

## WEST AYTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of Ordinary Council meeting held at DVB on Monday 14th November 2019 @ 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:** Mrs B Williamson (Clerk). Cllr. C Cussons, Cllr. S Ogilvy, Cllr. L Combes (from 7.30), Cllr. P Durkin, Cllr. M Almond (Chairman). County & Borough Cllr. D Jeffels, Borough Cllr. H Phillips (both part meeting), Police representative Alan Skillbeck & PCSO Rhia Lockey (part meeting). 3 members of the public (2 for part of the meeting).

**Apologies:** Cllr. S Garbutt, Cllr. M Dunn.

**328/19**

**Declarations of Interest:**

**329/19**

Cllr. Cussons – Jubilee Committee & Village Hall, Cllr. Ogilvy – Village Hall, Cllr. Almond E & WA Playing Fields Ass.

**To approve minutes of the previous meeting:**

**330/19**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October circulated & confirmed as read prior to the meeting.

Page64, page 65, page 66, page 67, page 68, page 69 & page70. Agreed. RESOLVED: Proposed to accept by Cllr. Ogilvy & seconded Cllr. Cussons.

**Public Forum:**

**331/19**

Clerk confirmed Yorkshire Water would not be in attendance. Further concerns expressed related to the flow of the River Derwent through the Village.

**Action on items raised in the Public Forum:**

**332/19**

Clerk has contacted both Yorkshire Water & Environment Agency numerous times recently, no response. Further request made to attend the Annual Assembly in Spring. East Ayton Parish Council approached to work together on a joint venture to attempt to gain answers & resolve the issue. This will be presented at their next meeting.

**REPORTS:**

**333/19**

**Police** – Report circulated prior to meeting. PCSO Lockey raised awareness of the increasing issue of fraud in the area which is being executed via text, telephone, internet, email. Receiving multiple reports daily. A resident has had £10000 taken from her account recently. Advised to be aware that if a communication does not appear or sound right to cease communication immediately. Do not open / engage with HMRC demands, be aware of issues related to broadband, other attempts at fraud in the area relate to Santander, PayPal, Amazon. Several RTA in Forge Valley, one report of violence & cannabis possession. Thefts from out buildings. Request to report any suspicious behaviour.

Police representative A Skillbeck announced the launch of Op Cracker on 12<sup>th</sup> November, one aim will be target anyone considered vulnerable. A multi-agency approach involving Fire Service, a range of agencies & voluntary groups. Road Shows at Irton Garden Centre 23<sup>rd</sup>, Deans on 27<sup>th</sup>, Tesco, Filey 7<sup>th</sup> December. The scheme will continue after Christmas & there will be door knocking in the area to raise awareness of services, a uniformed representative will be present for reassurance.

**Borough Cllr. Phillips:** Little activity in relation to rural areas. Focus of spending & projects is in the town. Keeping on top of planning issues. Resident asked about river dredging, as the river is currently free flowing not currently seen as a problem. Cllr. Phillips was asked to follow up the recent requests for additional waste bins to alleviate dog fouling issues. As the new bins cost £700 each, she was not hopeful of new ones being provided however she will follow up & request some new signage. Residents from the new development had confronted users of the play area stating the play facility was not for ALL residents but only those in the new houses. It was confirmed this was not the case but an additional facility for all residents. This will be followed up. Will also follow up issues related to Pearson Garth Play area.

**Borough & County Cllr. Jeffels:**

Reports circulated prior to the meeting.

Expressed thanks to the volunteers who had assisted in the clearing of weeds in the central reservation area. NYCC have now agreed to remove the rubbish at no cost. He will follow this up. He stated that further work would be required in spring.

North side development in Scarborough has now been granted planning permission for a cinema, shops, apartments & restaurants.

Manor Road Nurseries has permission to develop 40 housing units.

Stepney Roadworks continue to cause chaos with increased traffic through Forge Valley resulting in more RTC incidents.

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

**Clerks Report:**

**334/19**

- Wykeham 106 meeting to be held 12<sup>th</sup> November, project needs to be complete by December.
- No response about the siting of the Memorial Bench which needs to be in place for January 1<sup>st</sup>. Cllr. Almond agreed to lead on this & will make contact about the position.
- Skill Mill have been in contact & offered to upgrade two of the shrub beds free of charge. Cllr. Almond met with manager & identified beds 3 & 4 to be worked upon. They will also undertake work on Beech Lane, footpath clearing on Garth End Road, these tasks will be paid for.
- Condition of boundaries between Station Yard & residential houses reported.
- Cllr. Garbutt met with Lady Downe who has agreed to be a signatory on the Thomas Farside account. She had no awareness that Hutton Buscel had withdrawn from the scheme.
- Cllr Almond obtained quotes for 10 replacement wooden oblong (600 x 900) planters. The cost is £55 + VAT, they would be available for the Spring. Proposed to order Cllr. Ogilvy, seconded Cllr. Combes. All in agreement. Cllr. Almond will action and apply for NYMNP grant funding. Thanks expressed to Cllr. Almond for his maintenance of the tubs over the year.

