

EAST COWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held online
on Monday 11th January 2021 at 7.30pm

2101.01 The Chairman declared the meeting open

Present

Councillors: E. Simpson (Chairman) (ES); J.Lambert (JL); A.Smith (AS); N.Smith (NS); P. Stephenson (PS) T.Wild (TW)

In Attendance

County Councillor A.Wilkinson (AW); District Councillor: S.Watson (SW); Flood Warden: B. Denley (BD); Clerk: J.Kilsby (JK).

2101.02 Disclosure of Interests

None declared.

2101.03 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 14th December 2020

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) on 14th December 2020 circulated to councillors be signed by ES as a correct record as soon as practicable.

2101.04 Chair's Formal Announcements

None

2101.05 Finance

a) It was resolved that statements of account circulated beforehand are agreed and that the balances on the PC's bank accounts at 6th January 2021 verified by NS were as follows:

Community (Current) Account:	£7744.58
Business Premium (Deposit) Account:	<u>£2988.11</u>
	£10732.69
Less unbanked cheques as Bank reconciliation:	<u>£ 155.84</u>
	£10576.85

b) It was further resolved that cheques be drawn as follows:

Description	£	Authority
J.K - Clerk's Wages	115.84	Local Government Act 1972, s112(2)

c) Further to Minute 2012.05c), it was confirmed that the bank continues to process the change of signatories.

d) It was resolved that subject to receipt of a satisfactory quotation from the existing contractor the PC was unlikely to seek new tenders for grass-cutting for 2021.

2101.06 Notice-Board and Grant Funding

It was resolved that of the options for noticeboards considered by councillors a single bay aluminium board displaying 9 A4 sheets in portrait mode in green powder coating was the preferred choice and **it was further resolved that** specifications and prices be considered at the next meeting in circumstances where AW confirmed that the period for expenditure of the grant funding has been extended until August.

Chairman signed.....E.Simpson10th February 2021

2101.07 Councillors Responsibilities

It was resolved that councillors' roles and responsibilities will now include:

ES: Payroll; Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA) representative; bus shelters; notice-board.

JL: Bins, planters; crime prevention.

AS: YLCA representative; benches.

NS: Play Area lead with responsibility for inspections, any change in risk assessments and the point of contact for queries from the public; finance; Millennium Wood support; community link.

PS: Trees, Millennium Wood lead with responsibility for inspections, any change in risk assessments and the point of contact for queries from the public; Play Area support

TW: defibrillator

It was further resolved that NS and PS will ensure implementation of a system for evidencing that the Play Area is inspected in accordance with the schedule previously agreed.

2101.08 Resilience Plan

AS confirmed that the draft plan was now progressing to the point where the amendments which are required are cosmetic only.

2101.09 Police Community Report

The report incorporated within the agenda was considered and it was noted that confirmation as to whether or not the 2 incidents of anti-social behaviour referred to related to the Coronavirus Regulations is awaited.

2101.10 Speed Awareness

It was resolved that pending the outcome of the Community Speed Watch initiative, postponed because of Covid19, no further approach should be made to any neighbouring Parish Council in relation to Vehicle Activated Signage.

2101.11 Risk Assessments

It was resolved that the consideration of asset inspections be deferred until the March meeting and in the interim all outstanding reports be returned to JK by 31st January 2021.

It was also noted that there had been an issue with power to the defibrillator cabinet, a fuse had been repaired and appropriate steps taken to ensure that the equipment is operating properly.

2101.12 Planning Applications

It was resolved that the only observation in relation to application 20/02667/MRC (land adjacent to Peppergarth) was the need to ensure sufficient off-street parking because of the proximity of the property to the road junctions.

2101.13 Next Meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting will take place online at 7.30pm on Monday 8th February 2021.

2101.14 Any Other Business

PS is chasing the representative from the Forestry Commission (Minute 2011.07) and the arborist (Minute 2012.06) and will collate details for the PC to consider the acquisition of a salt/grit spreader. All 3 matters to be brought to the next or a future meeting. He will also arrange for the Millennium Wood to be cleared again in the Spring.

ES is awaiting an update from the Ure and Swaledale River Authority (Minute 2012.07) and will bring a report to the first meeting after she does so.

ES has also been pressing North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) concerning the flooding on Raby Lane. AW confirmed that she has now received feedback and that NYCC has now taken onboard the need for action and will be arranging to identify and contact the land owner responsible.

It was resolved that NYCC's Parish Portal be added to February's agenda.

2101.15 Public Participation

BD confirmed that there have been 3 flood warnings since the last meeting but no danger was posed to East Cowton and that the village still has an adequate supply of sandbags.

2101.16 Meeting Closed

There being no further business, ES closed the meeting at 8.22 pm.