

ROECLIFFE AND WESTWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Roecliffe and Westwick Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 28th September 2020 held via remote link using Zoom at 4.00pm

Attendees: Cllr J Bolland, Cllr J Newberry, Cllr J Tulip, Cllr S Varley, Cllr J Reeve, District Cllr N Brown, the Parish Clerk and 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr N Baird, County Cllr R Windass.

2. Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda

None received.

3. To Confirm the Minutes of meeting held on 30th June 2020 were a true and correct record

These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. To receive the County Councillor's and District Councillor's Update.

District Cllr N Brown joined the meeting and reported the following:

- Devolution and local government reorganisation is on the HBC agenda.
- The C19 2nd wave is affecting everything and delaying decisions. Cllr Brown personally is in favour of Unitary Authority as in his 12 years of experience attending meetings a lot of issues are county matters.
- Against the pedestrianisation of Harrogate as it will affect many already hard hit traders. Not good bus connections and most visitors arrive by car will mean less parking spaces, although he is in favour of reducing the carbon footprint eventually.
- Still awaiting a decision on Flaxby.
- Most employees at Civic Centre are working from home.
- Safer Neighbourhood meeting has been suspended for 6 months.

Cllr Bolland asked if there was a majority in favour of the pedestrianisation of Harrogate. Cllr Brown responded that:

- It was the wrong time to be doing this.
- Over 200 traders were against.
- HBC had not undertaken a proper consultation.

5. To receive an update on finance

5.1 To approve Income and Expenditure 15/6/20 – 14/9/20 and Bank reconciliation
This was **approved** and attached as **Appendix 1**

5.2 To approve an increase in the Clerk's Salary to £10.44 per hour (£2035.80 per annum) backdated to April 1st 2020

This was **approved**.

5.3 To approve the following accounts for payment:

Clerk's Salary	£154.67
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This was **approved**.

6. To receive an update on the Noise problems due to Reed Boardall using the former Cementation site on Bar Lane as a storage facility.

Several residents of Bar Lane attended the meeting. Cllr Bolland informed the meeting that recent correspondence between Reed Boardall and a resident had revealed that RB are managing to complete work on their onsite lorry park and hope to move from the Cementation site to this lorry park by the end of October. A meeting is to be set up between RB, Cllr Bolland, District Cllr Brown and the resident spokesperson to discuss the ongoing issue.

Cllr Bolland invited a spokesperson for the residents to address the meeting. The resident reported the following:

- Still noise 24 hours per day although lorry movements did decrease the previous week end.
- Appreciates that things take time.
- Biggest concern is the status of the land itself and residents' concerns it is not a 24hr site and are seeking assurances from the council about planning and longer term plans for the site.

Cllr Bolland presented the planning history of the site to the meeting and informed that the most recent planning application in 2013 had lapsed in 2016. Cllr Newberry expanded on the previous planning applications and suggested discussing future planning for the site at the forthcoming meeting with RB.

Another resident asked if the Parish Council had received any notification about the use of the Cementation site for storage and Cllr Bolland confirmed that the Parish Council had not been made aware. A further resident asked what contingency plans were in place for Christmas.

Action: Cllr Bolland to arrange meeting as soon as possible.

7. To discuss increased traffic movements from Paynes Diaries.

Cllr Bolland invited a resident from Bar Lane to address the meeting. The resident reported the following:

- The number and size of Payne's lorries has greatly increased and now run 24 hours a day.
- The speed of the lorries shakes their houses.
- There are highways issues with increasing ruts and residents are concerned about the safety of major drains under the highway. The road often floods.
- The resident has lived in Roecliffe for 20 years and commented that Paynes Diaries show little concern for residents.
- There is no restriction for size, volume and speed of these vehicles.
- There is no encouragement for pedestrians and cyclists, especially children as the footpath/road are so dangerous.

Cllr Bolland responded that this has been brought up with Payne's Diaries at earlier meetings. It was suggested to ask Highways if the road was able to cope with the volume and type of traffic. Cllr Brown suggested another meeting with Payne's Diaries and to ask Cllr Windass to attend. The resident offered to attend also.

Action: Cllr Bolland to arrange meeting with Paynes Dairies.

Action: Clerk to speak to Highways Area 6 re road standard.

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

Cllr Bolland updated the meeting. The NDP has been ongoing since September 2014. After a pause due to C19, there is now an Examiner for the document. The Examiner will make comments to HBC. When the Examiner has finished there will be a referendum in Roecliffe and Westwick. If this is successful, the plan will be adopted. The plan will help with future planning applications and also keep industry and residents separate. The referendum should take place next spring. This has been a much longer process than expected.

9. To discuss tree surgery for three trees on the Village Green: The Silver Birch, the large tree on School Field exiting Village and the tree outside the Crown.

A planning application has been made for the tree outside the Crown to have its canopy raised. The Silver Birch has become very leggy and sways in the breeze hitting the telephone wires. It was **agreed** to speak to HBC re surgery to this tree. The large tree on School Field has growth around the base which affects driver's vision exiting back lane. It was **agreed** that the Parish Council could remove this growth. **Update:** Since the meeting Cllr Newberry has removed growth on trees to improve sight lines.

Action: Cllr Varley to contact HBC about pruning the Silver Birch.

10. To receive an update on highways maintenance in Roecliffe.

The roads around the Village Green have been repaired. Brickyard Road/Bar Lane Junction still await attention and available funds.

11. To receive an update on maintenance to the Village Pond.

This Village Pond will be cleared on Thursday 1st October and on an annual basis after to keep on top of the bullrushes. **Update:** The village pond was cleared on 1st October

12. To confirm the date and time of future meeting on Monday 23rd November at 7.00pm via Zoom.

This was confirmed.

The meeting ended at 4.59pm.

Appendix A

Income & Expenditure & Bank Reconciliation for Period 15/06/20 – 14/09/20

	Date Banked	Number	Income	Expenditure	Total	
Opening Balance per Community Account				Total Parish Village Fund	£11293.51 £7189.49 £4104.02	
Opening Balance per Business Manager Account					£1254.03	
HMRC VAT	19/08/20		222.50		222.50	
Interest	04/09/20		0.03		0.03	
Total					£222.53	
Farm & Land Grass Cut	08/07/20	100705		264.00	264.00	
Clerk sal j + printer cart + stamps	02/07/20	100706		202.29	202.29	
Clerk sal j + ¼ exps + zoom subs	10/08/20	100707		221.06	221.06	
YLCA training clerk (Village Greens)		100708		15.00	15.00*	
Yorks Accts (payroll)		100709		36.00	36.00*	
Farm & Land Grass Cut	08/09/20	100710		408.00	408.00	
Clerk sal a + zoom subs	07/09/20	100711		169.06	169.06	
Total					£1315.41	
*Chqs not presented					+£51.00	
Closing Balance per Community Account				Total Parish Village Fund	£10251.60 £6147.58 £4104.02	
Closing Balance per Business Manager Account					£1254.06	
Total Funds				Parish Village Fund	£7401.64 £4104.02	