.86 **PLAYING FIELDS** – no update

21.87 **POLICE REPORT** – report received today 1 report of criminal damage to fencing.

21.88 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR AND PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

21.88.1 Cllr Griffiths stated that council tax rates had been agreed with an increase of 1.99% plus 2% adult social care levy. He informed that the adoption of the mineral waste plant was discussed, but the plans did not cover fracking and this was being progressed.

21.89 **TREE WORKS – phase 2 update**

The Chair informed that work had been due to commence today but it was believed that this was delayed due to the storms. She added that the trees officer had assessed a beech tree in the country park and found it to be hollow. This was to be taken down by Maguires.

21.90 **PINFOLD**

The Chair informed that Cllr Brisley had reported that he had been to the site and found that there was not the need for machinery. A vehicle had been offered to transport the concrete and crazy paving by Steve Dawson. It was suggested that when cleared and flat, weed suppression was used and the area gravelled with a tree or bush in the centre. The Chair had checked and found that the Pinfold was a listed structure and would write to advise plans and await a response before work commenced. **ACTION: Chair**

21.91 **FUTURE PROJECTS**

21.91.1 Sandbag store – Cllr Brisley had forwarded three possible quotes for plastic double bin storage bin storage to hold sandbags for the village. The Chair reminded that the Church had confirmed that they were willing to have this sited in the car park under trees not using up a car park space. It was agreed that the plastic item was more durable and the Chair agreed to liaise with the church and progress. **ACTION: Chair**

*Cllr David Hugill entered meeting*.

21.91.2 Parish Council Notice board – The Chair had forwarded quotations and Parish Councillors approved to purchase a green aluminium board. Chair to progress. **ACTION: Chair**

21.91.3 Mole infestation on river banks – Cllr Beadle had spoken with the contact who had stated that she would visit but this had not progress yet. Cllr Beadle and Cllr Wright to chase. **ACTION: Cllr Beadle / Cllr Wright**

21.91.4 Toilet painting and repairs – Painting to progress later in the year.

21.91.5 Verge on new bridge – Councillors discussed and agreed for Cllr Skidmore and Cllr Wright to purchase and install when the weather improved. **ACTION: Cllr Skidmore / Cllr Wright**

21.91.6 Playfield Footpath -The Chair wrote to the ranger and was awaiting reply. The PFA had agreed to move the fence back to give more space on the footpath.

21.92 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

21.92.1 The Clerk presented the financial report, which was approved by all members.

21.92.1 Income to bank – None, The Chair gave Clerk collection from the toilet donations to bank.

21.922 Expenditure paid – Clerk monthly salary £281.66, EDF Energy monthly direct debit £31.00. Expenditure to approve- Chuhan & Singh £36.00

21.93 NEXT MEETING - Date of next meeting scheduled Wednesday March 16th 2022 at 7.30pm.

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Chair of Whorlton Parish Council