

**WHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL**  
**AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024**

**PRESENT:** Jem Beadle, Dolly Hannon (Chair) Brendan Milburn and Jonathan Skidmore

**ALSO PRESENT** Clerk: Angela Livingstone and North Yorkshire Cllr David Hugill.

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

Apologies were received from Steve Brisley, the reasons for absence were accepted. There were no declarations of interests.

**24.2 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2023 AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AND DISCUSS ANY MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the meeting of the 15 November 2023 were proposed as correct and approved, minutes were signed by the Chair and the Clerk would add to the website. **ACTION: Clerk**

**24.3 PUBLIC FORUM** – None present.

**24.4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS** – Planning applications received

NYM/2023/0728 - 34 High Street, Swainby – No comment

NYM/2023/0820 - Scugdale Hall, Scugdale – no comment

NYM/2023/0770 & NYM/2023/0750 - Whorlton School Hall, 11a Church Lane – no comment

**24.5 CLERKS AND CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

The Clerk informed of correspondence - thanks received for donations, MaD race organisers informed end of race organising, consultation on diversion public footpath 10.48/041 & 10.171/008, RESOLVED; Councillors agreed they supported this. YLCA D Day 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary information.

**24.6 SWAINBY PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION** –

**24.6.1** Update on the Swainby Play Field Associated bank account transfer to PC control. It was confirmed that the Parish Council was the sole trustee of Swainby PFA. RESOLVED a bank account would be opened and balance transferred from the existing account. The Parish Council would take over the running of the accounts, the small number of direct debits into the account would be informed of the new details. **ACTION: Clerk**

**24.6.2** Cllr Skidmore informed that heavy rainfall had flooded into the playing field and caused some damage on the paths. The Chair informed that she had sent an email to the Ranger to request works were completed to stop this reoccurring. Maintenance needs to be discussed and progressed by Friends of Swainby PFA.

**24.7 POLICE REPORT** – The Police Report showed – 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> November – 0 incidents. 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> December – Theft (inc. from shops) – 1 theft of 7 e-bicycles (these have been recovered).

**24.8 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR AND PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS** – Cllr Hugill informed of a busy week with planning committees. He added that some additional affordable housing had been agreed in Stokesley and the Strategic planning committee had approved a large solar farm in the Selby area. NYC were now looking at the budget and savings to be made.

**24.9 DMMO (Definitive map modification order) FOR FOOTPATHS update on progress**– The Chair confirmed that she had received a letter from the planning inspectorate and had found that the public enquiry was organised on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at County Hall in Northallerton, this was organised for a three-day period to examine the evidence. The evidence forms which had been sent to the planning inspectorate would be looked at and people invited in to give information. The Chair had been informed that the Parish Council would be named as interested parties to ensure they were informed. She had been informed of difficulty gaining interaction with the people who had submitted the forms some time ago and it had been suggested that the Parish Council contact the people who submitted these and ask them to attend the enquiry if they are selected. RESOLVED: Chair to email the people who sent the evidence forms and offer to forward their original submissions if needed. Cllr Skidmore to attend the enquiry if the Chair was unable to cancel plans. **ACTION: Chair/Cllr Skidmore**

**24.10 SCHOOL SITE UPDATE** - Review of Brierley Homes handover legal agreement / update on proposals and funding requirements regarding EV charging station

**24.10.1** Parish Councillors had received notes of a meeting held in December with Brierley Homes, Rolec, Cllr Hannon and Cllr Skidmore. The meeting had discussed the back-office system MONTA used for the charging units, the monthly fee of £18 and the drivers App to register and pay. Training would be given and several log ins to the system would be available to monitor this. The Parish Council could set the tariff and have a different cost for residents use. RESOLVED: Cllr Beadle agreed that he was happy to be the key holder. The electric supplier could be the same as the toilet block which was EDF.

**24.10.2** Green spaces were discussed and the markings, landscaping, fencing and safety barriers to be provided. The provision of a bench had been left off the plans but the Chair had forwarded previous correspondence on this and the lump sum payment for ongoing maintenance of £15,000. These had been agreed but a legal agreement was still awaited. All agreed the need to be satisfied with the result prior to signing the agreement, Councillors discussed a new area which may need adding to the PC ownership after a fence line had been moved. RESOLVED: Chair to request bench to match the one recently purchased in Swainby PFA.

**24.10.3** Concerns were discussed regarding the need for an internet signal for the EV chargers. RESOLVED: Chair to contact Brierley homes stating the need for a hard-wired Ethernet connection to ensure the units worked.

**24.10.4** RESOLVED: The Chair was asked to request a guarantee that Northumbrian Water would take ownership of the attenuation tank. Concerns from a resident were discussed of water coming from manholes on Claver Close when there was heavy rainfall and it was questioned if the pipe was connected for water to drain to the beck.

**24.10.5** RESOLVED: Chair to request remedial work to damaged footpath.

**ACTION: Chair**

**24.11 SAND BAGS AND SAND BAG STORE -**

The Chair advised that Cllr Brisley had collected some bags from county stores, these were stored in the storage bin inside the church yard. This store needed to be moved back to the car park when additional bags were collected. RESOLVED: Chair to enquire with Cllr Brisley regarding accessibility and additional bags.

**ACTION: Chair**

**24.12 FUTURE PROJECTS –**

Interpretation boards – The Chair informed of seeing these in other villages and felt that this could be a good addition to Swainby. Councillors were in favour of this and of involving the History Group. RESOLVED: Chair to obtain costs. Cllr Beadle suggested obtaining costs for solar panels on the toilet block roof to cut future costs. He added the need to replace some of the drain covers around the toilet block. RESOLVED: Cllr Beadle to obtain costs.

**ACTION: Chair/Cllr Beadle**

**24.13 SPEEDING IN THE VILLAGE** – to progress community speed watch – The Chair reminded of the petition for 20s Plenty which the Parish Council had left in local public places for signatures. She advised that around 60 signatures had been added and she had scanned and sent. Cllr Milburn questioned if there were any funding streams for an ANPR camera. Cllr Hugill queried the results of the tube survey, it was confirmed that this survey showed that speeds were generally in line with limits. Cllr Hugill informed that traffic calming with speed humps would be needed. All agreed these were unsuitable for the location.

**24.14 BIODIVERSITY POLICY** - The Clerk informed of the need to show that the Parish Council have regard to conserving biodiversity and were identifying ways to integrate biodiversity when developing policies, managing the planning system, management of public open spaces and management of the public toilets.

**24.15 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**24.15.1** The Clerk presented the financial report, RESOLVED approved by all members.

**24.15.2** Monies received – toilet donations £78.99. Expenditure paid – Clerk monthly salary, EDF Energy monthly direct debit £61. Expenditure to approve – Clerk salary to pay backpay from April 23 £195.01 & NI pay Qtr 3 £41.48, NYC grit bin £90.00, D Hannon toilet rolls £50.36.

**24.16 CLERKS SALARY AND JOB EVALUATION**

Councillors approved an increase from SCP14 to SCP17 effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

**NEXT MEETING** - Date of next meeting, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.30pm.

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair of Whorlton Parish Council