

## **EAST COWTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 8th April 2024 at 7.30pm

### **2404.01**

#### **Present**

Councillors: E Simpson (ES) (Chairman), J Green (JG), A.Wragg (AWr), H Robinson (HR), T Cramond (TC), County Councillor A Wilkinson (AW) (part), Clerk: J Walker (JW)

#### **In Attendance**

11 members of the public

#### **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Shields (JS)

### **2404.02**

#### **Disclosure of Interests**

None.

### **2404.03**

#### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on 11th March 2024**

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th March are approved, and the Chairman duly signed them in order to verify approval.

### **2404.04**

#### **Chairman's Formal Announcements**

None

### **2404.05**

#### **Police Report**

In the absence of Cllr Shields the Clerk read out his written report :

- a) There has been theft of heating oil (approx. 300 litres) from a domestic dwelling in Wycliffe Road. Local PCSO is aware and the resident is in the process of installing a PIR security light and CCTV
- b) Report (from Cllr Cramond) of car driving around Golden Acres during the early hours. PCSO has been informed. JS checked CCTV but was unable to find anything
- c) Recent increase in cycle thefts in the Northallerton region with some being dumped and others being set on fire
- d) A new app, #PoliceUK has been launched, to be used to report non urgent incidents on line. Available on the internet
- e) Cllr Simpson confirmed that 2 PCSOs had attended the pop-up café on 15<sup>th</sup> March and completed property marking

**Chairman signed.....13<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

## 2404.06

### Financial Accounts

a) It was **resolved** that the payments below be authorised:

Invoice Date	Description	£	Authority
11/04/2024	Clerk's wages - April	156.72	Local Government Act 1972, s112(2)
01/08/2024	YLCA Subscription 2024/25	234.00	Local Government Act 1972, s112(2)
03/04/2024	New Laptop – reimburse Clerk	449.00	Local Government Act 1972, Section 111(1)
03/04/2024	Hard Drive – reimburse Clerk	47.99	Local Government Act 1972, Section 111(1)
03/04/2024	Microsoft Subscription – reimburse Clerk	119.99	Local Government Act 1972, Section 111(1)
03/04/2024	Wireless Mouse – reimburse Clerk	10.00	Local Government Act 1972, Section 111(1)

## 2404.07

### Planning Applications

- a) Proposal for a 28MW solar farm on land at Frigidale Mill, Northallerton, DL6 2NE (“East Cowton Solar Farm”) – Cllrs received a verbal update from ES that Project Managers will provide updates as they are available and plan to attend a parish council meeting in either May or June 2024
- b) Dwellings Birkby Lane ZB24/00105/OUT. Outline application with some matters reserved (considering access) for the construction of 15 dwellings OS Field 4109 East Cowton North Yorkshire – ES provided a verbal update that at present there is no formal outcome on this application. ES advised that local flood authority comments and recommendations need clarifying as the documents submitted on the planning hub are limited. ES has enquired regards the cumulative effect of the development of 15 further dwellings and is awaiting a response
- c) Councillors to consider ZB24/00351/OUT Outline Planning Application with some matters reserved (Considering Access, Appearance, Layout and Scale) for Conversion of an existing garage to create a 2 bedroom apartment. this includes a modest extension – ES invited comments from Councillors and AWR was of the opinion the aesthetics of the proposal were not pleasing and had consideration been given to including a pitched roof. The applicant being present at the meeting agreed the current drawings are not ideal but he is reluctant to submit a more aesthetically pleasing option unless outline planning permission was granted. A member of the public confirmed they would not be happy with a pitched roof as that increases the height of the elevation. Cllr Cramond enquired whether inspections for asbestos had been carried out, ES advised this would be included as part of the construction plan. ES opened the floor for questions:
- Occupant of 12 Wycliffe Road has no concerns unless access to the driveway is impeded
  - Question regards the 1967/69 signed title agreement for Shellex Pipes , situation needs to be identified. Although the tanks are unused the companies responsible have disappeared from Companies House records so assumption ownership belongs to the Crown

Resolved the Clerk should contact the planning department to confirm Councillors have considered the proposal and at present have no comments to make.

**Chairman signed.....13<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**2404.08**

**Local Resilience Plan**

ES/HR have met to start work on updating the local resilience plan and proposals will be brought to a future meeting

**2404.09**

**Speed Watch**

ES confirmed that she has been canvassing volunteers to assist with the speed watch programme and will co-ordinate teams to carry out the surveys. Cllr Cramond commented that vehicles belonging to employees at Brian Robinson Machinery have been seen speeding away from the Beeswing Inn, Cllr Robinson to raise with the Managing Director. Cllr Wragg has noted that wide Scania buses are in service to the village and are dangerous on the narrow access roads

**2404.10**

**Public Participation**

- a) Noted there are still issues with accessing minutes on the website – a new laptop has been procured and it is hoped the updated software will alleviate the issue
- b) Question raised as to why new planning notices regarding the development at Bungalow farm have been posted - ES advised there are no changes to proposals
- c) Issue of commercial vehicle belonging to Lowes being parked on the pavement. ES advised the PCSO has investigated but will raise it again
- d) Noted there has been a deterioration on the path to the side of Preston House
- e) Note the commemoration tree is looking untidy and needs branches removed – ES advised this will be carried out
- f) Question raised as to whether enquiries could be made to find out who is managing the estate for the empty bungalow on Wycliffe Road and whether the garden can be tidied. ES stated that this was probably not possible and that access to the property is not possible as the property is under private ownership and permission would be required to enter

**2404.11**

**Date of Next Meeting**

13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7:30pm is proposed for both the Annual and Ordinary meeting of the parish council

**2404.12**

**Any Other Business**

- a) Clerk confirmed the Auditor has confirmed his appointment for another year
- b) Cllr Wragg wanted to record the parish council's thanks to all volunteers who have helped in the play area

**2404.13**

**Meeting Closed**

There being no further business, ES closed the meeting at 20:25

**Chairman signed.....13<sup>th</sup> May 2024**