

**MINUTES OF WINTRINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER 2023 AT 7.30 PM
AT WINTRINGHAM COMMUNITY HALL**

Present: **Mr P Witty (Chair)**
 Mrs J Leefe
 Mr M Grayston
 Ms A Ali
 Mr N Waddington
 Mr P Clark (clerk)

Guest Attendee: **Ms Michelle Whitfield (North Yorkshire Council)**

Apologies: **Mr K Harvey**
 Ms T Ireland

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone present. Ms. Michelle Whitfield, Community Link Officer for NYC had been invited and was present. There were apologies from Mr. Harvey and Ms. Ireland.

Michelle explained her background and role in the NYC Community Link Officer Team. There are five such Officers in the Ryedale area and she is based in Malton. Her responsibilities include: Crime & Safety, Environmental Health/Noise, Landlord Liaison, checking empty properties, welfare cases, pub licensing visits, dangerous dogs and many other things.

2. Acceptance of the minutes of the last full meeting of 27th April 2023. Proposed Mr. Waddington, Seconded Mr. Grayston. No-one against.

3. Action Plan 27th April 2023:

1. Village signs have been installed by Mr. Witty & Mr Grayston. CLOSED

2. Dredging of the inlet to the Millenium Pond still to be arranged by Mr. Witty.

3. Ms. Ali has spoken to the hedge cutting contractor about leaving branches with thorns on the back lane. CLOSED

4. Mr. Grayston has obtained and placed speed camera stickers throughout the village. CLOSED

5. Mr. Harvey has arranged defibrillator training and this has been done although the number of people taking part was disappointing. CLOSED

4. Application for Certificate of Lawfulness from Mr. Mason at Linton Mill ZE23/04723/CLEUD.

The application states that as the applicant has lived in the premises without planning permission for more than four years a Certificate of Lawfulness can be applied for. Ms. Ali stated that she has discovered that if the application has been refused previously, which is

the case here the time limit is ten years, not four and it is less than ten years since the application was refused (in 2015).

There was a lengthy discussion of the issues around Linton Mill. The outcome was:

For Wintringham Parish Council to object to the issue of a Certificate of Lawfulness. Mr. Waddington kindly agreed to do this on behalf of the council.

For Mr. Witty to contact Eleanor Hardy at the Planning Office to try to arrange a meeting with Parish Councilors to discuss all the issues of planning, noise and smoke arising from Linton Mill.

Mr. Witty said that he had found out that the Environmental Health team at NYC were already investigating the emissions from Linton Mill.

5. Correspondence:

There was a letter from John Burroughs of NYC with the 'Housing Strategy Report' attached. This was forwarded to councilors for their information.

The Ryedale Citizens Advice Bureau asked for donations. This was thought by the Parish Councilors to be very worthwhile. A £50 donation (as in previous years) was decided upon.

6. Parish Precept.

The Clerk & RFO reminded councilors that the precept had been reduced to £1500 (from £2250) in the current financial year to reduce cash reserves in line with the requirements of the auditors of the annual return. (if the reserves are more than twice the precept, this has to be explained).

Philip said also that he has looked into the finances and said that the reserves were currently about £4500 and the normal annual expenditure about £2600, so the Parish Council could continue to ask for a precept of £1500 for 2024/25.

This was agreed.

7. Community Speedwatch.

Mr. Grayston said that at the most recent speedwatch 'session' there were 100 vehicles recorded of which only one was found to be exceeding the 30mph speed limit.

Michelle said as she liaised closely with the NY police as the Malton Officers are now in Ryedale House. She said she could ask them to attend a future Parish Council meeting or Village event to explain their role in road safety and other matters.

8. Agenda items from Parish Councilors.

Mr. Waddington if a Millennium Pond 'tidy up' could be carried out. Mr. Witty said he had already cut the brush/grass around the pond and was arranging to get the water inlet from the stream to the pond dredged as this has silted up.

Mr. Waddington said he would carry out a refurbishment of the 'duck island'

Ms. Ali said she has introduced oxygenating materials to the pond but these are covered by weed.

Ms. Ali asked if a wheelie bin can be obtained for the Church Yard & Graveyard as there is currently only a small bin which isn't big enough for old flowers from graves and waste from the coffee machine.

Also the waste bin in the layby opposite the church is frequently overflowing in the summer.

Michelle said she would ask Streetscene to empty the layby bin more frequently in the summer months.

Michelle also said that as it was for the Church, a council wheelie bin may be possible to obtain with collection free of charge. This type of bin is regarded as trade waste as it is not from a domestic house and emptying would normally be charged for.

9. Any Other Business.

There was none brought forward,

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm