

**MINUTES OF WINTRINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY, 18th AUGUST 2022 AT 7.30 PM
AT WINTRINGHAM COMMUNITY HALL**

Present:

Mr P Witty (Chair)
Mrs J Leefe
Mr K Harvey
Mr S Spaven
Mr M Grayston
Mr P Clark (Clerk)

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone present. There were apologies from Nick Waddington, and Tracey Ireland.
2. The minutes of the last meeting of 27th April 2022 were accepted unanimously. Prop. Mrs. Leefe, Sec. Mr . Grayston
3. Action Plan:
 1. Mr. Witty reported that the village signs are nearly ready. They have been galvanized and need to be painted. Sherburn Forge say they will also install the signs at no extra cost. The signs are to be delivered to Mr. Witty's premises then an outdoor meeting of the Parish Councillors held to decide the locations.
 2. See 1. Above,
 3. The Clerk reported that he did not invite Councillor Janet Sanderson to this meeting as he felt it was too short notice once the agenda has been published. Next time the clerk will invite Janet when the meeting is first announced to give plenty of time..
 4. Mr Witty said that he has asked the agent for the Estate if they know who is responsible for maintaining the War Memorial. He has not yet had an answer. In the meantime Nick Waddington has removed moss and dust from the memorial and has looked at the pointing and said it was in good condition. He is looking into how to replace the missing metal lettering.
 5. Mr. Waddington is in the process of doing this. See 4. Above.
 6. The Clerk asked for and has received agenda items for this Parish Council meeting and included them on the agenda as items 6, 7 & 8. He will also do this for future meetings.
 7. Mr. Witty made the agent for the Estate aware that cutting bluebells in the woods near Place Newton gates might be illegal. There has no cutting been observed since then.

Tree planting around the Millenium Pond. It was agreed that Mr. Witty should purchase two Rowan trees for this. Planting to be arranged at the time.

4. Correspondence:

There was a letter from the Citizens Advice Bureau, Ryedale to ask for donations. The Councillors agreed to donate £50. The Clerk to do this.

There was an e mail via Pat Pitcher from Ann Ali about the fence along the Cemetery boundry between the Church and the paddock on the corner. She wondered if anyone knew if any grants were available to install the black 'estate style' fencing to this boundry to match the fencing at each side.

None of the Councillors knew of any such grants available and suggested the fence is the responsibility of the PCC.

The Clerk said that he had had a letter from the RDC Tree Preservation Officer stating that the Tree Preservation Order for the sycamore tree at the Old School is now permanent and any future work on the tree will be subject to the conditions of the preservation order.

5. War Memorial Refurbishment. Please see Action Plan items 4 and 5.

6. Proposed Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. This agenda item was proposed by Mr. Waddington. As Nick was not able to be at the meeting his notes were read by Mr. Harvey.

Nick was keen that Wintringham PC should support this although the deadline for comments has passed with 87% in favour. The other Parish Councillors were broadly in agreement although there was a feeling that there might be more 'interference' and regulation of activities than currently from the authorities.

7. Preservation of trees in the conservation area. This item was proposed by Mrs. Leefe. She felt that as there are several large and old trees in the village it would be worth considering these and whether preservation orders could be placed on those selected. Mrs Leefe to contact Matthew Stubbings, Tree and Landscape Officer for Ryedale District Council to discuss the best course of action on this.

8. Community Speedwatch. This was proposed by Mr. Grayston. Mike explained to the Parish Councillors the current Community Speedwatch activities in the village with statistics of the motorists identified as exceeding the 30mph speed limit. Anyone so identified receives a letter from North Yorkshire Police. If anyone is 'caught' 3 times they get a visit from a Police Officer. The Councillors thought that this was worthwhile and thanked all those involved for their efforts.

Mike also explained that the equipment needed is shared with Weaverthorpe Parish Council. He provided a detailed list of equipment required for Wintringham Community Speedwatch to have their own equipment. This totaled £312. The Councillors agreed to fund this. Mr. Grayston to purchase the equipment and the Clerk is to provide a cheque from WPC funds to cover the amount.

9. Any Other Business:

Mrs. Leefe made the Councillors aware of the Community Grant Scheme but as the closing date for applications is the end of August it was felt too late to apply.

Application requires a specific, costed proposal, rather than asking for general funds.

It was suggested that if a similar scheme should happen again in the future a possible project would be the purchase and installation of a 'flashing' solar powered speed warning sign. It was noted that Weaverthorpe already have such a sign. Mike to ask them where they obtained it from and the cost.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm