**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 19:00 at ABN.**

Present: Cllrs Healy, Falkingham, Wormald and Hynes. Ward Cllr Hammond was also in attendance.

The meeting was Chaired by Cllr Healy and assisted by the clerk.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

OPEN FORUM

There were no comments made.

Meeting started at 19:02

2024.24 Welcome and Apologies

Cllr Hemesley had noted he would be late to the meeting. There had been apologies from a resident regarding agenda item number 2024.25.

It was agreed that agenda item 2024.30 would be moved here as Ward Cllr Hammond had another meeting to attend.

2024.30 Ward Cllr Report

Ward Cllr Hammond explained the procedure for a potential appeal on the Huggate Lane planning application. He noted that the PC should be informed should it be appealed at a national level. Ward Cllr Hammon agreed to check on the status of the change of lane classification of Huggate Lane.

The Devolution consultation has now closed with over 7000 responses. 53% of these were positive. This will now be submitted to Government with mayoral elections to take place in May 2025.

Ward Cllr Hammond reported that ERYC have now set their budgets. There will be a 2.99% increase in council tax rates. ERYC are looking to enhance services which will include a verge restoration scheme and flood alleviation scheme. ERYC have budgeted £80,000 for 20 mph schemes under the ‘twenty is plenty’ project.

Operation Snap was launched in November 2023 by the Police and Crime Commissioner. Free dash cams were given to those who agreed to upload footage of speeding vehicles. Under this initiative, a third of those caught on the footage have had action taken against them.

**19:14 Ward Cllr Hammond left the meeting and Cllr Hemesley entered the meeting.**

2024.25 Co-option of Councillor

The clerk reported after the last meeting that whilst there were vacancies from the elections, the PC were unable to co-opt without a notice being issued. This has now been done and ERYC confirmed that the PC can co-opt. A vote was held, and Cllr Healy proposed to co-opt Steven Tisseyre, Cllr Hynes seconded this and all agreed. ACTION: Clerk to sign the form alongside Cllr Tisseyre in the April meeting. ACTION: Cllr Tisseyre to send register of interest form to clerk.

2024.26 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest

None.

2024.27 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

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

2024.28 Matters Arising

**Painting of the beacon**

Cllr Hynes to wait for the weather to improve to put the Yorkshire Rose stickers on the sign.

**Repairs to bench**

This is still outstanding. It was agreed that the weather needs to improve before this is repaired.

**Back board for BT telephone box**

The clerk has had an update from ERYC stating that the board will be produced in the new financial year.

**Broken noticeboard**

Cllr Hemesley confirmed that he has still to move this.

**Loose manhole cover**

Cllr Wormald reported that this had been repaired. Action now closed.

**Loose steps at top of the village green**

Cllr Hynes has spoken to a resident about the possible riparian ownership of this. The resident is to check their deeds and report back. It was decided that if this action is still open at the next meeting, the PC would investigate land registry details.

**Pothole**

Cllr Hemesley reported a pothole on Main Street. ACTION: Clerk to take photos and report this.

**Planters**

Cllr Healy asked the PC if she could purchase plants to refresh these. All agreed that she had a budget of £50.

**Defibrillator heater**

Cllr Hynes confirmed that he had now purchased and fit the replacement part.

**Village green sign**

The clerk noted that one of the green signs was broken. ACTION: Cllr Hynes to repair this.

2024.29 Accounts

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

Samantha O’Connor – (clerk salary for February)

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

Tom Hemesley - £11 (window cleaning receipt)

Kevin Hynes - £59.50 (defibrillator heater)

The bank statement and accounts spreadsheet were signed by Cllr Hynes.

The invoices and schedule of payments were signed by Cllrs Hynes and Falkingham.

The clerk asked if she could transfer any reserve funds into the savings account when the precept is paid. All agreed for her to do this.

2024.31 2024/25 Meeting Schedule

The clerk had sent this prior to the meeting. All were happy for this to be displayed and published.

2024.32 Pond Signage

Following on from the Fb post regarding speeding in the village and being aware of the ducks, a discussion was held about how to improve the visibility of the signs. It was agreed that the one at the Church end is in a suitable place but the one near the bus shelter end is not visible. ACTION: Clerk to investigate getting the sign moved to opposite the pond.

Cllr Hynes reported that he had heard back from Yorkshire Wildlife regarding how to repair the leak in the pond. They have offered to assist and suggested that if remedial fixes aren’t successful, that they can help rebuild the pond at approximately £10,000. ACTION: Cllr Hynes to contact them when the pond is at its lowest level. ACTION: Clerk to agenda this for the June meeting.

2024.33 D-DAY Event

A discussion was held, and it was agreed that Cllr Hemesley and Falkingham would speak to the owners of the pub to see if they would incorporate a fish and chip supper, followed by the PC lighting the beacon. ACTION: Cllr Healy to create Fb post asking any residents who served, to attend the lighting of the beacon and perform a reading.

2024.34 Community Issues and Correspondence

The clerk has received correspondence from the Beverley Beekeepers Association regarding the Asian Hornet. This invasive species is not native to the UK and any sightings should be reported. The information will be displayed on the noticeboard. ACTION: Cllr Healy to use the leaflet to create a Fb post.

Cllr Hemesley noted that a resident felt that the duck numbers were too high and that action needed to be taken to remedy this. A discussion was held, and the clerk advised that this is not a matter for the PC to decide upon. Mallards are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981 and as such cannot be shot out of season. Furthermore, the village is in a rural setting, so it is to be expected to live alongside wildlife. No further action to be taken.

2024.35 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on the 24th of April.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:00 hrs.

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