

EAST COWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in the Village Hall

on Monday 8th November 2021 at 7.30 pm

2111.01 Present

Councillors: E. Simpson (ES)(Chairman); J.Green (JG); P.Stephenson (PS); T Wild

In Attendance

County Councillor A.Wilkinson (AW); District Councillor S.Watson (SW); Clerk: J.Kilsby (JK); Flood Warden B.Denley (BD); 3 Members of the Public.

Apologies for Absence

Councillors A.Smith (AS); N.Smith (NS),

2111.02 Disclosure of Interests

None.

2111.03 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council (PC) on 27th September 2021

It was resolved that the minutes are approved and the Chairman duly signed them in order to verify approval.

2111.04 Chairman's Formal Announcements

None.

2111.05 Police Report

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

2111.06 Finance

a) Councillors **received and approved** statements of account for the current year to 2 November 2021 and agreed the balances on the PC's bank accounts which had been verified by NS as follows:

Community (Current) Account: £10418.13

Less unpresented cheques -£ 0.00

Premium (Deposit) Account: £ 2988.32

Total: £13406.45

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

| Invoice Date | Description | £ | Authority |
|--------------|--|----------|---|
| 1.10.21 | CE & CM Walker Ltd - Grasscutting Sept | £ 244.80 | Highways Act 1980, s96 and Open Spaces Act 1906, s10(b) |
| 23.09.21* | Playsafety Ltd | £ 82.20 | Local Government Act 1972, s111(1) |
| October* | J.Kilsby- Clerk's Wages | £ 115.84 | Local Government Act 1972, s112(2) |

And it was further resolved that the following cheques be signed

| Invoice Date | Description | £ | Authority |
|--------------|--|---------|---|
| 28.9.21 | P Stephenson reimbursement for bedding plants from Strikes | £ 10.00 | Highways Act 1980, s115B and Open Spaces Act 1906, s10(b) |

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c) **It was resolved that** the draft budget presented to councillors is approved and that the Parish Precept required for 2122 to 2023 is £7003.

d) **It was resolved that** ES should submit a further grant application to the Hambleton District Council (HDC) Making a Difference Fund in the event that the application to the Prince's Countryside Fund is unsuccessful or still undecided at the end of November 2021.

2111.07 Neglected Communal OilTank

ES confirmed that sufficient information had now been obtained to enable the Land Registry search (Minute 2109.11) to be submitted.

2111.08 Millennium Wood

PS reported that work (Minute 2109.12) has been delayed by both a lack of volunteers and availability of fencing materials.

2111.09 Play Area

It was resolved that there is no work to be actioned as a consequence of the annual independent safety inspection report. It was also noted that the hedge has been cut but a final trim will be undertaken and that there is now only the balance beam to be resolved once the current work on the multi-play has been completed and for which the steel feet are awaited.

2111.10 Benches.

PS reported that bad weather has impeded the repair of the slat (Minute 2109.14).

2111.11 Pathkeeper Scheme

ES gave a summary of the benefits of the North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) Pathkeeper Scheme **and it was resolved that** councillors should encourage residents to register their interest in the scheme (details of which are on the Parish Council Noticeboard) with JK.

2111.12 Queen's Jubilee

It was confirmed that a small committee with representation from various groups in the village is looking to co-ordinate a weekend of events. **It was resolved that** in circumstances where the Parish Council will be updated there was no need to appoint a representative for that committee

2111.13 Parish Council Elections

ES indicated that it is likely that the next Parish Council elections will be in May 2022 to tie in with the elections to the new unitary authority and that the election of officers would in that instance be for a period of 5 years.

2111.14 Raising the Parish Council's Profile

A member of the public reported on an initiative for a village Facebook page on which links to various notices issued by the Parish Council on its website could be published. Assurance was given that administrators would moderate and remove unacceptable comments.

2111.15 Ultrafast Broadband

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JK reported that she had received no response to the communication forwarded pursuant to Minute 2109.21 and **it was resolved that no further action be taken.**

2111.16 Resilience Plan

In the absence of AS, ES indicated her understanding that the plan is ready to circulate.

2111.17 Parish Portal

JK reported that the link to access the Parish Portal has failed and has been reported.

2111.18 Community Speed Watch

It was noted that community speed watch training is to take place in the Village Hall on 23rd November 2021.

2111.19 First Aid Training

Dates are still awaited from the trainer and **it was resolved that** this item be relisted on the next agenda

2111.20 Website Accessibility Check and Data Protection Review

It was resolved that JK should run WAVE to check the website and AS be asked if she can again undertake a data protection review.

2111.21 Allocation of roles to new councillor

It was resolved that JG be responsible for crime liaison, the planters and the bins.

2111.22 Clerk's Appraisal

It was resolved that ES be responsible for JK's annual appraisal.

2111.23 Christmas Tree

It was understood that as in previous years the Community Shop, The Beeswing and Brian Robinson Machinery are proposing to provide this again.

2111.24 Planning Applications

24.1) In relation to planning application number 21/02043/FUL (Bungalow Farm), **it was resolved that** the PC had no observations.

24.2) In relation to planning application number 21/02314/MRC (The Coppice), **it was resolved that** the PC's only observations were that the drainage connections appeared to be complete and that HDC had erroneously served Northumbria Water rather than Yorkshire Water Authority (YWA) with notice of the original application.

24.3) It was confirmed that application 21/01839/FUL (OS Field 3752) had been withdrawn

24.4) **It was resolved that** the background information provided in the Housing Need Survey Outcome collated by HDC was in order

2111.25 Public Participation

A member of the public queried whether the PC had any further information on the application to develop off Birkby Lane (21/01361/OUT) and SW confirmed that no decision has yet been given by HDC.

BD advised that the dip by the containment tank appears to be deepening but he will report to YWA.

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An intermittent disruption to the village electricity supply was discussed. SW informed the PC that each ward in HDC is to be allocated a single tree up to 4 metres in height.

AW advised that she would send a web links for the availability of plaques in the event that the PC dedicates any street furnishings or tree for the jubilee. She also asked if any residents interested in becoming foster parents could contact NYCC. She advised too that NYCC is asking residents to cut back overgrown trees and hedges and referred to the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner election.

SW advised the meeting that the new Northallerton ring road railway bridge should be open in the second week of January 2022.

2111.26 Date and Time of Next Meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 10th January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

2111.27 Any Other Business

None

2111.28 Meeting Closed

There being no further business, ES closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.