

Appleton Wiske Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held by **Zoom** on **Monday 1st February 2021** that commenced at 7.30 pm.

Present

Cllrs Derek Partington (DP (Chair)), Ken Blackwood (KB (Vice-Chair)), Richard Hauserman (RH), Richard Johnson (RJ), Michelle Thompson (MT), Neil Slade (NS), Jackie McReddie (JR), David Hugill (DH (NYCC)), Steve Watson (SW (HDC)) and Sue McDonnell (SM (Clerk)).

1.	Public Comment – none.	
2.	Apologies & Declarations of interest for any agenda item No apologies or declarations of interest were received.	Action none
3.	Minutes of the January 2020 meeting KB proposed an amendment to 9d) that 2 Prospect View was also mentioned. Resolved that the amended minutes were approved. DP to sign.	SM/DP
4.	Financial Matters	
	Resolved to pay the following, all electronically:- a) Design Art for e-mail domain license to 16 th January 2022 £25.00. b) SLCC for subscription for Clerk's £67.00. c) Zoom subscription for PC's own Zoom account. Cost £95.92 through Rotary. YLCA price was £95.88 last April. SM to check current YLCA price and arrange it with them if no substantial increase. d) YLCA invoice for KB to attend on-line Internal Controls course on 18 th February £30.00 e) Resolved to purchase 3 Rowan trees for village. Woodlands Trust only supply small saplings. SM to check prices with 2 companies recommended by tree surgeon for trees about 6 ft for next meeting. Support stakes and netting would also be needed.	SM
	Received since the last meeting:- f) £300.00 from NYCC grant from Locality Budgets. g) £39.57 interest from Santander business current account.	None
h)	Review of financial policies – SM, RJ and DP had commented on the policies. SM stated that as the Responsible Financial Officer she had updated the policies, made them more relevant to a small PC and included RJ's comments. KB suggested a zoom meeting to review them. Resolved that SM arrange it on 15 th February at 7.30 and check that DP's comments have been included.	SM
i)	Quarter 3 expenditure and budget reports – SM pointed out the meaning of the figures in red relating to income and expenditure, that the PC is currently in surplus and she had included the bank balances at 31 st December. RJ asked if the wayleave income remittances stated what was crossing PC land. SM replied that they only contained a reference number. RJ stated that might relate to a post number. The reports were received.	None
5.	Planning Matters	
a)	Demolition of single storey rear extension, construction of single storey rear extension – Holmeview Baker Street ref 21/00121/FUL.- The PC had no observations.	SM
6.	Correspondence	
a)	Police Report – for January received listing no incidents in Appleton Wiske. KB had attended a PC Zoom meeting with PCSO Kim Laws and her colleague and involved NS re parking issues in the village, particularly	KB

	commercial vehicles parking with 2 wheels on the kerb blocking the pavement. Notes from the discussion had been circulated and resolved that PC members refer any incidents they see the KB to report.	
b)	NYCC authority to disturb PC owned land and e-mail from SD on same topic – KB had telephoned NYCC and spoke to S Dobbing who stated that they are not obliged to inform property owners if they need to block pavement or road access to their properties. KB had telephoned Openreach and spoken to El Tel who did the work in Hunters Ride to ask if they had been asked to repair the surface but had not got a satisfactory answer. Resolved that KB makes a formal complaint on the PC's behalf. RJ reported re the works outside RW's house on Front Street. A generator had been there during the weekend of 23 rd January. The following Monday a hole had been dug in the green by contractors and the turf laid in neat piles. Another contractor had filled in the hole and taken the turf away. Resolved that RJ contacts the contractor to request reinstatement of the village green. The resident of Eden Lodge on Front Street had spoken to JM about the village green outside the property, stating that because of parked cars opposite it was almost impossible to turn onto the driveway without accidentally crossing the green next to the pavement. The PC have never allowed splayed paths but blocks with holes in and mesh were suggested. KB reported the green was damaged outside Venscott on Front Street too. Resolved that PC members walk round the village and make a list of damaged areas for next meeting.	KB/RJ/All
c)	Telephone call from AR re runoff of water from the Shorthorn car park flooding gardens in Prospect View – ongoing problem. Resolved that DP speaks to resident and reports problem on NYCC website requesting that they contact Sayers the site owners.	DP
d)	E-mail from KB re flooding on land adjacent to village hall – Resolved that DP report the areas subject to flooding to the Environment Agency. Their maps are updated every 10 years but need to take account of local knowledge.	DP
e)	E-mail received from YLCA stating that Police and Crime Commissioner and local elections will still take place on 6 th May 2021. Information noted.	None
f)	Letter from HDC Youth Development worker – Members felt it was more appropriate for PC's with a secondary school in their areas but resolved to invite her to a PC zoom meeting.	SM
g)	E-mail from YLCA re Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill – inviting PC's to discuss if they can make an action plan to encourage villagers to support climate change. RJ said this had been tried in 2009. Resolved that RH follow it up and find out more information. SM to put poster on the notice board.	RH/SM
7.	Matters Arising	
a)	Improvements to the centre of the village – members' ideas. KB showed 3 plans based on what had been suggested and these were discussed. He said that access to the shop and the 2 garages would need to be retained and a path in front of the properties. All options suggest levelling of the green areas to allow for recreational use possibly with additional seating etc. Option 1 is to grass the whole area except for the above paths/drives. Option 2 is similar but with a layby off the road to allow for parking. Option 3 is to block pave the area in front of the houses and shop to allow for parking and 2 cars to pass. A further option, Option 4 is to block pave the whole area to the south of the lime tree but to barrier off the recreational area. SM suggested block paving the concrete paths too which would improve the look. RH suggested block paving the whole area between the 2 drives and levelling the remaining green. Resolved that KB draws this option and circulate his drawings for members to consider. KB was thanked for his work. DP noted	KB/all

