

Appleton Wiske Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 4th April 2016 that commenced at 7.30pm.

Present

Cllrs Ruth Barker (Chair), Ken Blackwood, Derek Partington, Kim Smith, Jane Strickland, Cllr Tim Swales & Steve Watson, Leonie Smith (Clerk)

1. Public Comment

No Members of the public present

2. Apologies and Declaration of interest for any agenda item

No apologies

No declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the March 2016 meeting

Minutes of the March 2016 meeting were agreed and signed off

4. Matters Arising

- a) **Neighbourhood Plan – DP** commented that in the recent a White Rose Update article on planning it states that Planning Authorities should take into consideration emerging neighbourhood plans if enough work has been carried out on the plan. Robert Atkinson has also confirmed that he is going to look to develop his area of land and will be producing a detailed plan for the development. He would like to discuss this with the Neighbourhood Planning Group.
- b) **Post Office –** there is no further update on this at this moment in time. LS to send an e-mail to the office of Rishi Sunak (MP) and Nick Renshaw (Post Office) asking them for any updates that they may have. There was a discussion has regarding alternative options moving forward should the current licence application be unsuccessful and **DP** reminded everyone present that the post office and shop had been identified as community assets in the Neighbourhood Plan. LS to carry out some research.
- c) **Affordable Housing – West Rounton – DP** has responded to Amanda Madden on this matter to say that there has already been a Housing Needs Analysis completed in Appleton Wiske in 2014 and this information should still be valid for use. She has agreed with this.
- d) **Public Rights of Way – Church Walk and ‘The Cut’ form Lord Nelson to Baker Street –** KB has the relevant paperwork for ‘The Cut’ and will get forms for Church Walk. He has also been getting measurements of the areas and distances which will be submitted to County Hall.
- e) **Offer of planting and English Oak for the Queen’s Birthday Celebrations from Kristian Stephenson –** The members present agreed that it would be nice to plant an English Oak for the Queen’s Birthday and a discussion was held around where to plant it. It was decided that the School was probably the best place but this will require permission from Helen Arnold (NYCC) – **KB** will look into this.
- f) **Co-option of New Parish Councillor –** An e-mail application has been received from Paula Gudger which was read out to all present by **RB**. Unanimous vote to accept the application. LS to send formal notification to Paula and all other necessary parties.
- g) **Report on progress and outstanding matters from previous meetings –** **LS** to contact YLCA again regarding the opting in/out of the auditing process as there is some confusion.

h) Matters arising for information only –

Byelaws – have been issued to all for review and discussion at the June Parish Council Meeting.

DP commented that the road between Appleton Wiske and the Worsall junction is becoming increasingly dangerous with the drop off at the side of the road. It was thought that this was included in the programme of improvements scheduled over the next six months.

DP has reported a water leak to Yorkshire Water for the area by Greenacres – they came to inspect the site on a day when it was raining heavily and have stated it was a puddle. **DP** will now take a picture on a dry day clearly showing the surrounding area of road as dry and submit this to Yorkshire Water.

5. Correspondence

- a. YLCA e-mails – issued as they arrive
- b. Email resignation received from Richard Johnson from the role of Parish Councillor.
- c. No other correspondence

6. Circulars

No Circulars issued.

7. Planning Matters

- a) No Planning matters.

8. Financial matters

- a) Agreed to pay Appleton Wiske Village Hall £8.00 for March Meeting – BACS payment
- b) Agreed to pay YLCA £191.00 for subscription – BACS payment
- c) Agreed to pay J&J Ground Maintenance £102.00 for Grass Cutting – BACS payment
- d) Agreed to pay Thirsk Community Care £65.00 for payroll admin – BACS payment
- e) Agreed to pay Leonie Smith £331.40 clerks salary – BACS payment
- f) Agreed to pay HMRC £82.80 – Chq no 322149
- g) Quotes received for required works following tree survey, all 3 quotes were discussed and Rennison Tree Specialists Ltd was chosen to carry out the work. It was decided to ask for their opinion on when best for the work to be carried out.
- h) Queens birthday celebrations – request for contribution towards this event. Agreed a donation of £200 towards this event.
- i) Any other financial matters

9. Reports from Representatives

- The Educational Foundation supported Kerry McReddie to help with her travel to take part in a 5 week leadership course at Leigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania during her Masters Degree at the Royal Agricultural University.
- KB still awaiting the new minibus.
- LS has highlighted that we have no longer got representatives for ARA or Village Hall.

10. AOB for information or December agenda

- **All Councillors to provide LS** with articles for newsletter by the agreed quarterly deadlines of 15th April, 15th July, 15th October & 15th January

11. Public Comment

No public comment.

Meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting Monday 09 May 2016.