

WESTOW

PARISH COUNCIL

Westow Parish Council Meeting –Wednesday 7th March 2018 – 7.30pm

Attendees:

Angela Fothergill (Clerk) Robin Graham (Treasurer) Margaret Thompson (MT); Mike Smith (MS); Helen Crews (HC);Pennie Hamer (PH); 1 member of the public.

Apologies:

John Smith (JS) Christine Smith (JS) Neil Johnson (NJ) S Graham (Chair)

In SG's absence RG chaired the Meeting.

Apologies:

The minutes from January's meeting were proposed by HC and seconded by PH as a correct record.

Matters Arising from Action Log:

AF had had a response from Sharon Fox re the signage for the weight restriction on Kirkham Bridge. She had replied saying that it was priority to get the signs in place but that it involved Highways England and would need to go through their approval/planning programme.

Clerks Update –Nothing to Report

Budget and Finance

The Clerks salary had been paid.

Planning Applications

A planning application had been received from Mr and Mrs P Bridges, Wren House 3 Sudniction for installation of replacement windows and doors to north east south and west elevations to include glazed Juliet balcony to north elevation at first floor level – the PC had no objection to this application

The Restructuring of the Parish Council

RG said that with effect from the May meeting he would be resigning from the PC as Treasurer and also as a Councillor. Some discussion took place regarding the restructuring of the Council and the need to look for new members to come onto the Council who are enthusiastic and willing to do things for the Parish. Any new member would need to have resided in the Parish for one year. RG had already spoken to a few people within the village and the response so far had been positive. RG asked the Council to think about the restructuring of the Council and the way forward and discuss further at the May meeting and also to look out for anyone they think would be interested in joining the Council.

AOB

PH had attended a meeting on Fracking in Ryedale that was held in February, 60/70 people had attending the meeting After discussion it was felt the PC as a body could not have an opinion either way re fracking and the stance was that if necessary a vote would need to be taken from the whole Parish and see what the outcome was.

Swift Boxes – PH asked when the swift boxes would be erected, RG said he thought that they should be up by the end of March, AF to speak with Tim Saxby re this. There are 2 twin swift boxes left in the village hall if anyone would like them

The meeting ended at 8.50 p.m.

Next meeting Wednesday 16th May 2018

Finance Decisions (for audit purposes)	
Decision	Amount (£)
Clerks Salary	244.00
HMRC	61.00