

EAST COWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held online

on Thursday 29th April 2021 at 7.30pm

2104.01 The Chairman declared the meeting open

Present

Councillors: E. Simpson (Chairman) (ES); N. Smith (NS);
P. Stephenson (PS); T. Wild (TW) who joined at 7.50pm

In Attendance

Clerk: J.Kilsby (JK).

Apologies for Absence

Councillor A.Smith; County Councillor A.Wilkinson; Flood Warden: B. Denley

2104.02 Disclosure of Interests

None declared.

2104.03 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 8th March 2021

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

2104.04 Chair's Formal Announcements

The Chair indicated that because the period of national mourning following the passing of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh had intervened to invalidate the notice period for the meeting scheduled for 12th April 2021 it had been reconvened this evening

2104.05 Finance

a) It was resolved that statements of account circulated beforehand and verified by NS are approved and that the balances on the PC's bank accounts at 31st March 2021, were as follows:

Community (Current) Account:	£6868.13
Business Premium (Deposit) Account:	<u>£2988.18</u>
	£9856.31

b) Cheques drawn as follows were noted and approved:

Description	£	Authority
Thomson Habitats Limited	£ 204.00	Highways Act 1980, s115B and Open Spaces Act 1906, s10(b), Local Government Act 1972, s111(1)
YLCA subscription	£ 218.00	Local Government Act 1972 s143
E Simpson for Sam Turner & sons -teak oil	£ 22.99	Public Health Act 1875 s 164; Local Govt Act 1972 Sched 14 para 27; Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19; Parish Council Act 1957 s.1.
J.Kilsby- Clerk's Wages	£ 115.84	Local Government Act 1972, s112(2)

c) The budget outcome for 2020/21 was noted.

d) The position concerning the internal audit and end of year return were noted and in particular a need to complete the Annual Governance and Accountability Return by the end of June

2104.06 Notice-Board and Grant Funding

It was resolved that pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972, Section 101, the Clerk/RFO, be authorised until such time as the authority is countermanded and only in so far as the PC is unable to meet to agree the necessary steps, to do anything expedient and necessary to ensure the continuous business of the PC, and to deal with mandatory undertakings in order to prevent the authority from incurring liability during the period that the delegation is applicable.

2104.07 Resignation of a Councillor

It was noted that the notice period for candidates to put themselves forward for election expires on 30th April **and resolved that** the issue of redistribution of roles be deferred for consideration at the PC's annual meeting in May

2104.08 Code of Conduct

It was resolved that the model Local Government Code of Conduct be adopted by the PC

2104.09 Notice Board

It was noted that refurbishment of the original oak board has almost been completed and that in the meantime the new notice board is being used temporarily for the display of PC notices

2104.10 Resilience Plan

It was noted that only 2 data protection consents remain outstanding; some new names have been included and contact has been made with the new Vicar concerning the mention of the Church Annex as a secondary place of refuge and which is now being referred to the Parochial Church Council for approval.

2104.11 Assets, Risk Assessments and Inspection Reports

It was resolved that the list of assets agreed last year be agreed again subject to the inclusion of the defibrillator and new notice board.

It was resolved that ES and PS will review the current position with risk assessments for all assets

PS reported that pursuant to Minute 2103.09 he had obtained confirmation from North Yorkshire County Council that in addition to the trees on land owned by the PC, the PC was responsible only for the tree on the green marked with a plaque and that according to the arborist's report that tree and those in the Play Area require no more than a light trim. **It was resolved that** this could take place as part of the volunteer group's activities on a Tuesday morning

(TW joined the meeting at this point)

2104.12 Police Community Report

The data received was considered and it was noted that incidents of anti-social behaviour referred to were in relation to breaches of coronavirus regulations

- 2104.13 Neighbourhood Watch**
It was resolved that further progress could not be made until the insertion in the Parish Magazine (Minute 2103.12) had been placed.
- 2104.14 Flooding on Raby Lane**
 It was confirmed that this has now been resolved with Yorkshire Water accepting responsibility.
- 2104.15 Parish Portal**
 ES reported that the PC is still encountering difficulty in securing access but the person responsible at Hambleton District Council (HDC) has returned from annual leave and will liaise with JK to resolve
- 2104.16 No Littering Signs**
It was resolved that the PC would not presently take up HDC on its offer to provide No Littering signs as they were very large and litter is not perceived as a significant problem within the village.
- 2104.17 Planning**
It was resolved that the PC had no observations in relation to 21/00729/FUL and 21/00649/FUL (Cornhill Farm)); 21/00632/FUL (Cowton Moor House); 21/00763/FUL (OS Field 4600)
 It was noted that 21/00199/FUL(Dragonstone) had been refused and 21/00479/MRC(The Coppice,) had been withdrawn
 It was resolved that JK should contact HDC to check the outcome of the Enforcement Officer's final inspection in relation to the landscape planting required by the planning consents under references 17/01123/FUL and 19/01789/FUL (Manor House Farm.
- 2104.18 Next Meeting**
It was resolved that the next meeting (the annual meeting) of the PC will take place online at 7.30pm on Thursday 6th May 2021.
- 2104.19 Any Other Business**
 None
- 2104.20 Public Participation**
 None
- 2104.21 Meeting Closed**
 There being no further business, ES closed the meeting at 8.05 pm.