

Minutes of the Remote Meeting of Weaverthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 20th July 2020 at 7pm.

Present: F Shellard (Chairman), S Taylor, J Mason, T Thomson, A Milner, J House (Clerk), Cllr. J Sanderson (NYCC).

Apologies: G Downes, G Perry, M Rowland

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Apologies and the reasons for absence were noted as above
- 2. Matters to be raised by members of the public:** There were no members of the public present.
- 3. Approval of minutes of meetings held on 11th May 2020 and 26th May 2020:** The minutes of the meetings held since the last ordinary meeting of the Council were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of those meetings.
- 4. Matters arising from the meetings: In the Minutes for 11th May, the date of the service for VE day has been updated.**

The wall over the Gypsy Race outside the Blue Bell has been rebuilt by NYCC Highways contractor as a result of the Clerk highlighting it to the local highways inspector.
- 5. Finance and Governance:**

The invoice for the street lighting (£8573.04) was received and paid in accordance with the instructions given by the Council at the meeting on 18th November 2019. Monies were transferred from the Reserve account to cover the invoice and estimated expenditure to the end of the financial year.

Two other invoices had to be paid to comply with due dates:
HMRC £67
Autela £29.52

These invoices were retrospectively approved by the Council.
The VAT refund return has been submitted to HMRC for £1727.91
We have received the remittance from NYCC for grass cutting of £255.04
Balances at bank after above payments have been made are:
Current Account £1912.51
Reserve Account £1544.63
- 6. Correspondence:**

NALC have published a guide on website accessibility requirements which are due by 23 September 2020. YLCA have sent a copy of the guide. The Clerk wrote to RDC to ask for the status of the updating that they are carrying out to our website. A reply was received on 13th July to say they are working on it.

YLCA have informed us of a consultation by the Local Govt Association on a new model member code of conduct. Response require by 17th August. The Clerk will review and copy any comments to Councillors and YLCA
- 7. Planning: Applications received**

20/00423/73 Removal of conditions on LNO for Eastbank Cottage. Was considered at an Extraordinary meeting on 26th May and supporting information provided to RDC

Applications approved

20/00330/FUL Erection of agricultural building at Gara Farm – approved on 19 May 2020

Correspondence from RDC: We asked for a reply to our letter of 1st April on LNO when we sent the letter regarding the Vellco conditions, still no reply.

Vellco: As already mentioned we received an acknowledgement of our letter on the Vellco conditions. A reply (copied to all with this meeting notes) was received on Wednesday last week which has failed to address the issues we raised, leaving all the answers until the work actually starts which will be too late to take any action.

It was agreed that a reply to the letter should be sent to RDC pointing out that they had not addressed the safety issues on the site management plan, which relates to the present time and as such we should consider asking the Health and Safety Commission look at this issue. On the Construction plan Vellco have not fulfilled the Condition.

The Clerk copied the original correspondence to Cllr Middleton and Kevin Hollinrake MP, the latter came straight back asking for an update when we received their reply.

Note that the reply was copied to K Hollinrake MP but not Cllr Middleton. Cllr Middleton received a copy with the meeting notes for this meeting.

8. **Police Matters:** It was noted that no CAP meetings had been held since the lock down commenced in March 2020.
9. **Phone Box:** The complaint to RDC was answered and although they did not admit that G Housden had not followed his own procedures, and contained a lot of waffle, G Housden had contacted BT and BT are to re open the consultation. The Chairman had contacted the person responsible in BT who have stated that a new consultation has commenced. Post meeting note: A letter has been received from RDC to ask the Council to reply to a further consultation by BT.

10. **Tree Survey:** The approach to Rarey Farm discussed at the 20th May meeting, provided evidence that the trees outside Rarey Farm were planted by the PC.

We have given J Clayton the go ahead to re survey the Horse Chestnut on the village green which will be carried out in late July.

The Clerk has not arranged for the removal of the Cherry Tree because if there is any work to be carried out on the Horse Chestnut, we can use the same contractor. In view of the need to ensure that any work is carried out by a competent person with the proper insurance in place, we will need to appoint an appropriate contractor to carry out these works.

The Clerk has checked with our insurers and they require a survey of all the trees on an annual basis. The Clerk proposes that we use John Clayton for that, but see if we can get any reduction on his fees for a five year period.

11. Empty Properties

No reply has been received from RDC to our letter of 1st April 2020

12. Highways – Speeding

We have had correspondence on speeding increasing during the lock down, and comments on social media about the Parish Council doing something about it. We posted on Facebook why we were not carrying out CSW and also told people that this meeting was taking place and they could attend if they want to.

We have since restarted CSW so that is helping.

A Vehicle Activated Sign would be an additional educational tool to help reduce speeding. The Police and Crime Commissioner has a fund which we could apply to, for funding for a VAS via NYCC.

The Clerk has produced a paper on this and the possibility of incorporating safety improvements to the village green.

Discussion ensued on the subject. Cllr Sanderson gave her views on the installation of VASs which are to be in accordance with the Protocol adopted by NYCC. The VAS are not the only tool available and it was noted that as we already carry out CSW, then the VAS would complement this. VASs are an educational tool and can be shared with other parishes. With this in mind the Clerk will contact Luttons Parish Council and Wahrram Parish Council to see if they would be interested in sharing the sign, if purchased.

Cllr Sanderson has a fund available which she would be prepared to contribute towards a VAS for Weaverthorpe which might ultimately be shared.

It was agreed that Weaverthorpe should apply to the PCC fund with the promise of matched funding from NYCC and the PC. The Closing date for applications is 31st August 2020. The

application would be on the basis that the VAS is part of a larger project to increase road safety for all residents, but we need a more detailed discussion on that at a later date.

Date of next meeting 21st September 2020

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.