

WHIXLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT WHIXLEY
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 16th JANUARY 2017
AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Councillors: Clare Beckett (Chairman), Roger Bailey (Vice Chair), Richard Horton, and Rob Fäthers

ALSO PRESENT: Katy Brown(Clerk)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 0 Members of the public present.

1-APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Andrew Voakes had sent his apologies and these were accepted.

Declaration of interest were regarding changes of house name on Ainsty View. Roger has spoken to the people involved in bringing this up and after chatting regarding the fees involved they decided to not take it any further.

2-MINUTES

Minutes of the last meeting on 21st November 2017 were agreed by the Parish Council members present and signed by the Chairman.

3-PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

No items had been put forward to the council ahead of the meeting and there were no public present.

4-DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

The district councillor was invited but there was no return correspondence.

It appears that there is no further progression with the Sugar Beet Factory proposed at Allerton and it is thought that another more suitable site has been selected.

5-POLICE REPORTS

No report received as no Police Officer in attendance as not contacted.

Signed:

date:.....

6-CLERKS REPORT

Katy Brown was welcomed to the council to take on the vacant role of Parish Clerk from the 26th January 2018. The Chairman reported of a suitable Parish Clerk course to take in March of a cost around £115. The other members agreed.

The Chairman also mentioned the need to update the Clerk's name for all relevant documentation.

7-PARISH MAINTENANCE & GRASS CUTTING

The Chairman has been in contact with Sue Wood, Harrogate Council regarding the grass cutting of Ainsty View where some areas are cut by HBC and some by the Parish Council. HBC advised that they would charge £129.70 to do all the Ainsty View grass for the grass cutting season. Cllr Bailey requested confirmation of number throughout the season. To check with HBC and report back to Parish Council. Once received this will be compared with The Parish Council's contractor's quote.

Cllr Bailey noted of Sue Woods number to pass onto any members of the local public who have questions regarding the grass throughout the forth coming year.

The Chairman informed the committee that next week would be visited by a rep from Two Ridings re the grant application for signs etc.

8-SPEEDING

After corresponding with The North Yorkshire Police regarding the speeding issues to request the possibility of a mobile speed check camera to be put in place raised from last meeting in the Village, a response was sent to say that the area was suitable for a community speed watch. Information received had been passed on to Mr Illingworth but with no volunteers to run the community speed watch the council agreed to leave this matter for the moment.

9-PLANNING APPLICATION NOTIFICATIONS

Oaklands Cottage (17/05186/FUL) Parish Councillors had studied the plans and site. No observations made but the Planning Officer had been formed of the concerns of a neighbouring property and had assured the Parish Council the plans would be carefully considered.

Poplar House (17/05394/FUL) Parish councillors visited the property and studied the plans.

No observations apart from comment made regarding excessive size in proportion to site.

10-PLANNING DECISIONS & APPEALS

Valentine House has been approved.

Vine Farm House has had the appeal to fell tree dismissed.

11-ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Horton reported that the allotments are now 100% occupied with no one currently on the waiting list. The matter of Mr and Mrs Dobson's garage lease had been resolved.

The council agreed garage owners should have insurance cover of £1' million as the public liability minimum and the owners of the garage have confirmed they are covered.

12-REPORTS OF FINANCIAL MATTERS

All the rent has been collected for the Allotments (since the agenda was drawn up K. Daniel and J. Richardson have paid),

For the three payments put forward in the agenda all were agreed, cllr Beckett and cllr Bailey signed the cheques.

13-DRAFT BUDGET & PRECEPT 2018/19

Cllrs Beckett and Bailey have drawn up a draft budget and it was proposed and agreed to go over the next meeting

14-CORRESPONDENCE

Part of the Clerks role is no longer to be the data protections officer, this will be coming into force on 25th May 2018. An external person will need to be appointed or from an external organisation. More advice will be sought from YLCA

Clerk was instructed to ring the YLC regarding the Transparency Fund, to see what money could be available to help with website costs etc, this needs to be applied for by the end of March 2018.

E mail received from community payback scheme. Cllr Horton suggested that the unkempt areas around the allotments could be suitable for this scheme. Cllr Beckett will contact them to see what help may be possible.

Email from Mr and Mrs Coad re trees by Telephone box – to be pruned because of interference with phone lines.

There is a Harrogate branch meeting 19th February 2018 a talk by Julian Muligan on Crime and Community at the Library in Boroughbridge.

15-CO-OPTION TO PARISH COUNCIL

We are still two members short, all councillors are to think of possible candidates. It would be good to encourage younger people too.

16-MATTERS FOR REPORTING OR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDA

Clerk to contact our local police officer to ask them to come to next meeting

More work on the co-option.

Refurbishment of signs and seats within the village, as well as the Millennium Bridge.

17-DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

20TH March 2018 7.30pm Whixley Village Hall