

Minutes of the Wintringham Parish Council Annual Meeting and Parish Council Meeting.

Thursday 13th May 2021, 7.30pm.

Due to restrictions during the coronavirus crisis this meeting was held by videoconferencing on Zoom.

1. The Chairman, Mr. Witty opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone present. There was one apology from Jennifer Leefe as she was having computer problems.

Present were: Peter Witty, Pat Pitcher, Ben Jenkinson, Steve Spaven, Ken Harvey, Nick Waddington and Philip Clark (Clerk).

2. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 25th June 2020. Proposed: Pat Pitcher, Seconded: Ken Harvey. Carried unopposed.

3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair. Peter Witty said he was prepared to carry on in the role of Chair. Steve Spaven also said he was happy to carry on as Vice Chair. No other councillor said they wished to stand. Peter Witty for Chair proposed by Nick Waddington and seconded by Ken Harvey. Carried unopposed. Steve Spaven for Vice Chair proposed by Nick Waddington and seconded by Ben Jenkinson. Carried unopposed.

4. The clerk read out the questions and his answers to the 'Governance Statement' in the annual return for year ended 31st March 2021. Approval was proposed by Pat Pitcher and seconded by Ken Harvey. Carried unopposed. The statement to be signed later by Mr. Witty.

5. The clerk presented the accounting statement for the year ended 31st March 2021. Approval was proposed by Steve Spaven and seconded by Pat Pitcher. Carried unopposed. The return to be signed later by Mr. Witty.

6. Approval of the Certificate of Exemption. Proposed by Ben Jenkinson and seconded by Ken Harvey. Carried unopposed.

7. Acceptance of the Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting of 9th December 2020.

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Ken Harvey and seconded by Steve Spaven. Carried unopposed.

8. Action Plan from the meeting of 9th December 2021:

(1) Contact Sherburn Forge to progress design and manufacture of two new village signs.

The images for the two signs have been cut in ¼" steel plate. Frame needs to be fitted. Delivery estimated to be in about one week.

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(3) Choose locations for the new signs. As the existing village entry signs have to be kept and there isn't much space on the verges near their locations it was suggested that the signs be placed further into the village in each direction, in a similar way to Old Malton for example.

Still to be decided.

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(4) Arrange installation of the new signs to be arranged. To be done after the signs are manufactured and delivered.

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9. Proposal to remove telephone kiosk.

There has once again been a proposal from British Telecom to remove the telephone kiosk from various locations in Ryedale, including Wintringham.

Gary Housden from RDC has written to the parish council to ask whether they have an objection to the removal of a working telephone and if the telephone is removed whether they wish to 'adopt' the kiosk.

The meeting decided that Wintringham Parish Council do not object to removal of the telephone but do wish to adopt the kiosk. The Clerk to write to Mr. Housden to communicate this.

It is still possible that RDC will object to the removal of the phone as in previous occasions and it will remain in service.

10. Annual Audit Report from Data Protection Officer regarding the Parish Council and the General Data Protection Regulations.

Nick Waddington said that he had contacted the Clerk to check and he confirmed that there have been no changes to data or how it is held in the year since the last annual meeting.

11. Correspondence:

The Clerk said that there was nothing significant to report. Nearly all communication to the council is by e mail and any messages are forwarded to the councillors apart from circulars and advertising.

There were two recent planning applications:

Removal of a pine tree at Centre Cottage.

A side extension and garage at Deighton House.

The councillors have looked at the plans and do not object to either application.

12. Any Other Business.

Nick Waddington asked why there was no donation to Ryedale Citizens Advice Bureau shown in the accounts. The Clerk replied that this was because the previous donations were done as 'one offs' due to requests from the CAB.

The Councillors decided that the CAB is a very worthwhile cause and the 50 pound donation should become annual. The Clerk to implement.

Pat Pitcher reiterated her concerns about the size, speed and frequency of lorries travelling through the village. This was strongly backed up by Jennifer Leefe and Ken Harvey.

Ben Jenkinson said he had recently contacted North Yorkshire Highways to ask about the procedure for getting a weight restriction introduced. The reply said that the introduction of a limit was very unlikely as there is no easy alternative route and a restriction would force vehicles onto even smaller

local roads. Ben and others felt that if a formal 'traffic review' by an independent organisation was carried out this would act as strong evidence in an application for a weight restriction.

To see whether a review would be appropriate, Pat and Jennifer said they would carry out an informal review to determine the number of vehicles and what the peak times and days their movements are.

Steve Spaven said that there was a smell of sewage in the vicinity of his house. No other councillors said that they had noticed this.

The meeting finished at approximately 8.20pm