

EAST COWTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Councillors are hereby summoned and Members of the Public invited to attend
the meeting of the Parish Council
on Monday 8th November 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

2. Disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

(The disclosure must include the nature of the interest (i.e. pecuniary or other). If you become aware, during the course of a meeting, of an interest that has not been disclosed under this item you must immediately disclose it. You may remain in the meeting and take part fully in discussion and voting unless the interest is prejudicial.

A personal interest is prejudicial if a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard it as so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest and it relates to a financial or regulatory matter)

3. Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 27th September 2021 (circulated to councillors)

To determine whether the Minutes are an accurate record.

4. Chair's formal announcements on any matters not the subject of discussion or debate

5. Police Report

To consider the report received

6. Finance

a) To receive and approve statements of account

b) To note and authorise cheques

c) To consider and approve the 2021/22 budget

d) To be updated regarding Prince's Countryside Fund grant application and to consider alternative application if refused

7. Neglected Communal Oil Tank

To receive a verbal update following Minute 2109.11

8. Millennium Wood

To receive a verbal update following Minute 2109.12

9. Play Area

To consider the annual safety inspection report and determine any further action required

10. Benches

To receive a verbal update following Minute 2109.14

11. Pathkeeper Scheme

To receive a verbal appraisal

12. Queen's Jubilee

To receive a verbal update following Minute 2109.18

13. Parish Council Elections

To receive a verbal briefing

14. Raising the Parish Council's Profile

To be updated concerning a village Facebook page

15. Ultrafast Broadband

To receive a verbal update following Minute 2109.21

16. Resilience Plan

To receive a verbal update following Minute 2109.22

17. Parish Portal

To receive a verbal update following Minute 2109.23

18. Community Speedwatch

To receive a verbal update following Minute 2109.24

19. First Aid Training

To receive a verbal update following Minute 2109.25

20. Website Accessibility Check and Data Protection Review

To receive a verbal update and determine further action required

21. Allocation of roles to new councillor

To determine the new Parish Councillor's special responsibilities and any changes to those of existing councillors

22. Employee Appraisal

To determine arrangements for the Clerk's annual appraisal

23. Christmas Tree

To consider arrangements for provision of a village Christmas tree

24. Planning applications

24.1. To consider the observations to be made on behalf of the Council in relation to planning application number 21/02043/FUL (Bungalow Farm)

24.2. To consider the observations to be made on behalf of the Council in relation to planning application number 21/02314/MRC (The Coppice)

24.3. To be advised of the outcome of applications which the Council has previously considered namely: 21/01839/FUL OS Field 3752;

24.4. To consider the feedback on the Housing Need Survey and determine the nature of the response

25. Public Participation

26. Date and time of the next meeting

10th January 2022 at 7.30pm is proposed

27. Any other business (urgent or not requiring debate or decision)

Primarily to inform the clerk of items for inclusion on the next agenda

Mrs J Kilsby
Clerk to the Parish Council

2nd November 2021

Supporting Information

5 POLICE REPORT

PCSO 6786 K. Laws has informed the Parish Council that the anti social behaviour orders (ASBOs) referred to within the report were not in the village itself and that the incident of criminal damage was to a car. ASBOs in previous months have all been related to infringement of Coronavirus Regulations.

She attended the first Village Pop Up Café since lockdown together with the Fire Brigade's Community Safety Officer and will continue to attend such when she can



Hambleton Command: Town and Parish Council Report

Town or Parish :	East Cowton
Report Completed By :	PCSO 6786 Kim Laws
Data Reporting Period :	6 th September to 11 th October 2021

Crime and ASB Data

Qualifier	No of Incidents	
Anti-Social Behaviour	0	
Auto crime	0	
Burglary :	<i>Commercial : 0</i>	<i>Residential : 0</i>
Criminal Damage	1	
Theft (including from shops)	0	
Violence Against the Person	0	
Other crimes including Drugs	0	
TOTAL THIS PERIOD	1	

North Yorkshire Police Updates

Police bank branch response scheme prevents £362,000 of fraud in North Yorkshire in first half of 2021

Branch staff at banks, building societies and Post Offices worked with the police to stop £362,000 of fraud through the Banking Protocol rapid scam response in North Yorkshire in the first half of this year, according to the latest figures from UK Finance. In total, the scheme has prevented £174 million of fraud and led to 934 arrests since its launch in 2016.