- Letter received from grass cutting Contractor asking to be considered for future work but would have to review his prices. Letter circulated. Action will need to be taken in January about future tenders. Clerk circulated current specifications for the two contracts for Councillors to consider in preparation for the January meeting.
- EAPC contacted about working jointly in relation to River Derwent / Environment Agency / Yorkshire Water issues.
- Informed website will need upgrading next year to comply with specific legal issues. Possible cost may be in the area of £2000. Further details in New Year.
- Two years since the Bowling Club paid rent & due for review. Discussed at length. Proposed to resume rent payments @ £50 per year. Proposed Cllr. Ogilvy Seconded Cllr. Almond. All in favour. Clerk will inform.
- Hutton Buscel, Seamer – Crossgate & East Ayton Parish Councils all approached about the possible sharing of the purchase of VAS signs. Hutton Buscel have requested the shared purchase of a sign before the 40mph sign, Seamer – Crossgates will be purchasing three & will discuss possible sharing at their next meeting. No response from EAPC.
- Letter of thanks sent to Mrs Capsticks.
- YLCA subscription & rent charges will be increasing.
- Do Councillors wish to continue with Christmas meal? All in agreement for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December @ 7.00pm – Walkers. Clerk will book & invite all & partners. This is a social event & not paid for by the Council.

**Finance Report:**

**335/19**

Accounts presented for approval amount to a total of £1010.91.

Unpresented cheques - £279.39. These will be presented this month.

Income – Nil.

Proposed to accept – Cllr. Cussons, seconded Cllr. Ogilvy. Signed by Cllr. Almond.

Model Agreement Expenditure – Estimate of award received from SBC for 2020 - 2021 will be £4110.33. All in agreement to accept. Clerk will return.

**Review of Standing Orders:**

**336/19**

Copies circulated. Carried forward from previous agenda. Cllr. Ogilvy agreed to look & adapt & make recommendations at the January meeting. Thanks expressed by everyone.

**Review of Financial Regulations:**

**337/19**

Copies circulated. Carried forward from previous agenda. Cllr. Durkin agreed to look & adapt & make recommendations at the January meeting. Thanks expressed by all.

**Planning:**

**338/19**

No new planning applications received.

Forge Valley application approved. Soil erosion not part of application, riverbank owned by Angling Club who had not been consulted on the application. Cllr. Ogilvy will pursue with Natural England. Seavegate & Wallace car parks will be improved. The new bridge will be lifted into place.

Mill Lane Application for new dwelling withdrawn.

**Community Grant Awards:**

**339/19**

- 5 applications received all asking for £500. The budget is £2000.
- Ayton Bowling Club – to purchase gravel for car park area recently damaged.
- Ayton Jubilee Committee – to fund entertainers to celebrate VE & VJ days
- DVBL – towards utility costs.
- Ayton Village Hall – towards extension & resurfacing of car park.
- East & West Ayton Playing Field Association – towards annual insurance.
- All applications discussed & decision made to award all £400 to be paid in April 2020. Clerk will notify all concerned.

**Defibrillator Kiosk Branding:**

**340/19**

No call outs this month.

£620 available for branding. Suggestion made to purchase internal locked cabinet for information purposes which can be kept up to date more easily. Prices & external signage to be explored & decision at next meeting.

**Wykeham 106 update:**

**341/19**

Second draft board related to nature almost complete.

**Station House & Yard:**

**342/19**

Nothing further to report.

**VAS:**

**343/19**

As stated in Clerks report. Cost needs to be considered. Clerk will contact Darren Griffiths for a site meeting. Cllr. Almond agreed for his contact details to be passed on & liaise with others.

**Trees on Mill Lane:**

**344/19**

Cllrs. Ogilvy, Garbutt & Almond will identify suitable locations.

**Thomas Farside Trust:**

**345/19**

Cllr. Combes stated two applications had been received. Cllrs. Garbutt & Combes will progress the applications & report back in January.

**Environment Agency:**

**346/19**

Cllr. Combes raised concerns related to the recent response from the Environment Agency.

The following questions have arisen:

- Clarification on what the weir "structure" is. Who built it & what was its original purpose?
- If it is now a Yorkshire Water Asset who owned & maintained it previously.
- Why was the structure built over two of the principal holes? Should residents be aware of any specific issues?
- What happens if pollution occurs now that Y.W. has decided not to maintain them as there is no longer any purpose to them.
- Where is the flow of water to Irton regulated?
- What does red carding mean? Are there any health & safety implications?

- If the E. Agency has no authority to require Y.W. to operate or maintain the structures does that mean YW has licence to do what it wishes?
- What is the role of the Environment Agency?
- Who has responsibility for wildlife & fish - Y.W. or E.A.?
- Explanation desired as to why the water flow in the river Derwent resumed after no significant rainfall.
- Do YW have permission to discharge raw sewage into the river from a pipe under the bridge near the weir? If true when would this happen & how is it "policed".

Meeting closed @ 9.25.

**Date & Time of Next Meeting:**

**347/19**

**NEXT MEETING MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020 @ 7.00PM**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE**

**FROM WEST AYTON PARISH COUNCIL**