

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Weaverthorpe Parish Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012 in Weaverthorpe Village Hall**

### **Present:**

A Milner, C Howe, J Fisher, M Rowland, J Mason, G Downes, T Thomson, F Shellard (Chair), J House (Clerk).

### **1.0 Apologies for absence.**

All Councillors were present therefore there were no apologies for absence.

### **2.0 Items to be raised by members of the public**

There were no members of the public present.

### **3.0 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011**

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

### **4.0 Matters Arising**

As previously reported by e mail, the Council now have a salt spreader and a supply of salt to help keep the pavements clear in the event of severe snow.

Post Bus: A meeting was held in December with Councillor Janet Sanderson and Richard Owens of NYCC. As a consequence of that meeting, flyers have been posted on notice boards telling residents that the bus will be replaced, but it basically follows the same route and timetable that the Post Bus operates. There are two improvements, a larger vehicle and an all day service on Saturday. The new contract is costing NYCC £40K pa, compared to the £17K for the present contract, with little change.

It was agreed to form a working party of two representatives from each Parish Council along the route, to continue to meet with NYCC to identify how we can get better value and a more user friendly service for the future. Keith Simpson of Wharram Parish Council is gathering data on bus routes and timetables surrounding our area, demographic profiles, unemployment statistics, job vacancies and School bus runs that could carry passengers. This data will enable us to discuss possible expansion and improvements with NYCC.

The two Parish Representatives from Weaverthorpe on that group were confirmed as the Deputy Chair, Michael Rowland and the Clerk. The Council agreed to fund the Village Hall for three meetings of this group.

### **5.0 Finance**

There were three invoices presented for payment:

Society of Local Council Clerks Subscription: £46

Payment to HMRC for PAYE: £50  
Autela for payroll cost: £10

Bank Balances before these payments were taken are:

Current Account     £3033.79  
Reserve Account    £2014.34

It was agreed to transfer £1500 to the Reserve Account.

## **6.0 Correspondence**

An e mail had been received from YLCA to say that the membership subscription will increase by 3% for 2012. They have made savings in office administration costs. This was noted.

A survey from North Yorkshire County Council on Highways and Transportation issues, had been received. The Council asked the Clerk to complete and submit this survey.

Correspondence had been received from the Chair of the National Association of Local Councils regarding lighting of Beacons on 4<sup>th</sup> June to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. As the village does not have a beacon it was suggested that the correspondence be passed St Andrews PCC as there is an alternative suggestion that beacons could be lit from church towers or church land.

Statistics received from Safer Ryedale for Oct and Nov 11 show a reduction in total crimes for the two months.

A request has been received from the South Cleveland Heart Fund for a donation of £100 towards the purchase of a cardiac MRI. As it is the policy of the Council not to use taxpayers money for charity donations, no further action will be taken on this request.

Notification of road works at the A64 Brambling Fields Junction has been received from North Yorkshire County Council. Work started on 9<sup>th</sup> January, one lane each way on the A64 will be closed and the junction itself will be closed, both for 24 weeks.

Correspondence from RoSPA informs the Council that in future playground inspection reports will be sent by e mail, and their charges are not increasing in 2012.

## **7.0 Planning**

A Planning meeting was held on 4<sup>th</sup> January which considered the alterations to Blacksmiths Cottage. No objections were raised.

## **8.0 Police Business**

There was nothing to report under this category other than, there is a CAP meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012.

## **9.0 Parish Plan update**

No meeting has been held, but it is understood that the planning issues around locations of the village information boards have been resolved.

## **10.0 Any Other Business**

Street lighting: Part of the changes to the street lighting contract was a re-lamping exercise which is designed to reduce the number of callouts to repair lights. This was carried out in the summer. The village has 14 lights and since the autumn 8 have had to be replaced. The Clerk complained to NYCC pointing out that there was not a reduction in costs in this case and what was their contractor going to do about it. The outcome is that there will be no charge for the replacements or the callouts as the contractor had a faulty set of lamps.

Weaverthorpe School: The Chair briefed the council on new school signs which are currently being processed through NYCC Planning. They will be sited outside the school on the verges and at the entrances to direct visitors to the school office. No objections were raised by the Parish Council.

Pavements: There are trip hazards on the pavement outside Lyndene, caused by two stop cock covers. The Clerk will request remedial work from the relevant authority.

“Sustainable Weaverthorpe”: The Council discussed the presentation that had taken place before the meeting on “Sustainable Weaverthorpe”. There was no conclusion reached, as it was felt that further discussion needs to take place.

The meeting closed at 8.45.

Next meeting is to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012