

13th November 2023

EAST COWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 13th November 2023 at 7.30pm

2311.01

Present

Councillors: E Simpson (ES) (Chairman), J Green (JG), J. Shields (JS), A.Wragg (AWr)
Clerk: J Walker (JW)

In Attendance

2 members of the public

Apologies for Absence

T Cramond (TC); County Councillor A Wilkinson (AW)

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Disclosure of Interests

None.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council (PC) on 9th October 2023

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on 9th October 2023 are approved, and the Chairman duly signed them in order to verify approval.

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Chairman's Formal Announcements

None

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Co-option of a Parish Councillor

Chairman and Clerk are speaking with potential candidates

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Police Report

- a) JS confirmed that for the period covered by their last report, there were no recorded incidents for East Cowton
- b) JS notified an online form had been completed to report possible poaching in the Birkby Lane area, no response has been received. The Clerk had witnessed some more activity but could not get any insight from CCTV regards the perpetrators
- c) JS notified face to face meet PCSO events are being held at LIDL Northallerton 13th November 2023 and Iceland Northallerton 21st November 2023. Volunteer Citizen Researchers scheme being launched details will be placed on the website and in the newsletter

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Financial Accounts

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

Invoice Date	Description	£	Authority
25/10/2023	ROSPA _ Playground Inspection	95.00	Local Government Act 1972, s112(2)
01/11/2023	CE&CM Walker - grasscutting	276.00	Highways Act 1980, s96 and Open Spaces Act 1906, s10(b)
11/11/2023	Clerk's wages -	144.72	Local Government Act 1972, s112(2)

*Denotes items authorised by RFO for payment prior to meeting to meet contractual payment date

b) Budget – circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Resolved that the Clerk would further consolidate unspent budget and review with ES and JG. It was resolved that an additional meeting should be held on 11th December 2023 to sign off the budget and agree the figures for the precept submission

c) Purchase of laptop – It was resolved that the Clerk contact Cllr Wilkinson to investigate the possibility of preferential prices through NYCC group purchasing organisation

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Planning Applications

a) Modifications to previously approved application numbered ZB23/02257/MRC music venue at Cockleberry Farm were considered. Modification of conditions 5 (Music) and 8 (Number of events and Capacity). Resolved the Clerk would reply to advise that ECPC see no benefit in extending opening hours to facilitate playing ambient music for patrons leaving events. ECPC Also have no objection to the increase in the number of events each year from 7 to 14 so long as they are deemed small events, the only issue would be a clash of events at Cockleberry Farm and the nearby Alexander wedding venue

b) Councillors were provided with an update on application APP/U2750/W/23/3326672 for up to 15 dwellings on land to the east Of Birkby Lane OS Field 4109 East Cowton North Yorkshire. The application has been refused at appeal

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Website

a) Considered whether there should be any further improvements to the website, resolved none needed

b) JS notified that the Scribe D package on the new system allows documents to be locked - noted

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Public

a) The issue of pavement parking was discussed again, resolved that JS would speak to the PCSO to discuss the situation

b) Noted that the rubbish fly-tipped on Millers Lane had been removed. JS advised there is an app called Clearwaste where instances of fly-tipping can be reported for removal

c) Considered that the replacement village sign on Birkby Lane still needs replacing. Resolved ES would follow this up

- d) AW notified the council that there has been an increase in dog fouling around the village. Resolved that this should be monitored to see if persons responsible can be identified

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Date And Time Of Next Meeting

Proposed the next meeting will be held on 11th December 2023 to sign off the precept request. Proposed the next full meeting of the council will be held on 8th January 2024, although it is acknowledged that due to the possibility the meeting will be inquorate, if so, an alternative date will be set.

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Any Other Business

Considered the safety of the trees that overhang the footpath form Whitehead Farm as large branches have fallen in the recent strong winds. Resolved the Clerk would write to the property owner to ask if the trees have had a safety report and if so they were deemed safe

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Meeting Closed

There being no further business, ES closed the meeting at 20:35

Elaine Simpson

Signed.....Chairman

08.01.2024