The Banking Protocol is a UK-wide scheme, launched by UK Finance, National Trading Standards and local police forces. Branch staff are trained to spot the warning signs that suggest a customer may be falling victim to a scam, before alerting their local police force to intervene and investigate.

It is often used to prevent impersonation scams, in which criminals imitate police or bank staff and convince people to visit their bank and withdraw or transfer large sums of money. It is also used to prevent romance fraud, in which fraudsters use fake online dating profiles to trick victims into transferring money, and to catch rogue traders who demand cash for unnecessary work on properties.

Customers assisted by the scheme are offered ongoing support to help prevent them from falling victim to scams in the future, including referrals to social services, expert fraud prevention advice and additional checks on future transactions.

North Yorkshire Police Financial Abuse Safeguarding Officer, Andy Fox, said:

“The Banking Protocol is a highly effective tool in our fight against fraudsters who are relentless in targeting victims across North Yorkshire. Not only does it prevent the loss of money as seen in the huge amounts saved, it also enables us to offer fraud victims safeguarding support and advice, hopefully meaning they won’t fall victim to these scams again in future.”

Katy Worobec, Managing Director of Economic Crime, UK Finance, commented:

“Fraud has a devastating impact on victims so partnerships like the Banking Protocol are not only crucial in helping vulnerable people, but it also stops stolen money from going on to fund other illicit activities including drug smuggling, human-trafficking and terrorism.

“Criminals have continued to capitalise on the pandemic to commit fraud, callously targeting victims through impersonation, romance, courier and rogue trader scams. Branch staff and the police are working on the frontline to protect people from fraud and these figures highlight the importance of their work in stopping these cruel scams and bringing the criminals to justice.

“It’s important that people always follow the advice of the Take Five to Stop Fraud campaign, and remember that a bank or the police will never ask you to transfer funds to another account or to withdraw cash to hand over to them for safe-keeping.”

To build on the success of the scheme, banks and building societies are continuing to work with local police forces on expanding the process to

cover attempted bank transfers made by customers through telephone and online banking.

6 FINANCE

6a Accounting Statement at 2 November 2021

		Community Account	Premium Account
		£ 6,868.13	£ 2,988.18
<u>add</u>			
Income			
Interest on Premium Account			£ 0.14
Parish Precept - Instalment 1	£ 3,352.00		
Parish Precept - Instalment 2	£ 3,352.00		
VAT reclaim	£ -	£ 6,704.00	
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		£ 13,572.13	£ 2,988.32
<u>less</u>			
Transferred to Premium Account			
Transferred to Community Account			
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		£ 13,572.13	£ 2,988.32
<u>less</u>			
Actual Expenditure			
1. Gross Wages	£ 810.88		
2. Contractors	£ 1,672.80		
3. Services	£ 82.20		
4. Sundries	£ 10.20		
5. Insurance	£ 257.60		
6. Repairs/Maintenance	£ 62.32		
7. Rental	£ -		
8. Subscriptions/Training	£ 258.00		
9. Asset Purchases			
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		£ 3,154.00	
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		£ 10,418.13	

Bank Reconciliation at 2 November 2021

Current Account balance as statement		£ 10,418.13
<u>add</u>		
Payments not yet cleared:	£ -	£ -
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<u>deduct</u>		
Cheques not yet presented for payment	£ -	£ -
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Reconciled balance - Current Account		£ 10,418.13
<u>add -Premium Account balance</u>		£ 2,988.32
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		£ 13,406.45

6b List of Cheques to be Noted/Authorised

Invoice Date	Description	£	Authority
1.10.21*	CE & CM Walker Ltd - Grasscutting October	£ 244.80	Highways Act 1980, s96 and Open Spaces Act 1906, s10(b)
23.09.21*	Playsafety Ltd	£	Local Government Act 1972, s111(1)
28.9.21	P Stephenson reimbursement for bedding plants	£ 10.00	Highways Act 1980, s115B and Open Spaces Act 1906, s10(b)
October*	J.Kilsby- Clerk's Wages	£ 115.84	Local Government Act 1972, s112(2)
1.11.21	CE & CM Walker Ltd - Grasscutting May	£ 244.80	Highways Act 1980, s96 and Open Spaces Act 1906, s10(b)
November	J.Kilsby- Clerk's Wages	£ 115.84	Local Government Act 1972, s112(2)

NB * denotes cheques have already been signed and despatched with Clerk/RFO using authority from Minute 2104.06 to write cheques for signature by 2 councillors

6c) Draft Budget – see separate report

6d) Grant funding -see Minute 2109.16 (outcome is still awaited)

Alternative grant funding details have already been circulated to councillors as below:

Making a Difference Grant Fund 2022/2023

Hambleton District Council's Making a Difference Fund has been launched.

