

**MINUTES OF WINTRINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023 AT WINTRINGHAM COMMUNITY HALL**

**Present:**                    **Mr P Witty (Chair)**  
                                     **Mrs J Leefe**  
                                     **Mr N Waddington**  
                                     **Mr K Harvey**  
                                     **Ms A Ali**  
                                     **Ms T Ireland**  
                                     **Mr P Clark (Clerk)**

1. The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone present. There were apologies from Mike Grayston. Peter welcomed Annie to her first meeting.

2. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

Proposed: Nick Waddington Seconded: Ken Harvey

Accepted unopposed.

3. Action Plan:

1. Choose location for new village signs. The councilors decided not to have an outdoor meeting to find locations for the signs. It was discussed in the meeting instead. The southern end sign is to be on the verge outside Manor Farm House and the northern sign on the verge after the existing 'official' sign in a position with sufficient verge width. Peter to arrange installation.

2. War Memorial renovation. Nick said that he has already cleaned the stone and can arrange for the missing lettering to be replaced by a specialist for approximately £100. Nick has spoken to the potential specialist and the cost may now be somewhat more than previously estimated. Nick said he may be able to do this work himself. Nick to arrange to do this or use contractor.

4. Correspondence. A planning application by Mr. and Mrs. Cowell For The Heathers was discussed. There were no objections.

5. Agenda items proposed by Parish Councillors:

Proposed by Jennifer Leefe:

Reed removal and 'digging out' of the Millenium pond. Peter to ask Simon Byas to carry out dredging. Annie to obtain oxygenating plants. It was suggested that more lilles were planted but Annie said that the may grow too quickly and 'take over' the pond.

Nick to add 4 bales of barley straw as this was previously effective in clarifying the water.

Clear footpath up to the church. Rob Witty is already in progress with this.

Proposed by Mike Grayston: (Jennifer read out these on Mike's behalf as he couldn't be at the meeting)

The 'Parish and Town Councils Communication pack' This says that NYCC will be setting up 30 'community networks' This was discussed but the councilors were not very enthusiastic about this or the document in general. No action, just see what transpires in the coming months.

The path to the Church is very slippery – this is already being cleared as stated earlier.

Following the cutting of the hedge on the back lane there are many thorny twigs and branches left behind. These are a hazard to walkers, dogs and horses. It is thought that the estate is responsible for this. Peter to ask to agent about it.

There was an additional item here from Peter not on the addenda:

Peter has been contacted in confidence by a Wintringham resident about the smoke and noise from the wood burning plant at Linton Mill. The resident has already been in contact with Ryedale District Council. One councilor said that ashes were being spread on the field next to Linton Mill and were blowing across to road and a nuisance to runners, cyclists and walkers. Another councilor said that they had experienced bad fumes and smells while working outdoors. Peter to fill in and send a 'Planning Enforcement Request for Service' form on behalf of the Parish Council.

#### 6. Any Other Business:

Annie asked: 'does anyone clean village seats' as the new plastic ones are quite dirty. Nick said he already varnishes the older wood benches and would add cleaning the new benches to his schedule.

She also asked whether an additional dog waste bin could be placed near the church or on the path up to the woods (Wolds Way Path). Although there is a general waste bin in the lay by she said people are leaving dog waste bags on or near it. It was said that bins had to be near the road or Streetscene won't empty them. It was agreed to obtain an additional dog waste bin and post to be placed near the church gate. The clerk to obtain bin.

Peter said that Rob Witty had contacted him to ask whether he could raise his grass cutting fee from £1000 to £1200 per year. The clerk said that as far as he knew no fixed price had been agreed and for Rob to simply send an increased invoice. The councilors agreed to this.

Peter closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

