

**Minutes of the meeting of Weaverthorpe Parish Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in  
Weaverthorpe Village Hall**

**Present:** M Rowland, S Taylor, A Milner, J Mason, T Thomson, G Downes, F Shellard (Chairman),  
J House (Clerk)

**Apologies:** G Perry

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies and the reason for absence were noted as above.

2. **Matters to be raised by members of the public:**

The Clerk had two subjects that members of the public had asked him to raise.

On various occasions the Post Office service operated from the tearoom at Rarey Farm has been unreliable. This ranges from not turning up at all or closing earlier than advertised. Whilst the PC noted the points, it was felt that it was not in the PC's remit to get involved in the operation of the service.

The planter at the east end of the village has been damaged by persons unknown. Whilst it will need replacing, the Clerk has informed the member of the public that reported it that nothing will be done about this until after the end of the current financial year, due to other financial commitments.

3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July 2019:** The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

4. **Matters arising:** With regard to the query raised on possible damage caused by trees on the verges and the village green, our Public Liability Insurance would cover any damage or injury, as a result of negligence on behalf of the Council, and this does extend to cover trees. In order for the cover to be valid, the PC have to be exercising our duty of care, so all trees that could pose a risk would be included in any risk assessments, a professional (tree surgeon etc) should inspect them, and any recommended action should be followed up on.

It was noted that the five trees on the verge between Rarey Farm and The Star, and the three trees on the land known as the village green are all on untitled land, so ownership would be difficult to prove. None the less it was agreed that the Clerk would obtain a price for a tree surgeon to inspect the trees on a three yearly basis.

5. **Finance and Governance:** Notification of the payment of the second half of the Precept of £2375, had been received from RDC and it was paid into the bank on 11<sup>th</sup> September.

A donation of £80 was also received from the Produce Show to go towards the Street Lighting Fund. The Clerk has written a letter of thanks to the Produce Show Chairwoman, which the Chairman signed.

One payment was approved to HMRC for £67:00.

After this payment has been made the balances at the bank are:

Current £4981.16.

Reserve £6834.35

6. **Correspondence:**

email from NYCC highways to say that if we want to fix anything to lamp columns we should ask them first,

email from YLCA regarding amendments to Financial Regulations. The Clerk has checked these against our existing regs and updated accordingly.

email from J Sanderson stating that the North Yorkshire signs had been reacted as part of a project of 19 signs at a cost of £204.14 per sign and was funded from the signs and lines budget and cannot be used for road repairs.

email from YLCA re review of accounting and audit arrangements, as the review is mainly centred around PCs with an expenditure of over £25K it was agreed that no comments would be made.

email from YLCA on proposed reforms to permitted development rights to support the deployment of 5G and extend mobile phone coverage. No comment would be made.

**7. Planning:**

**Applications to be considered**

19/00953/FUL Installation of a biomass boiler (retrospective) at High Dale farm Extension to 18 Sept granted. The Council discussed this application and no objections were raised.

**Applications approved**

19/00653/House, extension at Geispa Lodge

19/00694/FUL, alterations to the Lodge, High Dale Farm

19/00770/MFUL Planning Committee approved of agricultural building at Spaniel Farm

Following recent correspondence regarding Vellco, the Head of Planning at RDC has agreed to provide the approved condition files.

8. **Police matters:** We have recently had another resignation from the CSW team which puts us below the minimum of six team members. The Traffic Bureau have given us permission to continue with up to four members but this would put a heavier burden in terms of time for those who are left. We will continue to look for additional members and will place a piece in the October Warbler asking for volunteers. The article will highlight the increases in recorded speeds in recent weeks.

9. **Street Lighting:** The Clerk has made an application to the Carling / Wetherspoon Made Local Fund for money towards the street lighting.

As discussed at the last meeting the Clerk looked at the application process for the interest free loan, and reading the small print, we do not get the loan money until the work is done, so there is little point in applying for the loan.

We also received an update from NYCC on prices, there is no longer a 20 year warranty option, so going for the ten year option, the cost is £7160 on July 2019 prices (plus VAT). If the installation is to take place in 1Q 2020 they are recommending a 10% uplift to the £7160 to cover wage increases.

Looking at the figures again we can afford to carry out the work now, with the monies as per the spreadsheet that was distributed to the members. After all the expenditure for 2019 / 20 is made we would still have a balance of £587 (worst case scenario, but is more likely to be just over £10000. If we do carry out the work earlier we can make a saving on the projected inflation of anything up to £716. VAT on the highest price is £1575, but if we do the project sooner we can claim the VAT back next April. From April next year we will have the projected sum of £1000, plus the precept and the VAT refund which will restore the bank balance to approximately £4800.

The PC has not informed the residents that we are switching the lights off at 1am. It was agreed that we will keep the residents informed via the Warbler. The Clerk will also ask if it possible to have the lights back on at 6am during the winter months.

When instructing NYCC to go ahead the PC will ask them not to incur any extra work before checking with the PC first.

10. **Village Green Project:** The parents have asked for a higher fence, but it was agreed that this is not practical.

The meeting closed at 8pm

Next meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019