**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd August 2023 at 19:00 at ABN.**

Present: Cllrs Healy, Falkingham, Hemesley and Hynes. All Ward Cllrs were present.

The meeting was opened by the Chair and assisted by the clerk.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

OPEN FORUM

There were no comments made as no members of the public were in attendance.

Meeting started at 19:01

2023.90 Welcome and Apologies

Cllr Wormald had given his apologies to the Chair prior to the meeting.

2023.91 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest

None.

2023.92 Minutes from Previous Meeting

It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record and signed by Cllr Healy.

2023.93 Matters Arising

**Painting of bus shelter**

Cllr Hynes has ordered and received the paint. ACTION: Cllr Hynes to paint shelter.

**BT telephone box**

Cllr Falkingham has completed the refurbishment. ACTION: Clerk to order glass panels.

**Painting of the beacon**

This was discussed considering lighting the beacon for D-Day in 2024. It was agreed by all to postpone this until after this event. ACTION: Clerk to order two Yorkshire Rose stickers.

**Repairs to bench**

Cllr Falkingham reported that the wood had been ordered and the bench will be repaired upon receipt of materials.

2023.94 Accounts

The clerk had circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting, the bank reconciliation, statements and schedules of payments.

Gill Healy - £54.86 (repayment for purchase of plants)

Samantha O’Connor - £24 (work from home allowance for June)

Samantha O’Connor – (clerk salary for June)

Gill Healy - £19.98 (repayment for purchase of plants)

Samantha O’Connor – (clerk salary for July)

Samantha O’Connor - £24 (work from home allowance for July)

Cllrs Hemesley, Hynes, Falkingham and Healy signed the invoices and schedules of payments.

The bank statements and accounts spreadsheets were signed by Cllr Hemesley.

2023.95 Ward Cllr Report

ERYCs Design Code is going out for consultation. Cllr Hammond has asked residents to feed into this.

ERYCs Economic Strategy is now out. The Covid pandemic has shaped how the Council operates.

Ward Cllr Hammond has met the roads minister and visited sites across the area. He will be liaising with him to achieve a larger budget for ERYC roads.

Cllr Hemesley reported that the resident at Whitfields is struggling to ascertain who will resolve the issue of water run-off from the road onto their property. Ward Cllr West stated that he would visit the resident to help resolve this matter.

Cllr Healy asked about what ERYCs plans were to help residents on the road to zero net emissions, in light of the new plans to scrap oil boilers in 2026. It was confirmed that any assistance to rural communities would come from Central Government and not local Government. Ward Cllr Hammond noted that properties owned by ERYC are being offered alternatives such as air source heat pumps.

2023.96 Refurbishment of the Beacon and Sign

This had already been discussed under Matters Arising.

2023.97 D-DAY Celebrations

A discussion was held, and it was agreed that the beacon would be lit. ACTION: Cllr Hynes to research catering for the event.

2023.98 Review and Approval of Amended Standing Orders

The clerk had sent these out prior to the meeting. Cllr Healy proposed to adopt these, Cllr Hemesley seconded this, and all agreed. ACTION: Clerk to publish on website.

2023.99 Community Issues

Cllr Hemesley reported that the pub was re-opening on the 25th August.

Cllr Hynes noted that the Kings Coronation bench was now in place. ACTION: Clerk to send Cllr Hynes the risk and asset register for this to be updated.

The clerk asked councillors if the village green was being managed well. It was noted that it had only been cut four times since the grass cutting season started. Ward Cllr Hammond to investigate this.

Cllr Hynes reported the frequent police presence on Mere Grange. Ward Cllr Hammond to investigate this and report back.

2023.100 Correspondence

None.

2023.101 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on the 20th September.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19:43 hrs.

Signed as a true and correct record \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_