Details of the scheme together with the online application form and guidance notes are on the Council's website at the following address: www.hambleton.gov.uk/madgrants

Grants of between £2,000 and £24,999 are being made available through the scheme for projects that meet a local need and contribute to one or more of the Council's priorities:

- Driving Economic Vitality
- Enhancing health and wellbeing
- Caring for the environment
- Providing a special place to live

Eligible applications must be from a not-for-profit group/organisation with a bank account and constitution. Parish Councils and Town Councils are eligible to apply.

As in previous years, applicants must gain the support of a Ward Member before submitting a Making a Difference application.

The deadline for submission of application forms (together with accompanying documents) is Sunday 5 December 2021.

Applicants should expect to hear whether they have been successful by the end of March 2022.

24.4 A draft housing survey was provided by Hambleton District Council to Parish Councillors on 13 October. Feedback/amendments are requested in respect of proposed background information

1. PARISH SUMMARY

The parish of East Cowton includes the small settlements of South Cowton and Pepper Arden

East Cowton is a village and civil parish in the district of Hambleton in North Yorkshire, England. It is 7 miles north west of the county town of Northallerton on the East Coast Main line between River Wiske and its tributary The Stell.. The village can be accessed via A167 and B1263 and has a number of neighboring villages within 2.5miles of its centre, those being Birkby, Great and Little Smeaton and North Cowton which lies within Richmondshire.

The etymology of the village name is a combination of the Old English words of co and ton meaning Cow farm. The East is to distinguish it from other Cowtons in the area. The village used to be known as "Long Cowton" and before that "Magna Cowton".

All Saints Church is situated within the village and has an active congregation and PCC. It holds regular services and other activities and is part of the Benefice of the Wiske.

East Cowton's Community Shop is now OPEN in the cabin next to the Village Hall

Opening Times:

Monday to Friday - 7.00 am to 1.00 pm

and to coincide with the Pop Up Café too

Saturday - 7.30 am to 1.00 pm

Sunday - 9.00 am to 12.30 pm

The shop's hours are currently restricted as a consequence of coronavirus and it is closing at 11am

'Pop-up' Post Office

There will be a visiting Post Office in East Cowton Village Hall every Friday afternoon between 1.00 pm and 4.00 pm offering a wide range of services.

'Pop-up' Café

Run by volunteers every Friday, 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm

All proceeds from the café will go to the New Village Hall.

Prices will be kept low as we want folks to come along and enjoy a bit of a chat on a Friday afternoon.

The village is fortunate to have a thriving public house The Beeswing and a number of SME businesses and home-based businesses operating in the parish.

East Cowton Church of England (VC) Primary School. The children, staff, governors and parents of our community are rightly proud of the excellent education our school provides and of the friendly, caring and cooperative atmosphere. We are a co-educational school with an age range of 4-11 years established on our present site since 1978. The school was originally situated opposite the Beeswing Inn and opened in 1843. It has links with the local clergy, is a member of the Dales

Academies Trust and in a federation with Kirkby Fleetham (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School. The school has been rated Good by Ofsted and is a feeder primary for Northallerton School and Sixth Form College.

The local planning authority is Hambleton District Council.

PARISH COMPOSITION

The area surveyed includes East Cowton, South Cowton and Pepper Arden parish only. According to the 2011 Census the parish has a population of 533 residing in 243 household spaces, 235 with residents and 8 with no usual residents.

(Source: ONS Census 2011)

The composition of the area surveyed is:

Tenure of Properties	Number of Properties
Owned Outright	113
Owned with mortgage	73
Shared Ownership	1
Social rented	22
Private rented	26
Living Free (living with parents)	0

Types of Properties	Number of Properties
Detached	131
Semi-detached	65
Terraced	38
Flats	9
Caravans or temporary mobile homes	0

9 Play Area

See separate Report

25. Next Meeting

The second Monday in January is proposed after the PC decided to reduce the number of its current meetings (Minute 2105.12) to alternate months so far as possible.