

EAST COWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held online

on Monday 8th March 2021 at 7.30pm

2103.01 The Chairman declared the meeting open

Present

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

In Attendance

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

Apologies for Absence

Councillor A.Smith.

2103.02 Disclosure of Interests

None declared.

2103.03 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 8th February 2021

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) on 8th February 2021 circulated to councillors be signed by ES as a correct record as soon as practicable.

2103.04 Chair's Formal Announcements

The Chair confirmed that a National Census is to take place on 21st March 2021 and the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Election on 6th May 2021.

2103.05 Finance

a) It was resolved that statements of account circulated beforehand and verified by NS are agreed and that the balances on the PC's bank accounts at 1st March 2021, were as follows:

Community (Current) Account:	£7255.06
Business Premium (Deposit) Account:	<u>£2988.11</u>
	£10243.17
Less undrawn cheque.....	<u>£597.18</u>
	<u>£9645.99</u>

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)
ES reimburse for plants from Van Meuwen	33.96	Highways Act 1980 s115b ; Open Spaces Act 1906 s10b
ES reimburse for compost from Sam Turner	19.96	Highways Act 1980 s115b ; Open Spaces Act 1906 s10b

And noted that a cheque had been issued to Greenbarnes Limited (as Minute 2102.06) in the sum of £597.18

c) It was confirmed that the claim for a VAT refund had been made.

Chairman signed.....E.Simpson.....6th May 2021

2103.06 Notice-Board and Grant Funding

The new noticeboard having been delivered **it was resolved that** work to refurbish the old board should commence as soon as practicable, dependent on the weather.

2103.07 Resilience Plan

It was noted that the receipt of maps and some data protection consents is awaited and **it was resolved that** this item therefore be relisted on the agenda for the next meeting.

2103.08 Salt Spreader

It was resolved that the proposal to purchase a salt spreader be reconsidered by the PC in September 2021.

2103.09 Risk Assessments and Inspection Reports

PS reported that he had examined the concrete bench opposite the brick bus shelter and that the cost of timber to carry out the repair would be £20 approximately and further that he was arranging to examine the bench stored by SW to establish the extent of the repair required which he anticipated would be of similar cost.

PS also proposed that in due course the dog waste bin next to the gate into the Millennium Wood (MW) be moved a little way away from the gate. In the meantime, the MW remains closed and he is replacing the sign to that effect.

ES reported that the contractor has agreed to keep the strimmer away from the legs of the swing unit and benches in the Play Area and is going to spray around their bases keeping a very close perimeter to them. **It was resolved that** NS and PS should continue to monitor closely.

There is a suspicion that a planter is being overlooked in the schedule of regular inspections. It is believed that it is the wooden tub in the play area and **it was resolved that** ES should check the number and whereabouts of the planters. **It was further resolved that** ES and PS should examine the cracked and unbolted planter on Main Street opposite Wycliffe Road junction.

Receipt today of the report from the arborist was confirmed and **it was resolved that** PS would seek confirmation from North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) as to ownership of the trees omitted.

2103.10 First Aid Training

Pursuant to minute 2102.10 ES reported that the cost of first aid training would be limited to the rental of the hall, lungs for dummies and for certification and that the training ought to be able to proceed in June. **It was resolved that** the matter be relisted for consideration by the PC once ES had obtained detailed costings.

2103.11 Police Community Report

It was confirmed that no report had been received since that discussed at the last meeting.

2103.12 Neighbourhood Watch

It was resolved that NS should gauge interest by way of an insertion in the Parish Magazine.

- 2103.13 Annual Parish Meeting**
It was resolved that this matter be relisted for consideration by the PC at its April meeting. .
- 2103.14 Flooding on Raby Lane**
 AW updated the PC to the effect that a discussion had taken place with the adjoining land owner and a representative from NYCC's Highways Department and that a further visit by the Highways Officer had also just taken place, as a result of which there is now a suspicion that there may be a blocked outlet in an open ditch. NYCC Highways Drainage is to investigate further.
- 2103.15 Parish Portal**
 ES reported that the PC is still encountering difficulty in securing access but is hopeful that the problems will be resolved shortly.
- 2103.16 Secure E mail Addresses**
It was resolved that this matter be considered by the PC further at its June meeting.
- 2103.17 Planning**
It was resolved that the PC had no observations in relation to either 21/00423/FUL (Haswell Grange) and 2100479/MRC (The Coppice, Wycliffe Road)
 It was noted that 20/02892/FUL (*The Bungalow, St Mary's Close*) had been approved.
 It was further noted that the landscape planting required by the planning consents under references 17/01123/FUL and 19/01789/FUL (Manor House Farm) has commenced .
- 2103.18 Next Meeting**
It was resolved that the next meeting will take place online at 7.30pm on Monday 12th April 2021.
- 2103.19 Any Other Business**
 None save that ES reported that she had attended a Yorkshire Local Councils Association (YLCA) branch meeting and 2 YLCA Discussion Forums since the last meeting and recommended the forums to all councillors.
- 2103.20 Public Participation**
 Nothing was raised.
- 2103.21 Meeting Closed**
 There being no further business, ES closed the meeting at 8.42 pm.