	that any work which involved changing the main footpath or road would require the input/permission of NYCC Highways and would probably be very expensive. All members to consider the various options and feed back to KB.	
b)	20's plenty update – RH and DH had contacted 95 alive but had not received a reply yet. DH suggested that RH calls NYCC main switchboard. DH to link RH with his contact there D McKenzie. DP asked about the costs of speed activated signs. RH replied that they cos £2k to £3k each and we would need at least 2. Currently PC could only request vehicles slow down to 30 mph, not 20. DH said NYCC have a scheme for loaning and selling the signs but probably not cheaper and he has sent this info to RH. If RH contacts NYCC they will do a speed survey and would specify approved companies for making and fitting the signs. He said previously some PC's received funding for signs. Resolved that reducing the speed limit to 20 mph should be followed up first.	RH
c)	The 2021 electronic census takes place on 21 st March – identification of residents without internet access or in need of assistance to report to Office for National Statistics (ONS) – KB stated that there were about 80 properties not on his e-mail circulation list. Resolved to contact the ONS and ask what assistance will be available to people with no internet access, possibly the village hall could be used.	SM
8.	<u>Reports from Representatives</u>	
a)	Update on ARA land transfer from HDC - KB. RJ thinks there are a couple of anomalies in the transfer deed. KB stated that our solicitor is happy with it. Resolved that he e-mails the correspondence. KB stated that the solicitor would like the original HDC to PC lease so that it can be cancelled and will draw up a new lease between AWPC and the ARA. DP stated that HDC's draft local plan shows all the land under discussion as Open Green Space.	KB/RJ
b)	Village green registration – YLCA had e-mailed other PC's on our behalf to find out their experiences and particularly any issues they had found. SM had circulated the responses received. DP suggested that we defer this until the covid crisis is over as other PC's had experienced delays in dealing with Land Registry. RJ agreed. Resolved that this item is deferred until after the covid crisis but members collate any information they may receive.	None
c)	Newsletter – MT is gathering info for the next newsletter and the deadline for articles is 1 st March. She hopes to have it printed and delivered by 20 th March.	MT/AII
9.	<u>Items for information or next month's agenda</u>	
a)	DP had circulated photographs of the disintegrating road surface in Baker Street. PC agreed that resurfacing is badly needed. DP to report it on NYCC's website. DH suggested that it would be helpful if other residents would also lodge complaints.	DP
b)	KB mentioned that a triangular area of land had been fenced off behind 35 Hunters Ride, next to the new houses. RJ reported that the farmer had been tidying up the land. SW reported that he had looked into the Village Farm site and HDC had not received any enquiries re further development of the site.	None

Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m. Next meeting Monday 1st March 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

Sue McDonnell, Clerk, Appleton Wiske Parish Council