

ROECLIFFE AND WESTWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Roecliffe and Westwick Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 22nd November 2021 in Roecliffe School Hall at 7.00pm

Attendees: Cllr J Bolland (Chair), Cllr J Newberry, Cllr N Baird, Cllr J Tulip, County Cllr R Windass, District Cllr N Brown, Parish Clerk and 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr J Reeve

2. Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda

None received.

3. Minutes of meeting held on 27th September 2021 were a true and correct record

District Cllr N Brown requested that paragraph 1 in items 4 the word 'people' was changed to 'electors'. This was amended and the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. To receive The District and County Councillor's Reports.

District Councillor Nick Brown attended the meeting and reported the following:

- The Unitary Authority continues to dominate proceedings. HBC councillors will end in March 2023.
- Concerned over waiting times at Church Lane Surgery, Boroughbridge for prescriptions. With an increasing population and staffing issues he is worried this is going to become normal. Meeting attendees reported that they had not experienced long waiting times but carefully time their visits.
- Planning Department has staffing issues which are causing a backlog in application decisions.

County Councillor Robert Windass attended the meeting and reported the following:

- Warned the Parish Council to be aware of the threat from non-determination housing developers proposing sites not in the Local Plan for development.
- Hambleton have a good planning department and the Unitary Authority will look at their model.
- HBC have a good household waste department but have problems with staffing.
- Reiterated proposal to release funds of £3000 from his locality budget towards the VAS in Roecliffe.

5. To receive an update on Finance:

5.1 To approve the Budget for 2022/2023 and sign off the Precept.

Cllr Newberry presented the budget for 2022/2023 to the council. The total amount of precept required is £7234. This was **approved** and is attached as Appendix C.

Action: Clerk to send Precept request to HBC.

5.2 To approve the Income and Expenditure for the period 15/09/2021 – 14/11/21 and Bank Reconciliation.

This was **approved** and is attached as Appendix A.

5.3 To approve the following accounts for payment:

None received.

6. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:

6.1 The installation and financing of VAS in Roecliffe.

Cllr Bolland has approached several local businesses for help in financing VAS in Roecliffe. Reed Boardall and Paynes Dairies have agreed to contribute £500 each. Alexanders refused to consider it saying speeding was not an issue to them!

Action: Cllr Bolland to approach RB and Paynes for their cheques.

It was agreed to initially install one VAS beside the hedgerow near Willow Close on Bar Lane and monitor the effect it has on traffic speeds. There is also a problem with speeding at the other (Bishop Monkton) end of the village. As the positioning of the 30mph signs near Sheaflands would not allow the placement of VAS, it was agreed to lobby NYCC to move these 30mph signs so a VAS could be installed in the future. It was agreed that spending on these signs should be to the benefit of the entire village.

6.2 Update on the recent meeting with Paynes Dairies.

The minutes of this meeting are attached as Appendix B

6.3 Highways issues in Roecliffe still unresolved.

County Councillor Windass agreed to chase North Yorkshire Highways again.

6.4 Lorries parking on Becklands overnight.

Previous efforts to alleviate this issue were referred to. Trading Standards can be approached for vehicles above 7.5 tonnes. Also an approach to Traffic Wardens at HBC.

Action: Clerk to contact Trading Standards and HBC

7. To consider and decide on the following Planning Application:

7.1 Tree felling application 21/04857/TCON

Cllr Newberry informed the meeting that this planning application concerns two Mediterranean pines close to the boundary of number 22 Roecliffe Park. Although the trees are healthy, considerable damage could be caused if a branch were to fall. It was **agreed** to support the planning application if 2 native trees could be planted in place of the 2 felled trees.

Action: Clerk to inform HBC of the decision.

8. To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Bolland updated the meeting. The Neighbourhood plan is still with HBC. The recommended amendments have been made and proof reading is in progress. Still some formatting to do. I have been requested to send a photograph of a view from Bar Lane towards the village, and to update a footpath map. (Done). Cllr Bolland said how sorry he had been to hear of the sudden death of Richard Booth, who had done so much to develop the Draft Document. After the above work is completed the NP will be on the village website for 28 days. The village referendum will probably take place in Spring 2022, hopefully to coincide with the elections.

9. To receive an update on Tree Maintenance and Grass Cutting.

Cllr Varley updated the meeting. HBC have been notified about the overhanging trees leaving the village towards Bishop Monkton. Further to the precept discussion, Cllr Varley will speak to Alisdair Downie to get a quote for the 2022/2023 grass cutting.

Update: The grass cutting will increase by £2.50 per cut on the village green areas. The route to the pond remains unchanged.

10. To confirm date and time of next meeting.

The next Parish Council Meeting is confirmed as Monday 24th January 2022 at 7pm

Appendix A

Income & Expenditure & Bank Reconciliation for Period 15/09/21 – 14/11/21

	Date Banked	Number	Income	Expenditure	Total	
Opening Balance per Community Account				Total Parish Village Fund	£9986.35 £5882.33 £4104.02	
Opening Balance per Business Manager Account					£1254.18	
Precept	29/09/21		3174.00		3174.00	
Wayleaves	08/11/21		10.35		10.35	
				Total	3184.35	
Clerk's sal (s) + travel exp	29/09/21	100747		196.65	196.65	
Yorks Accts	29/09/21	100748		36.00	36.00	
Roecliffe School hire		100749		48.00	48.00*	
Safetysigns4less		100750		43.44	43.44	
Clerk's sal (o) +1/4 exp + Stamps		100751		231.85	231.85	
Total					£555.94	
*unpresented cheques					-£48.00	
Closing Balance per Community Account				Total Parish Village Fund	£12662.76 £8558.74 £4104.02	
Closing Balance per Business Manager Account					£1254.18	
Total Funds				Parish Village Fund	£9812.92 £4104.02	

Appendix B

Meeting at Payne's Dairies 2pm on Tuesday 9th November 2021

Present: Charlie Payne, Cllr Jim Bolland (Chairman of Roecliffe Parish Council), Cllr Nick Brown (HBC District Councillor), Cllr Nick Baird (Roecliffe Parish Councillor) and a Bar Lane resident.

