

**Minutes of the meeting of Weaverthorpe Parish Council held at 19.45 on  
17<sup>th</sup> January 2011 in Weaverthorpe Village Hall**

Present:

F Shellard (Chair)  
A Milner  
G Downes

T Thomson  
J Mason  
J House (Clerk)

M Rowland  
C Howe

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from J Fisher.

**2. Any items raised by members of the public**

There were no members of the public present.

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

The Minutes were approved as a true record of the Meeting and were signed by the Chair.

**4. Matters arising**

J Mason reported that although the Parish Plan had not made a financial contribution to the village plants, they had provided bulbs and compost. Ron Medley was liaising with C Howe to arrange suitable sites for the planting of these bulbs.

**5. Finance**

One cheque was presented for £44:00 for the Clerk's membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks.

The balance in the Current Account is £1955.96, and the Reserve Account is £2013,34, before the above payment was made. It was noted that a transfer of £1000 had been made from the Current Account to the Reserve Account as requested at the last meeting.

**6. Correspondence**

Notification of the Ryedale Branch Meeting of YLCA to be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 19:00 in the Members lounge at Ryedale House.

A letter had been received from the Royal British Legion regarding their "Great Poppy Weekend" to celebrate the Royal British Legion's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Council decided that they would not be organising an event as requested in the letter but that the letter should be posted on the village notice board in case any individuals wanted to do something.

Two letters regarding the Allerton Waste Recovery plant, near Boroughbridge, pointing out that the plant has been approved and a contract awarded to Amey Cespa. The plant will increase the amount of recycling and reduce the costs of waste disposal for NYCC and York City Council..

Rev. Barrie Morley of the Methodist Chapel had written to thank the Parish Council for their letter to him regarding the setting up of the Post Office in the Chapel.

Notification of the Standards Committee of RDC which will meet on 20 January 2011 at 18:30 in the Members Lounge at Ryedale House

Andy Mc Donald, Chair of the Parish Plan had written to ask if he could come to the next meeting of the Parish Council and give us more details of the Leader bid. The council agreed that the Clerk would contact him.

The Safer Ryedale statistics for December 2010 had been received, which showed an overall increase in incidents and a slight rise in Road Traffic Collisions, but the total number of crimes remained the same, all compared with the month of December 2009.

Albert Shepherd, was a resident of Weaverthorpe , who died in the First World War. His great niece, wants to know if she can put his name on the War Memorial. He is listed on the Memorial at Olivers Mount, but his name is spelt wrong. She has done all the research and there are grants available, but she needs the permission of the Parish Council before she can proceed. The Council decided that it was in order for her to go ahead.

YLCA have sent a briefing on the Localism Bill which is draft legislation at the moment. The main points are as follows:

- a new power for local people to approve or veto excessive council tax rises through a local referendum, but with the intention that the majority of local councils will fall below the level set by the Secretary of State;
- a right for local councils – as well as voluntary and community groups, social enterprises and local authority employees delivering a service – to challenge a local authority, by expressing an interest in running any service for which they are responsible;
- the chance for communities to develop a bid and raise the capital to buy a local community asset when it comes on the open market;
- measures to give people, councillors and councils the power to instigate a local referendum on any local issue;
- a new general power of competence to provide local authorities – including certain local councils – to enable them to do anything apart from that which is specifically prohibited;
- freeing up councillors to be able to campaign, to express views on issues and to vote on those matters, without fear of being unjustly accused of having a closed mind on a particular issue;
- the abolition of the Standards Board regime and a new duty on local authorities to promote and maintain high standards of conduct, including provision for the adoption of a voluntary code of conduct;
- changes to the Community Infrastructure Levy including provisions requiring some of these funds to be passed to neighbourhoods where the development has taken place;

- a new right for local councils to shape their local areas through neighbourhood plans which will enable communities to permit development – in full or in outline – without the need for planning applications;
- the power for communities to take forward development in their area without the need to apply for planning permission, subject to meeting certain safeguards and securing 50 per cent support of the community through a referendum.

The future Delivery of Library Services in North Yorkshire Consultation document was tabled which explains that the libraries service need to save £2.3 million out of a current budget of £7.5 million. The future shape of the library service will go from its current 42 branches, 10 mobile libraries and one super mobile to 18 core libraries and two super mobiles, supplemented by community libraries. It was noted that should the community be able to get funding for The Star then a community library is one of the proposals. The Consultation closes on 28 February 2011.

## 7. Planning

A sub Group of the Parish Council met on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2010 and discussed:

**Newholme:** Application to cut a new opening in the hedge to gain access. The group decided to object to this application as the hedge was part of the War Memorial site.

RDC have recently informed the Parish Council that they are recommending Approval for the new access despite our objections, saying that it does not consider that it will affect the visual backdrop of the War Memorial.

The Council noted this and expressed concern that the area surrounding the War Memorial was to be disturbed but recognised there was nothing further that could be done to change the decision of RDC.

**Duggleby Wold Farm:** Erection of 2 wind turbines. No objections were raised. The Clerk has written to the project managers to ask if any of the benefits could be channelled back into the Parish of Weaverthorpe, such as reductions in price for domestic electricity for the residents or help towards our street lighting costs. To date no reply has been received.

**Lyndene:** Extensions approved.

**Rarey Farm:** Notification that the refused application is being appealed to the Secretary of State.

**Building Plot at Dale Farm:** Amendments to drawings have been received, which contain changes to the scale and internal changes only. No objections were raised.

## **8. Police Business**

C Howe could not attend the last CAP meeting. The Clerk will contact NYP for a schedule of the meetings for 2011.

## **9. Parish Plan Update**

The Parish Plan Group have not met since the last Parish Council meeting so there is nothing to report.

## **10. AOB**

Chris Howe was thanked by the Council for his great efforts in snow clearance in November and December. The Council offered to make a contribution to his fuel costs but he said that it was not necessary.

G Downes reported that there had been an increase in dog fouling whilst the snow was on the ground, which became apparent when the snow melted. The main problem areas were Back Lane and Main Road between Rarey Farm and The Star. The clerk would mention it in The Warbler and contact the Dog Warden again.

The meeting closed at 20:25.

The next meeting will be on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011.