

WHIXLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF WHIXLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN WHIXLEY VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 17TH JANUARY 2017

PRESENT: Councillors: Clare Beckett (Chairman), Roger Bailey, Dave Porrit, Kath Daniel, Andrew Voakes and Rob Fathers.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk: Joy Richardson
Cllr. Teague arrived during the meeting.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 5

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of Interest.

3. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR

3.1 The resignation of Cllr Illingworth had been received. Cllr. Beckett wished to record that he would be missed by the Parish Council, Cllr Bailey seconded this and Full Council agreed a vote of Thanks for all of his hard work over many years.

4. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN

4.1 **RESOLVED:** Cllr. Bailey proposed, Cllr Voakes seconded that Cllr Beckett be elected as Chairman for the remainder of the current years' term of office. It was unanimously agreed by Full Council and Cllr Beckett was duly elected as Chairman.

4.2 Cllr. Beckett signed the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

5. TO AGREE THE MINUTES

5.1 Cllr Bailey wished to have it recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2016, that he had voted against a raise in the precept. Clerk to add his request to the minutes and return them to the March meeting for full council agreement.

6. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Chairman wished to record the Parish Council thanks to Mr Graham Walters for his help in putting forward the Council's comments for the HBC Local Development Plan.

Member of the Public asked what would be heard from HBC. Chairman explained the procedure the HBC plan will now follow.

Chairman read out a letter from Johnson's of Whixley, which had clarified their position in relation to the Local Development Plan. Letter is appendices 'A' to these minutes and will be attached. Copy available from the Clerk.

7. CLERKS REPORT

7.1 Clerk advised Council that no election had been called to fill the Casual Vacancy and Council could now begin the Co-option process. Notice of the Casual Vacancy to be posted on the Website and Notice Boards.

7.2 Clerk advised Council of the HBC Commuted Sums and money available from NYCC for the maintenance of The Planting.

8. DEFIBRILLATOR

8.1 The Village Hall Committee had made a generous offer of a gift/funds to the Parish Council, in order that they could purchase a Defibrillator for the benefit of the Community. **RESOLVED:** Cllr. Daniels proposed, seconded by Cllr. Beckett Clerk to liaise with the Village Hall Committee and to issue a Purchase Order for a Defibrillator. Full Council agreed.

RESOLVED: A sign showing postcode of Village Hall would be ordered and paid for by the Parish Council.

Adopted: C. A. Beckett (Chairman)

Date: 21.3.17

9. LONGLAND LANE

9.1 Clerk advised Council that all maintenance work had now been completed by NYCC Highways and they would be pursuing the landowner to reclaim costs. NYCC had issued details of the Statutory Standards required of the Landowner for the ongoing maintenance of Longland Lane and this information had been circulated to full Council. Clerk also advised that any maintenance required for overgrown vegetation could be reported direct to NYCC via their online reporting system. No further action required.

10. TREE INSPECTIONS

10.1 Approval for the work to the Horse Chestnut Tree (TPO) at The Planting had now been received from HBC. Clerk to issue a purchase Order to contractor for the work to be carried out.

11. PLAY PARK INSPECTION

11.1 Village Hall Committee advised the play park is covered within their Insurance Policy.

11.2 Village Hall Committee would enquire if Commuted Sums could be claimed for play park equipment.

11.3 Clerk advised Council of a phone call received from a resident regarding inconsiderate dog owners not clearing their dogs mess from some areas of the play area land.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

12.1 16/05606/FUL Erection of single storey extension. 17 Stonegate, Whixley. **RESOLVED:** No objections.

13. PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS

13.1 16/04914/TPO Application for the Felling of 1 Pine Tree T1 at Vine House, Whixley. **REFUSED.** Noted.

13.2 16/04304/FUL Erection of Extension over existing garage at 9 Gilsforth Lane, Whixley. **REFUSED.** Noted.

14. FLOODING

14.1 Clerk advised Council that the building of the Scrape would take place week commencing 23rd January 2017.

Clerk advised Council that the Section 19 report has to be signed off by the BES executive committee, which next meets on the 24th Feb.

15. COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN

15.1 Discussion took place and it was agreed that a Public meeting would be called via a mail drop to encourage volunteers to form a committee and manage the Community resilience plan. A member of the Public present would help in progressing this forward.

16. HARROGATE LOCAL PLAN

16.1 Full Councils comments had been sent to HBC Planning. Noted.

17. WHIXLEY SHOP

17.1 Clerk was still waiting to receive information for the Air Conditioning Unit from the tenant.

17.2 Tenant had reported the shop door as being in need of repair to the Clerk. Work required was discussed. Two quotations had been obtained for a new door. **RESOLVED:** Cllr Beckett proposed, Cllr Daniels seconded that the quotation to replace the door from Elementis at a cost of £614.26 including vat be accepted. Full Council agreed. Clerk to raise a purchase order.

18. GRASS CUTTING

18.1 **RESOLVED:** Full Council agreed to accept the quotation from Farm & Land Services for the annual maintenance of the Grassed areas as per PC schedule.

Adopted: C. H. Beckett (Chairman)

Date: 21.3.17

19. FINANCIAL MATTERS

19.1 To receive Cash Book, Bank Balances & Reconciliation: -

Cash book balance as at 30th October 2016 **£7,765.05**

Receipts:

VAT Reclaim	148.60	
VH 50% share skip	90.00	
Wayleave	42.79	261.39

Payments:

Sign Millennium Field	30.00	
Transparency Fund/Laptop	507.00	
Royal British Legion	25.00	
Clerks Salary	543.72	
Office Expenses	5.21	
Play Park Inspection	66.00	
Grant PCC	361.80	
		(1538.73)

Cash Book Balance as at 30th December 2016

£6,507.71

Bank Statement Balance as at 30th December 2016

£6,507.71

AGREED.

19.2 Village Shop account:	Balance as at: 31 Dec 2016	£3,040.04
	Rent 1st Jan 2017	<u>312.50</u>
	Balance as at 5 Jan 2017	£3,352.54

AGREED.

19.3 To agree the following payments:

Farm & Land Grass Cutting Aug to Oct	£762.00 includes £127 vat
Clerks Salary 9th Dec to 8th Feb	£518.94
(Includes Off all. £24.80 Mileage 37.42	
Office Expenses	£ 16.00

RESOLVED: AGREED TO MAKE PAYMENTS

20. CORRESPONDENCE (Not included in the agenda).

BATTLE'S OVER' – A NATION'S TRIBUTE AND WWI BEACONS OF LIGHT, 11 NOVEMBER 2018 (Circulated 3/01/2017)

Draft Public Service Ombudsman Bill. (Circulated 14/12/2016)

Noted.

21. PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Daniel had completed Speeding Report Forms.

Cllr Porrit had reported vehicles parking on the Verges at Back Lane. Cllr Teague confirmed he had been in touch with the parks department at HBC and was assisting with this problem.

22. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllr Teague advised that within the HBC Budget approvals, parish grass cutting grants had been cut. He had spoken out against this.

Consultation was currently underway regarding the stray. The annual costs to maintain the stray was £42,000 per year. Green Bin charges would begin in April 2017.

Closure of the Police Station at Boroughbridge was discussed. Parish Council will write to Julia Mulligan to oppose this closure.

23. MATTERS FOR REPORTING OR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDA

Commuted Sums/Road Signs.

24. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Next ordinary meeting of the Council Tuesday 21st March 2017, 7.30pm at the Supper Room, Whixley Village Hall.

Adopted: C. H. Beckett (Chairman) Date: 21.3.17