The meeting was arranged to discuss several matters of concern to local residents relating/possibly relating to Payne's Dairies.

1. On behalf of a Roecliffe resident, Cllr Bolland brought up the subject of noise from refrigerated units, both at the plant and from vehicles. The resident had been in communication with Mr Payne about this. Mr Payne began his response by saying that he was in the process of replacing his fleet with quieter engines. Cllr Bolland commented that the resident had witnessed between 10 -15 engines running when he had been to look, having been so alarmed at the noise. Mr Payne said that the vehicles/trailers would be checked for problems – as they are on a regular basis anyway – and will look into the numbers of vehicles etc. In short, Mr Payne undertook to double-check things from his end.

2. The Bar Lane resident reported that she and other residents in the Bar lane area have noticed an increase in both volume and speed of traffic in recent times. She accepted that businesses have expanded and that times have changed but expressed the hope that all parties can work together to improve the situation for all concerned. Figures and statistics have been collected and she referred to them, for example quoting precise figures for the week 30 March to 5 April 2021 which showed that there had been 81 HGVs travelling at +35mph and 2 exceeding 40 mph. We cannot, of course, be certain that these are Payne's vehicles but it is very likely that many will be. She spoke of their general but constant concern about heavy vehicles rumbling past and talked of how vulnerable they feel. She noted also how, with traffic lights having been in place recently in this area, it had been noticeably better because vehicles had been made to stop.

Mr Payne took this all on board. He undertook to send a memo about speeding to all drivers and will have a meeting with them. He stated that if speeding lorries are identified, those drivers will be warned that they must observe the speed limits and sanctions would be taken against persistent offenders. Mr Payne pointed out that when a speed gun was last used, residents accounted for 70% of those exceeding the limit and none of his wagons were found to be doing so.

3. Mr Payne asked about overnight parking and what had happened to the signs which he had given £700 towards. No-one could see any signs except, perhaps, one small one. Can anyone clarify what, if anything, has happened here?

4. Cllr Bolland brought up the idea of VAS signs being set up on Bar Lane. Mr Payne seemed to be interested in this possibility and Cllr Bolland asked him to consider pledging £500 towards the cost if it was agreed to go ahead with the scheme. Mr Payne agreed to this. Cllr Bolland said that he would let Mr Payne know in due course.

5. The ongoing issue of litter was then brought up. It seemed to be acknowledged that litter on Bar Lane was generally much better – following regular clean ups by Payne's Dairies? – but that the area around the lorry park was of concern. Mr Payne undertook to ensure that wrap, bags, plastic etc were cleared up in a a better way and recognized that this was their problem to keep on top of. The Bar Lane resident was able to show photographs of litter and general untidiness. Mr Payne took this all on board.

The meeting was conducted in a cordial, purposeful and positive manner. Mr Payne undertook to feed back to Cllr Bolland following his discussions with drivers etc.

The meeting closed at 2.55p

Appendix C

	BUDGET 16/17	BUDGET 17/18	BUDGET 18/19	Budget 19/20	BUDGET 20/21	Budget 21/22	BUDGET 22/23
Clerks Wage	£1,712.00	1,763.00	1712	1856.4	£1,976.40	2,092.00	£2,196.60
Hire Hall	£70.00	70.00	70	70	£80.00	80.00	£90.00
Ann Ins	£390.00	400.00	410	350	£375.00	370.00	£370.00
G. Cutting	£440.00	460.00	870	910	£960.00	1,085.00	£1,385.00
Audit Fee	£0.00	-	-	75	£75.00	75.00	£75.00
Admin Costs	£125.00	125.00	125	130	£210.00	255.00	£255.00
Clerks Expenses	£100.00	120.00	120	130	£130.00	170.00	£250.00
Trees	£250.00	250.00	2390.4	1000	£1,500.00	1,000.00	£900.00
Chairmans Allowance	£50.00	50.00	50	50	£50.00	60.00	£60.00
Prov Unexp Items	£50.00	50.00	50	100	£100.00	100.00	£100.00
The Common			3978	1000	£1,500.00	700.00	£500.00
Bank Charges			250	250	£250.00	250.00	£200.00
Telephone Box				550	£0.00	-	£0.00
Bus layby				200	£0.00	600.00	£0.00
Signs				250	£0.00	-	£0.00
Training				150	£300.00	150.00	£225.00
Web site				400	£400.00	200.00	£200.00
Defibrillator				100	£100.00	100.00	£100.00
YLCA	110	110.00	110	130	£143.00	125.00	£131.25
RAY	35	35.00	35	35	£38.50	40.00	£42.00
OSS	45	45.00	45	45	£49.50	45.00	£47.25
SLCC	64	64.00	64	64	£70.40	65.00	£68.25
CPRE	30	30.00	30	36	£39.60	36.00	£37.80
CAB	10	10.00	10	10	£11.00	11.00	£11.55
TOTAL	£3,481.00	3,582.00	10319.4	7891.4	£8,358.40	£7,609.00	£7,244.70
INCOME							
Grounds Maintenance	£376.00	410.00	0				
Northern Powergrid	£10.00	10.00	10	10	10.00	10.00	£10.00
Unused notice board painting monies				250	250.00	250.00	
			6309.4	6381.4	£6,348.40	6,349.00	<u>£7,234.70</u>