

# EAST COWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in the Village Hall

on Monday 27th September 2021 at 7.30 pm

## 2109.04 Present

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

### In Attendance

J.Kilsby (JK), Flood Warden B.Denley (BD) and 2 Members of the Public including J.Green who was co-opted onto the Parish Council during the course of the meeting.

### Apologies for Absence

Cllr A.Smith; County Councillor A.Wilkinson (AW)

## 2109.05 Disclosure of Interests

None.

## 2109.06 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council (PC) on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**It was resolved that** the minutes are approved and the Chairman duly signed them in order to verify approval as well too as the Minute confirming that the meeting scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 was inquorate.

## 2109.07 Chairman's Formal Announcements

None.

## 2109.08 Police Report

The contents of the written report of the Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) were noted

## 2109.09 Finance

a) Councillors **received and approved** statements of account for the current year to 7 September 2021 and agreed the balances on the PC's bank accounts which had been verified by NS as follows:

Community (Current) Account: £7909.61

Less unpresented cheques -£ 40.00

Premium (Deposit) Account: £2988.32

Total: £10857.93

b) **It was resolved that** the payments by cheque listed below be ratified:

| Invoice Date | Description                                   | £        | Authority   |
|--------------|---|----------|---|
| 2.8.21       | CE & CM Walker Ltd - Grasscutting May         | £ 244.80 | Highways Act 1980, s96 and Open Spaces Act 1906, s10(b) |
| 7.8.21       | Community Shop reimburse J Kilsby - stamps    | £ 10.20  | Local Government Act 1972, s111(1)                      |
| 30.07.21     | Information Commissioner -data protection fee | £ 40.00  | Local Government Act 1972, s111(1)                      |
| August       | J.Kilsby- Clerk's Wages                       | £ 115.84 | Local Government Act 1972, s112(2)                      |
| 1.9.21       | CE & CM Walker Ltd - Grasscutting May         | £ 244.80 | Highways Act 1980, s96 and Open Spaces Act 1906, s10(b) |
| September    | J.Kilsby- Clerk's Wages                       | £ 115.84 | Local Government Act 1972, s112(2)                      |

Chairman signed.....E.Simpson.....8<sup>th</sup> November 2021

c) **It was resolved that** councillors would send JK details of any proposed expenditure for 2022/23 for inclusion in the draft budget as soon as possible ready for consideration at the next meeting.

**2109.10 Co-option of a Councillor**

**It was resolved that** Jane Green be co-opted onto the PC and she moved from the public area to join councillors having signed the declaration of acceptance of office and register of interests forms.

**2109.11 Communal Tank**

In light of findings pursuant to Minute 2107.10 **it was resolved that** a Land Registry search be undertaken (ES to initiate) to establish the identity of the registered proprietor and that the cost of this be undertaken as expenditure under section 137 Local Government Act 1972.

**2109.12 Millennium Wood**

**It was resolved that** proposed expenditure during the remainder of the financial year is within the budget set by the PC for repairs and maintenance and that the installation of a post and rail fence, as approved by the Swale and Ure Drainage Board should proceed at an approximate cost of £660 to be organised by PS.

**2109.13 Play Area**

It was noted that the annual independent safety inspection report has been received and **it was resolved that** this be circulated for discussion at the next meeting. **It was further resolved that** in the meantime the purchase of feet, bolts, timber and paint together with teak oil and setting for the noticeboard posts at an approximate cost of £375 (again within the annual budget) should proceed and the current remedial works which PS is supervising continue.

**2109.14 Benches.**

**It was resolved that** a broken slat on the bench opposite the pumping station be fixed, PS to action.

**2109.15 Salt Spreader**

**It was resolved** not to proceed with the purchase of this item and that it be brought back to the agenda only in the event of a change in the legal responsibilities of the PC.

**2109.16 Prince's Countryside Fund**

It was confirmed that an application has been made for grant funding from the Prince's Countryside Fund to assist with the cost of enhancement of the area immediately outside the parish garden.

**2109.17 Community shop**

**It was resolved that** the PC renew the licence for the community shop.

**2109.18 Queen's Jubilee**

**It was resolved that** rather than planting a tree the dedication of a new bench or even an enhanced area outside the Play Area would be an appropriate tribute. **It was further resolved that** contact should be made of bodies within the village to check what events if any might be planned.

**2109.19 Secure E-mail**

**It was resolved that** a provision of £500 be made in next year's budget to enable the acquisition of a hosted domain, gov.uk name and secure email provision.

**2109.20 Parish Council Profile**

It was noted that the audit referred to at Minute 2107.12 was only available to Parish Councils already participating on social media platforms.

**2109.21 Ultrafast Broadband**

In light of Quickline's response **it was resolved that** JK should query whether there were instead any literature/links available to promote information including via its website that could be examined in advance of the next PC meeting and if councillors' and residents' questions could then be submitted by e-mail.

**2109.22 Resilience Plan**

**It was resolved that** the plan be placed in the box in the Village Hall and that copies now be forwarded to North Yorkshire County Council, JK and the nominated Emergency Lead (District Councillor Watson) and the consents provided for Data Protection purposes be stored by JK.

**2109.23 Parish Portal**

It was noted that further instructions for access have been received today **and resolved that** an update be provided by JK to the next PC meeting.

**2109.24 Community Speed Watch**

It was noted that ES and the PCSO continue to press for progress with the PC's community speed watch application. In the meantime **it was resolved that** the PC supports the implementation of 20mph as the default speed limit for our parish and in all the urban and village streets in North Yorkshire where people live, work, shop, play and learn and that this PC will write to the Leader and Cabinet Member for the Highway Authority (currently North Yorkshire County Council) to implement a County wide policy on this issue to support 20mph as the default limit with higher limits only where the needs of vulnerable road users are fully taken into account.

**2109.25 First Aid Training**

**It was resolved that** notice of a likely course should be placed on the noticeboard and would-be attendees invited so that interest can be gauged and cost calculated.

**2109.26 Planning Applications**

- a) In relation to planning application number 21/01839/FUL (OS Field 3752), **it was resolved that** it should be queried whether, if granted, change of use of the building previously permitted for sheep is required.
- b) **It was resolved that** a further communication should be sent to the Planning Department, and copied to the District Councillor and Planning Enforcement Officer, as well as to AW for information, reiterating the disappointment and concerns being expressed by residents
- c) It was confirmed that application 21/00729/FUL Cornhill Farm has been granted.

**2109.27 Public Participation**

BD requested that enquiries be made of the PC's insurers to ensure that he was covered under the policy and **it was resolved that** JK would do this.

Details of Lunch Club meetings on 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> October were provided and **it was resolved that** PS would attend.

Concern was expressed about the speed of farm vehicles through the village.

**2109.28 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

**It was resolved that** the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**2109.29 Any Other Business**

**It was resolved that** the Pathkeeper Scheme should appear on the next agenda, details to be forwarded to JK for circulating with the agenda

**2109.30 Meeting Closed**

There being no further business, ES closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.