

WEST AYTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Ordinary Council meeting held at DVBL on Monday 13th January 2020 @ 7.00pm.

Notice of the meeting – Public notice 1972 of the meeting has been given in accordance with schedule 12 Para 10 (2) of the Government Act.

Present: Cllr. M Almond (Chairman), Cllr. C Cussons, Cllr. S Ogilvy, Cllr. L Combes, Cllr. P Durkin, Cllr. M Dunn, Mrs B Williamson (Clerk). Police representative Alan Skillbeck (part meeting). 1 member of the public.

Apologies: County Cllr. D Jeffels. Cllr. H Phillips. **348/20**

Declarations of Interest: None **349/20**

To approve minutes of the previous meeting: **350/20**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14th November circulated & read prior to the meeting.

Page 71 -proposed to accept – Cllr, P Durkin, Page 72 – Proposed Cllr. P Durkin, Page 73 – Proposed Cllr. S Ogilvy, Page 74 – Cllr. P Durkin, page 75 – proposed Cllr. S Ogilvy. **RESOLVED:** Proposed to accept minutes by Cllr. P Durkin, seconded Cllr. S Ogilvy, vote taken all in favour & accepted as a true record.

Public Forum: **351/20**

Local resident from Hall Garth Lane stated that after increased rainfall Yorkshire Water had made more frequent inspections of the sewage outflow in the area. Comment on staff leaving engines running & pollution aspects. A request was made to minute personal beliefs that current Borough & County Councillors were not performing adequately in terms of campaigning for a more effective / new sewage system especially in terms of the increase of new housing in the area. The resident asked what the Parish Council were doing in terms of water management & stated he was indignant about having to pay water bills when his home was infiltrated with the pollution odour.

Action on items raised in the Public Forum: **352/20**

Cllr. Almond stated that he could not provide any direction on the matter at this point. A meeting has been arranged with the Environment Agency soon. His comments and observations will be passed onto the agency. The meeting is for Councillors only & all concerns have been passed on. River outfall, sewage outfall & flooding as well as the pollution of the river Derwent will all be raised so that the Environment Agency are aware of local concerns.

REPORTS: **353/20**

Police – Report circulated prior to meeting. Alan Skillbeck summarised local activity.

There had not been a specific drink drive campaign but during December 110 arrests had been made in the county.

Fraud crime an ongoing issue.

Operation Cracker had been a huge success with 1000 contacts made. The aim is to continue the scheme. Very successful roadshow in Filey.

North Yorkshire alongside Gloucestershire is considered the safest county in the country.

Confirmed Domestic Abuse contact details are the same.

Recent theft of ladders in Yedmandale Road. Culprit identified.

Request for speed monitoring vans to be in situ during week not just weekends.

Borough Cllr. Phillips: Nothing to report.

Borough & County Cllr. Jeffels:

Reports circulated prior to the meeting.

Station Yard – no further news to report but is part of a new asset register review.

Upgrading of A64 likely to be announced in March budget.

Clerks Report:

354/20

- Thanks received from WI for being allowed to plant centenary oak tree in Tenter Garth
- Environment Agency meeting arranged as informed earlier. Questions have been forwarded & anymore to be sent to Clerk. Neighbouring parishes have been invited but no response received.
- Model Agreement returned.
- Parish precept decision required.
- All organisations informed of grant offers & payment in April.
- Memorial bench for Peter Taylor now in position.
- Cllr. Almond spoken to Cllr Jeffels about grant towards tubs.
- Station House report circulated.
- Correspondence from Mr J Flinton & Mr J Mellor requesting financial support from WAPC towards West Ayton Playing Field / car park project. Discussed at length. The grant application period had been missed for 2020 but they could apply in October for the next round – Clerk will inform. It was suggested the new steering group for the project should contact Hugh Smith at SBC to clarify what the money can be used for & how much is available. Councillors wanted to know if East Ayton Parish council had been approached. The issues related to the footpath & litter picking will be deferred to the next meeting & liaison made to move the project forward. **RESOLVED:** Clerk will inform Mr Flinton & Mellor of above. Proposed Cllr. Ogilvy, seconded Cllr. Cussons.

Finance Report:

355/20

Monthly accounts

Accounts presented for approval amount to a total of £1796.01

Income – £693.74

Proposed to accept – Cllr. Garbutt, seconded Cllr. Cussons. Vote taken – all in favour.

Parish Precept

SBC calculator circulated prior to meeting. Currently @ £15000 pa. Contingency fund & increased costs need to be considered, grass contract likely to increase & needs to be taken into consideration. Discussion on options. Proposed to increase by £1000 pa. Cllr. Ogilvy, seconded Cllr. Garbutt. Despite the increase the actual Council Tax will decrease per household due to the increase in houses in the village. Vote taken – all in favour.

Planning: **356/20**

One application received – The Grange – NYM/2019/0853/NEW – Circulated to all Councillors. No objections. Proposed to accept Cllr. Cussons seconded Cllr. Cllr Combes. Vote taken all in agreement.

Grass Cutting Contract: **357/20**

Schedule circulated & amendments made. Two separate contracts – grass cutting & shrub bed maintenance contract. Skills Mill would like to tender for Shrub beds. Following contractor will be contacted to see if they would like to tender – Harrison's, Adam Flinton, Darren Thirkell, Tom Southwell, George Singleton, Skills Mill, Phil Beckridge. Clerk will contact each contractor with details, Cllrs. Almond & Ogilvy will escort contractors around. Tenders to be submitted to and received by Clerk by end of February to be decided upon at March meeting.

Review of Standing Orders & Finance Regulations: **358/20**

Standing Orders – Cllr Ogilvy circulated & summarised her suggestions & amendments & requested they be considered over the next month & decided upon at the February meeting.

Financial Regulations – Cllr. Durkin summarised his findings & suggested amendments to budgetary control & loans & investments. He will notify Clerk of amendments & be considered for acceptance at the February meeting. All in agreement.

Defibrillator Kiosk Branding: **359/20**

Noticeboard due for delivery at the end of January & will be fitted. Cllr Ogilvy preparing contact list of services.

Wykeham 106 update: **360/20**

Nearing completion. Forge Valley Nature Walk needs some amendments on typo errors & then complete. Health & River Walk need some amendments colour adjustments, landmark & script insertions. Cllrs. Cussons & Ogilvy will meet to progress forward.

Station House & Yard: **361/20**

Report circulated by Cllr. Jeffels. Due to contamination from salt storage & oil when used as a Railway Station progress for development is unlikely in the near future due to costs.

VAS: **362/20**

Contacted neighbouring Parish Councils about possible joint purchase but of no interest. Meeting arranged with Darren Griffith to discuss purchase on 29th January. Clerk will confirm with Cllr. Jeffels.

Trees on Mill Lane: **363/20**

Cllr. Ogilvy confirmed purchase of a variegated holly tree - £144 + VAT & hawthorn - £100 + VAT, delivery £36. Stakes also need to be purchased. Cllr. Ogilvy will order & arrange delivery. **Digging team arranged for Saturday 25th January @ 9.30.**

Thomas Farside Trust:

364/20

Two applications received & awarded £60 each, both resident in West Ayton. Cllrs. Garbutt & Combes will meet with Wykeham Estates to discuss its future as Hutton Buscel Parish Council have now withdrawn from the scheme.

Environment Agency:

365/20

Meeting confirmed for 20th January as all informed. It is hoped there will be a public meeting in April.

Any further questions to be sent to Clerk prior to meeting.

Meeting closed @ 9.10.

Date & Time of Next Meeting:

NEXT MEETING MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2020 @ 7.00PM