

ROECLIFFE AND WESTWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Roecliffe and Westwick Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 25th January 2021 via remote link using Zoom at 7.00pm

Attendees: Cllr J Bolland, Cllr J Newberry, Cllr J Tulip, Cllr S Varley, Cllr J Reeve, Cllr N Baird, District Cllr N Brown, the Parish Clerk and 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

County Cllr R Windass

2. Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda

None received.

3. To Confirm the Minutes of meeting held on 23rd November 2020 were a true and correct record

These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. To receive the District Councillor's Update.

Cllr Brown reported

- The budget dominates proceedings at HBC. A £5 increase is expected for Band D properties. NYCC predict a 3% increase. Losses are blamed on Covid 19 although Cllr Brown believes there is a lot of money spent on non-important items.
- Unitary Authority. The Government want devolution to obtain mass savings but North Yorkshire is in favour of the East/West divide. There should be a Government response within 2 months to the proposals.
- Paynes Dairies. Cllr Brown notified the meeting that he would like to join any virtual meeting with Paynes Dairies. He also added his thanks and congratulations to the local family for their litter pick on Bar Lane.
- Neighbourhood Plan. There was a planning meeting scheduled for HBC on Tuesday 26th January, the day following the meeting where the plan was due to be discussed.
- Kirby Hill Motor Way Services Planning Enquiry will take place via MS Teams starting Tuesday 16th February for 2 weeks. He thanked the Parish Council for their support in this matter and said he was sure that Gareth Owen and his Team would stand firm. He was pleased that Moto are in the frame with their plans of an MSA at the Junction of the A61 with the A1M..

Cllr Brown left the meeting at 7.20pm as he had another virtual meeting to attend.

5. To receive an update on finance

5.1 To appoint auditors for 2020-2021

It was agreed to continue to join other local parish councils including Brafferton and Kirby Hill in an audit group which worked successfully in 2019 and 2020.

5.2 To approve Income and Expenditure 15/11/20 – 14/01/21 and Bank reconciliation.

This was approved and is presented as Appendix A.

5.3 To approve Grass Cutting increase to £44.00 + VAT per cut from £43.00 + VAT for Village Green areas. All other areas (Pond Area and Access from the Pub to the Pond) remain the same as 2020 price (£33 + VAT and £27 + VAT respectively).

This was dealt with in paragraph 8.

6. To receive an update on Paynes Diaries Lorries speeding on Bar Lane and continuing litter problems.

Previous to the meeting, correspondence was received from a resident on Bar Lane who had picked 8 bags of litter with his family including 2 young sons on both sides of Bar Lane around Paynes Diaries and further up beyond Reed Boardall to the A168. Within the litter pick there was evidence of many Paynes Diaries bottles, labels, hairnets, facemasks and disposable gloves. The litter towards Reed Boardall included bottles and bags of human waste. The Parish Council thanked the residents for their excellent work.

Data is continuing to be collected and analysed for excess speeds on Bar Lane. An average speed of 37.5 mph travelling west bound has been recorded near the homes on Bar Lane with many vehicles travelling in excess of 40mph. Speeds of up to 60mph have been recorded during the night but no direct evidence that this is the dairy lorries.

Cllr Baird addressed the meeting. He reported that up to this week end he had nothing to report and that during his inspections he had not observed high volumes of litter. He will contact the Bar Lane resident to pin point exactly where the majority of litter is located. The images provided by the resident will be used as evidence to present to Paynes Diaries when a meeting with Charlie Payne can be arranged. It was added at the meeting that the litter problems have continued for years and litter is a global problem not just local.

Action: Cllr Baird to arrange a virtual meeting with Charlie Payne

Action: Cllr Bolland to check with Reed Boardall to confirm they are undertaking their weekly litter pick. (Latest news: The Chairman has been in touch with Andrew Baldwin. They stopped litter picking last October, but are about to restart).

7. To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

This was covered earlier in the meeting under item 4. The consultation period ended on January 15th 2021. **Action: Cllr Bolland to contact Natasha Durham at HBC to see where we go from here.**

8. To receive an update on tree maintenance and grass cutting.

Cllr Varley updated the meeting. He has received a quote from JC Trees for £280 to prune the Silver Birch tree on the village green. Cllr Varley recommended we accept this quote and this was agreed. There is already a quote for Grass cutting from Farm and Land Services but Cllr Varley has arranged for 2 further quotes for this work.

Action: Cllr Varley to give JC Trees the go ahead for the work on the Silver Birch Tree

Action: Cllr Varley to obtain 2 further quotes for grass cutting.

9. To receive an update on widening the bus layby outside the Village Church.

Cllr Newberry addressed the meeting. Two quotes have been received for £4200 and £3500. Cllr Newberry mentioned that the s106 monies from the Roecliffe Park development have just been finalised and will see £3584 coming to Roecliffe for open spaces. It was suggested that this money could possibly be used to widen the bus layby. It was also considered that the building company for the new development at the Ogdens could be approached to see if they would be interested in giving a quote for this work

Action: Cllr Newberry to approach developers.

10. To discuss light pollution in Roecliffe and turning off street lights after midnight.

The problem of light pollution was discussed. As there are only 2 street lights well sited in Roecliffe it was agreed that it was more of an ornamental lighting problem. It was agreed that the clerk would look into the law on private property lighting and contact HBC and NYCC to obtain their advice on the matter.

Action: Clerk to contact HBC and NYCC.

11. To confirm dates of future meetings:

Monday 12th April Parish Assembly at 7.00pm
Tuesday 4th May AGM at 7.00pm.

The above dates and times were confirmed.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Appendix A

Income & Expenditure & Bank Reconciliation for Period 15/11/20 – 14/01/21

	Date Banked	Number	Income	Expenditure	Total	
Opening Balance per Community Account				Total Parish Village Fund	£12790.24 £8686.22 £4104.02	
Opening Balance per Business Manager Account					£1254.06	
Interest	04/12/20		0.03			
Total					£0.03	
Adi Morrison (pond)	19/11/20	100720		480.00	480.00	
Travis Perkins (pond)	25/11/20	100721		140.84	140.84	
Open Country (pond)	08/12/20	100722		50.00	50.00	
Clerk's Sal n + url renew + zoom	03/12/20	100723		229.54	229.54	
Farm & Land	30/11/20	100724		177.60	177.60	
JC Trees	05/01/21	100725		912.00	*912.00	
Yorks Accts (Payroll)	05/01/21	100726		36.00	*36.00	
Clerk's sal d + website hosting renewal	05/01/21	100727		239.49	239.49	
Total					£2265.47	
*chqs not presented					+£948.00	
Closing Balance per Community Account				Total Parish Village Fund	£11472.77 £7368.75 £4104.02	
Closing Balance per Business Manager Account					£1254.09	
Total Funds				Parish Village Fund	£8622.84 £4104.02	