

WESTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Westow Parish Council Meeting – 16th May 2018– 7.30pm - Village Hall

Attendees:

Robin Graham (RG); Susan Graham (SG); Angela Fothergill (AF); Margaret Thompson (MT); Helen Crews (HC); Pennie Hamer (PH); Mike Smith (MS); John Smith (JS); Christine Smith (CS); Neil Johnson (NJ) and three members of the public.

No apologies.

Annual General Meeting

Adoption of 2017 Minutes

The minutes of the AGM held on 17th May 2017 was proposed by HC and seconded by RG as a correct record.

Election of Officers SG and RG told the council that they wished to stand down as Chair and Treasurer respectively and also as councillors. A notice of the vacancies had been distributed on the village notice board as well as in Kirkham and Firby.

SG nominated HC as Chair and this was seconded by MT. JS nominated himself as treasurer and this was seconded by NJ.

AF agreed to continue as Clerk.

MT gave a vote of thanks to SG and RG for their hard work and their commitment to the Council over the years.

Treasurer's Report

RG handed out the Treasurers Report

The balances stood at:

PC Account –	£ 4636
Village hall account –	£ 1059
Village hall savings account –	£ 155
Cash account –	£ 2

Balance**£5853**

The accounts were approved by the PC as a correct record by SG and seconded by CS. The accounts would be shown on the parish website – **PH to put the financial summary on the website together with the more detailed accounts.**

Some discussion took place regarding the Npower cost and it was agreed to look into other providers.

Chairmans Report

SG read out her Chairman's Report:-

The swift boxes, made as a result of Yorkshire Water's biodiversity project have been well received. The Westow village box is situated near the Petanque Court and many villages haven taken boxes to put on house walls.

The year has seen a number of planning applications scrutinised and responded to appropriately by the Council.

A large number of potholes continue to appear on our roads. Whilst we note the constraints of the Highways Department, budget, we continue to report any new holes to Highways and lobby for repairs to be done.

Two years on there is still no signage on the A64 warning heavy vehicles about the weight restriction on Kirkham Bridge. This will continue to be followed up.

Our new website , www.westow.org.uk is now up and running, we also have a new email address , info@westow.org.uk for anyone wishing to contact the Parish Council

Thanks to Angela Fothergill for her work as Parish Clerk.

The full version of the Chairmans Report will be placed on the Notice Board.

Regular Meeting

Agreement of Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

Clerk's Update.

AF had received a membership renewal from YLCA of £124 and it was agreed by the PC to forward payment. **AF to forward cheque of £127 to YLCA**

Budget and Finance

RG said there would be a payment of £791 in respect of insurance for the Village Hall to Zurich.

Due to the resignation of SG and RG bank signing details would need changing. JS and RG to meet before the end of May to sort out the change of signatories

Planning Applications

A planning application had been received from Phil Dibbs of Firby Hall for the demolition of an existing boundary wall fence and access gate and erection of replacement stone walling, posts and painted timber pedestrian and vehicular gates. The cut-off date for comments was 20/05/2018. RG had therefore left a message with Emma Woodland to say that the council wished to have an extension until the 25th May, if he had not heard back from her he would assume that the extension date was acceptable.

Much discussion took place regarding the planning application and the council had concerns regarding the aesthetic look of the wall and the fact that in the history of the Grade 2 listed house there had never been a wall there. Also there were concerns as to the movement of visiting vehicles and the way they exit the site. They cannot turn around as there is no turning area and they cannot turn to their left and go in front of the Hall and exit through the other gateway as this is a private drive and access is not allowed. If they reverse down the drive they will then have to reverse into a road at a very difficult and unsighted position. Cllr Elizabeth Shields also spoke to the Council with her views and concerns.

The council agreed unanimously after lengthy discussion that the Planning Committee sub group (HC, JS, RG and NJ) would meet Saturday 19th May at 10am to further discuss the application and report their concerns to RDC.

AOB

None to report

The meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.

Next meeting Wednesday 11^h July 2018

Finance Decisions (for audit purposes)	
Decision	Amount (£)
YLCA	£127
Zurich – Village Hall Insurance	£791

