

**WHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025**

**PRESENT:** Jem Beadle, Steve Brisley, Dolly Hannon (Chair), Jonathan Skidmore and Susie Warriner.

**ALSO PRESENT** Clerk: Angela Livingstone.

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

All councillors were present at the meeting. NYC Cllr Hugill had sent apologies. There were no declarations of interests.

**25.2 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2024 AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AND DISCUSS ANY MATTERS ARISING**

25.2.1 The minutes of the meeting of the 13 November 2024 were proposed as correct and approved, minutes were signed by the Chair and the Clerk had added to the website.

Matters arising from the previous minutes –

25.2.2 Arising from item 24.112.2 – Issues at the Public toilets – Cllr Beadle confirmed that the Chair of the Village Hall committee had resolved an electrical issue within the Gents toilets. There had in the past week been an issue with a lock in the Ladies toilets and Cllr Beadle would rectify this as soon as possible.

**ACTION: Cllr Beadle**

25.2.3 Arising from item 24.119.1 Litter bins – Cllr Skidmore informed that he had progressed as requested the purchase of two bins for the Playing Field. The most competitive quote had been agreed at the previous meeting and Cllr Skidmore confirmed a final quote cost of £1301.20. He tabled copies of the design and options chosen including branding of Whorlton Parish Council, this would demonstrate that the bins were not provided by NYC. RESOLVED: Designs were approved by the Parish Council. Cllr Skidmore to order bins and the Clerk would organise payment.

**ACTION: Cllr Skidmore/Clerk**

**25.3 PUBLIC FORUM – No residents attending.**

**25.4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS –**

25.4.1 Planning applications received – None

25.4.2 Planning decisions received: ZB24/01446/FUL 1 Summerfield Farm Cottages, Ingleby Cross – 2 storey side extension – Granted, ZB24/01920/FUL Summerfield Farm Cottages, Ingleby Cross – installation of render finish to 2 cottages – Granted.

**25.5 CLERKS AND CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

The Clerk informed of correspondence received - NYC - offer of funding for grass cutting splays £56.47 - WPC rejected this offer as in previous years. NYC - proposed diversion of Public Footpaths No. 10.171/7 & 10.72/15, Glebe House – any objection by 9.1.25 - WPC had no objection. NYC - Four Wynds Faceby, TS9 7DA change of postal address to Four Wynds Swainby, DL6 3HU, Resident query re when EV chargers would be operational, Relaunch of 20s plenty campaign.

**ACTION: Clerk**

**25.6 SWAINBY PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION –** The Clerk handed an email regarding the need to update the Charity Commission to Cllr Skidmore to progress.

**ACTION: Cllr Skidmore**

**25.7 POLICE REPORT –** The Police Report showed 1-30 November – 1 no. Theft (from a Church) 1-31 December – 0 incidents.

**25.9 ADOPTION OF CLAVER CLOSE CAR PARK AND EV CHARGERS – UPDATE –**

25.9.1 The Chair discussed recent emails regarding the EV chargers, County Council EV Team had informed of the need for the current units within the car park needing to be brought to the correct standard before they were adopted. The Chair had informed the solicitor to delay any progress to ensure that fees were not mounting. Brierley Homes had stating that the EV units were costing them a lot of money and they would negotiate for a lower standing charge, all agreed that this did not resolve the matter of the incorrect units in the long term. RESOLVED: Clerk to email Louise Evans at Brierley Homes and Karl Battersby, Corporate Director of the Environment, NYC with concerns and Chair to email/put up a notice to inform residents

regarding the delay. Cllr Skidmore commented on the congestion at that end of the village over the Christmas period which had demonstrated the need for the car park. To include in the email to Brierley Homes the need for a suitable site plan for conveyancing. **ACTION: Chair/Clerk**

25.9.2 Brierley Homes had emailed the signed Section 104 agreement. RESOLVED: Cllr Skidmore to ensure that this document matched the original draft which had been checked and signed by the Parish Council and he was delegated to sign the document on behalf of the Parish Council. **ACTION: Cllr Skidmore**

25.9.3 The Chair informed that the County Council EV Team had stated the need for a 3-5 year contract for a charge point operator to run the EV chargers and an annual service at a cost of around £200-£300. This was contrary to the information provided at the initial meeting with Rolec, they had informed of a back office annual charge per unit and that the Parish Council could run the units and control charges. RESOLVED: Cllr Warriner to explore information on charge point operators or if the EV units could be run by the Parish Council. **ACTION: Cllr Warriner**

## **25.10 FUTURE PROJECTS**

25.10.1 Interpretation panels – invoice being presented for payment this evening. The Chair reminded of progress to date with the panels having been ordered and that she had written some wording. Councillors discussed the positions for the panels and agreed that the panel proposed for the car park would inform of walk ways and information on maps. The Chair had some wording for this map of the early settlement and the village and the mining. The other board to locate near to the church information could be shown on the castle and the old church along with a welcome to Swainby/North Yorkshire Moors, information on the pinfold the panels could have maps of walks and show where the toilets/playing fields were. NYMNPA could be asked for a map of the parks. RESOLVED: Councillors to consider ideas for the boards, the Chair passed her work to date to Cllr Warriner to progress and she asked that it be checked if there was the need for planning permission. **ACTION: Cllr Warriner**

### **25.10.2 Planting in village**

25.10.2.1 Planting for front of pinfold. RESOLVED: WPC to pay for planting/compost up to £100 on receipt of the invoices.

25.10.2.2 Ivy on the birdmouth fencing, in the weir opposite Claver Close. Councillors discussed the area and the Chair informed that she had cut off some ivy recently. RESOLVED: Cllr Skidmore to remove more ivy and keep this off the fencing. He had been strimming the grass in this area. **ACTION: Cllr Skidmore**

25.10.2.3 Overhanging vegetation – Councillors discussed overhanging plants and a snapped plank on the fence. It was agreed that all Councillors would cut when they viewed this. Councillors also felt that there were some rotting planks on the bridges. RESOLVED: Chair to inform the ranger. **ACTION: Chair**

## **25.11 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT** – Cllr Hugill was not at the meeting.

## **25.12 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The Clerk presented the financial report, RESOLVED approved by all members. WPC Account – Expenditure paid – Clerk monthly salary, EDF Energy monthly direct debit. Expenditure to pay – Catch Design – interpretation boards £2635.20, Payment to clerk for stamps £6.80, Clerks backpay from increase in wage from 1.4.24 and Employers NI payments for July, September and December total £228.34, letter to bank signed to increase monthly salary payment from January 2025. Wave water bill 22.9.24-21.12.24 £303.86, AC Hannon toilet rolls £69.44.

WPC Playing field account – Paid to account – monthly credits Nov & Dec.

Next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 7.30pm

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