

EAST COWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in the Village Hall

on Monday 11th July 2022 at 7.30pm

2207.01 Present

Councillors: E. Simpson (ES)(Chairman), T.Cramond (TC), J Green (JG), Y.Jolly (YJ), J. Shields (JS), A.Wragg (AWr)

In Attendance

Clerk: J.Kilsby (JK); 2 members of the public

Apologies for Absence

County Councillor A. Wilkinson (AW)

2207.02 Disclosure of Interests

None.

2207.03 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council (PC) on 23rd June 2022

It was resolved that the minutes of the meetings on 23rd June 2022 are approved and the Chairman duly signed them in order to verify approval.

2207.04 Police Report

The contents of the Police Report for the period to 13th June indicating one local criminal incident (fraud) were noted

2207.05 Financial Accounts

a) JG confirmed that she had verified the Bank Reconciliation presented to the last meeting

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

Invoice Date	Description	£	Authority
04.07.22	CE&CM Walker - grasscutting June	£ 381.60	Highways Act 1980, s96 and Open Spaces Act 1906, s10(b)
-July 2022	Clerk's wages gross (July)	£ 122.67	Local Government Act 1972, s112(2)

and that JK should request the contractor to slow down the grass-cutting if the heat/dry weather continues

c) It was noted that Barclays Bank has still not processed the changes requested to the bank mandate **and it was therefore resolved that** ES should chase the bank in a week if that remains the case

d) It was confirmed that the period for the exercise of public rights is now in progress and the appropriate documents have been posted.

2207.06 Budget

It was resolved that the potential for proceeding with Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS) be considered further at the next meeting; that the bench in storage be destroyed, it being uneconomic to repair and that further consideration be given to replacement of the bench opposite the brick bus shelter at the next meeting. In the meantime, **it was further resolved that** consideration of changes to the budget be deferred to that meeting also.

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2207.07 Asset Inspections

Whereas reports have been forwarded to JK and those outstanding have been completed and will now follow and further upon YJ volunteering to inspect the grit bins **it was resolved that** a comprehensive consideration of the position in relation to the condition of assets be undertaken at the next meeting.

2207.08 Insurance

It was resolved that the all risks cover should continue to apply to the swing unit, glass bus shelter and wooden climbing frame but **it was resolved that** JK should ask the Insurance Company to increase the cover for the bus shelter in line with the updated quotation obtained of £4495 reducing the cover for the climbing frame

2207.09 Volunteers

ES confirmed that a risk assessment sheet has now been completed for volunteers and that it provides for training on the use of equipment as necessary.

2207.10 Grant Funding

It was resolved that a street licence and removal of the tree stump are pre-requisites to proceeding and that ES should investigate these further with a view to enabling the purchase of the proposed table and bench to be considered as part of the budget analysis at the next meeting.

2207.11 Parish Portal

JK reported the issues experienced and **it was resolved that** JK should send all councillors the link and they should attempt to log on.

2207.12 Registration of a Community Asset

It was resolved that the PC proceed with registration and that to this end ES will obtain office copies of the land registry title and plan.

2207.13 Solar Panels

AWr reported on a community scheme being trialled in other parts of the country. It was resolved that AW be asked if North Yorkshire County Council is likely to run such a scheme.

2207.14 Planning applications

- a) ES gave a report of her attendance at the site visit by the Planning Committee in relation to application number 22/ 00810/FUL (OS Field 4600)
- b) **It was resolved that** the planning department be requested to keep the case open in respect of Manor House Farm for 24 months in light of ongoing concerns expressed by residents
- c) No formal request concerning a section 106 agreement for the proposed Bungalow Farm development has been received but councillors were apprised of correspondence **and it was resolved that** the landowner should be updated concerning such

2207.15 Public Participation

Reference was made to council tax; village drainage; speeding and VAS as well as Twenty's Plenty and Community Speed Watch for which more volunteers are sought. Thanks were expressed to those who have made contributions for seafarers. Prospect of

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a contribution from developers towards a new defibrillator was raised and of a fund-raising event for a new bench by TC.

2207.16 Date and time of the next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 12th September 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

2207.17 Any Other Business

It was resolved that during ES' absence on holiday JG, who volunteered, will water the planters.

It was further resolved that the PC will be represented by AWr at a table at the Village Strawberry Tea on 17th July when it is hoped the need for volunteers can be publicised.

2207.18 Meeting Closed

There being no further business, ES closed the meeting at 8.55 pm.