

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WOLD NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2023

PRESENT: Councillor Lockett, Councillor Bridges, Councillor Skelton and Councillor Ellis. Parishioner Wiles and Parishioner Room.

ITEM 1 – Apologies and Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Walker and Councillor Watson

With the absence of both Chairman and Vice Chairman the Committee duly voted that Councillor Ellis would Chair the meeting.

ITEM 2 – Minutes and matters arising from the meeting held on Monday 9th September 2024.

No matters arising. Minutes signed and dated as a true and correct record.

ITEM 3 – Correspondence Communications received since our previous meeting.

- Winter Services – Salt Bins
- My Community – Details of High Theft Items
- Pension Credit Help Details
- Festive Lighting Permit
- Precept – Remittance Advice
- East Wolds Newsletter and Website Deadlines
- Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Details
- ERYC Review of Polling Districts
- Our News September and October Editions
- Standards Committee Meeting – 15th October 2024
- Parish Open Doors – Vacancy Slides/Events and Local Nature Recovery Strategy
- ERYC Scrutiny 2025/2026
- Harrogate Neighbourhood Forum

ITEM 4 –Public Forum – Residents Views and Comments

Parishioner Wiles commented on the outdated website and enquired if anything could be done to update and freshen it making it more user friendly. This has been an issue for a while as the site is difficult to update and is slightly restricted. It was suggested that possibly we could speak with Scarborough TEC/University to see if any students may take it on as a 'project' or alternatively look into other options for updating.

Action – Clerk to speak with Scarborough TEC/University initially.

ITEM 5 – Co-Option of Councillor/Chairmans Position

Mr Kyle Rooms was co-opted on to the committee to fill the current vacancy.

Proposed: Councillor Skelton

Seconded: Councillor Lockett

Councillor Walker has handed her letter of resignation in to the Clerk which has been accepted. The position was discussed at the meeting and it was proposed that Councillor Ellis may take the position – the item will be rolled over to the next meeting in the absence of the current Chairman and Vice Chairman.

ITEM 6 – 50th Anniversary Green Rejuvenation.

The 50th Anniversary of the Green will take place in 2027. Whilst this seems some time away it was thought best to broach the subject now. The Committee agreed it was something that they would like to try and arrange with the possibility of garden fete type event. Item to be discussed again as a reoccurring Agenda item.

ITEM 7 – Speeding and Speed watch

Burton Fleming have now confirmed that they would oversee the sessions with the help of volunteers from Wold Newton. Proposal was to have session possibly before Christmas but more likely in the New Year. There is one member of the old group that may possibly help. Volunteers from the Parish Council were. Councillor Rooms and Partner Jake, Councillor Bridges and Councillor Lockett.

Parishioner Barnes would like to step back completely and also have the equipment stored elsewhere.

Action – Clerk to gain phone numbers from individuals to allow contact a Burton Fleming to create WhatsApp group. Clerk to speak with the Community Centre about storing of equipment.

ITEM 8 – Lissett Wind Farm Grant

Benches are now in situ and photos have been taken. Grant just needs completion, all done apart from invoice for padlock and seats themselves needed.

Action – Clerk to advertise benches on Website and Facebook. Chase for invoices with regard to benches and padlock.

ITEM 9 – Festive Lighting

The Clerk has spoken with the volunteers who usually deal with this and both are happy to put up the lights again this year.

Action – Clerk to complete Festive Light License and ask them to 'dull' two lamps for duration of lights been on.

ITEM 10 – NALC Membership

This still needs further consideration. There are currently no training sessions organised for Councillors so it may be worthwhile delaying membership until the New Year when further courses are released. With the launch of Parish Open Doors access to information regarding issues within the Parish Council has become easier. It was decided to wait to speak with the Treasurer again to see what funds were available.

ITEM 11 – Area of Outstanding Beauty

Councillor Ellis had attended a meeting regarding this in Sherburn coming away armed with leaflets, maps and information on the project. He recommended that all Parish Councillors attended one to gain the information required to make an informed decision as to whether the Parish Council should submit their own comments. Each Parish Councillor was advised to make their own decision regarding it. If the Parish Council were to commit to make a comment the whole council would have to have the same opinion.

ITEM 12 – Emergency Planning

Document now complete bar the addition of contact details.

Action – Clerk to add contact details before sending out final draft copy of approval.

ITEM 13 – Accounts to Pay

In the absence of the Treasurer there were no accounts to pay.

ITEM 14 – Any other Business

Councillor Bridges questioned if the Salt Bins should be all inspected and then any repairs or refilling reported back to the ERYC. There is now a charge for the upkeep of these bins. It was decided that all the salt bins would be inspected and a document kept with their location and condition on for future reference.

Councillor Ellis reported that the works outlined in the 'Village Walkabout' had all now been completed.

Action – Clerk to send thank you letter to all involved once received from Councillor Ellis.

It was noted that some residents had received a letter confirming there electric would be off between the hours of 9am – 3pm on the 30th October 2024. No other details available.

Proposal of WhatsApp group for the Parish Council to keep in touch more easily.

Parish Council Logo – Clerk to speak with School to see if they would run a competition for this or alternatively it could be added to the Village Show as a Class.

Pitfield – unfortunately the tree planted in memory of Nicola Stephenson has died, the committee discussed replacing this and Councillor Ellis was going to look into it. There are also several trees that have failed to thrive, these potentially could be replaced by a local initiative and residents could be charged a nominal amount to be able to plant a tree to replace those that have died.

Parishioner Botteril has kindly confirmed he is will to keep mowing the Pitfield Area. A path to the field been cut was also discussed to try and make the area more user friendly.

Councillor Ellis would like to thank you letters preparing, one to Chris West for his assistance at the Pitfield with the delivery and unloading of benches and secondly to the Highways and Walk about teams for their assistance in getting the items attended to the were outlined in the village walkabout.

ITEM 15 – Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Monday 2nd December 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Chairman..... Zoe Warters, Parish Clerk, 23rd October 2024.

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