

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Friday 8th December at 7.30pm
Present: Councillors D Wooles, Chairman, P Bean, Vice Chairman, D Smith, M Oxendale,
M Dodds, S Downing and E Nelson

District Councillor E Hope also attended the first part of the meeting
Apologies received from Louise Pink, Parish Clerk

A minutes' silence was held in memory of Jim Day who had served as a Parish Councillor and was a much liked and respected man who had been very involved in many aspects of Village life.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

MINUTES: The minutes of the November meeting were unavailable, these are to be approved at the January meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM– No public attended the meeting

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

None

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES to be discussed at January Meeting

CLERKS REPORT:

Fracking: Ineos are due to carry out seismic testing in the areas that they hold licences for.
District Councillor Hope was asked if Ryedale Council had received any planning applications.
He said that he believed it would be NYCC dealing with this but he would check.

An e mail had been received from a local resident regarding the deteriorating condition of the roadway in Warwick Close. Councillor Dodds is to take photographs and forward them to the Clerk for submission to NYCC. Reply to be sent to the resident advising that the PC is not responsible for maintaining roads and that the matter is being raised with NYCC Highways and to suggest that he also should write to NYCC.

Yew Tree House: the draft Deed of Easement had been circulated and concern was expressed that on page 3 – Grantor's property, the land is loosely termed Church End Sheriff Hutton. This should be changed to read The Green in order to avoid any misunderstanding about the area over which the easement is being granted. Subject to this being changed it was agreed that the deed could be signed by the Chairman and Clerk of the Parish Council.

PLANNING

No new applications received

It was noted that the application in connection with West Haven, New Lane, Sheriff Hutton had been approved.

VILLAGE REPAIRS

The trip hazard on the right of way between The Croft and The Green had been dealt with
Ryan of Branching Out to be reminded about clearing the banks on the north side of North Garth Lane, and East End as soon as possible, before the bulbs start to appear.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The two items on the agenda were agreed for payment
It was agreed that the Parish Council wish to continue to arrange its own grass cutting contractor for the 2018/19 cutting season. Letter to be sent to Ryan of Branching Out thanking him for providing an excellent service despite the problems that he had experienced with labour.
It was agreed that he should be approached regarding his availability for next year.
A request had been received from the History Group regarding purchase of Archive Boxes.
It was agreed that the Parish Council would fund these as the Archives are a much valued

asset of the Village. History Group to be asked if the Archive Room is fireproofed

Details of budgets and 2018/2019 Precept to be discussed at the January meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Did not attend

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Councillor Hope reported that Ryedale Council are in the process of recruiting a new Chief Executive.

Councillor Hope reported that Flaxton PC are to organise a meeting with Julia Mulligan regarding their concern over the amount of time the Police Speed Van spends in Flaxton. They are also to request consideration of changing the speed limit from 30 to 40.

REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

Everyone involved in the Christmas Tree Lights was thanked. The lights for the Christmas Tree were provided by Mr Bass Stewart. Lights around the area were provided by Councillor Oxendale, Councillors Smith and Dodds installed the lights and Councillors Bean, Nelson and Dodds officiated at the switch on, which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Councillor Smith raised the question of trimming the tree. He is to ask our local tree expert Mr D Willis for his advice

Public rights of way across the Sheriff Hutton Park.

Note to be put in the Village News reminding walkers to keep to the designated rights of way to avoid confrontation with the owner of the land.

The recently erected signs in the park had been referred to the footpaths officer who confirmed that they did not break any laws.

The footpath from the Church across to the Coach Road has been ploughed up and made unwalkable. This is to be monitored to ensure it is reinstated within the appropriate timeframe.

Councillor Dodds is to provide information about how the Defibrillator system works for publication in The Village News.

Councillor Bean to consult with the History Group regarding erecting information boards in the village giving information about places of historical interest within the Village.

Snow Clearing

Branching Out to be asked if they have any equipment suitable for clearing the paths in the village should there be heavy snow falls.

In the past many people have been misinformed about possible liability if they clear snow from the paths in front of their property, should anyone fall and be injured. It was agreed the correct information about this should be published in the Village News.

Councillor Smith to consult with the site manager of the Peckitts Yard development regarding a wheel wash to stop mud being deposited on the road. It had been understood that this was part of the traffic management plan.

Councillor Oxendale reported that York Housing Association has been taken over by another Housing association. Colin Huby is to be contact regarding how this might affect the current development.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm