

WESTOW

PARISH COUNCIL

Westow Parish Council Meeting – 25th July 2018– 7.30pm - Village Hall

Attendees:

Helen Crews (HC) Chair, Angela Fothergill (Clerk); Mike Smith (MS); Pennie Hamer (PH); Neil Thompson (NT) 3 members of the public

Apologies John Smith, Christine Smith and Margaret Thompson (MT)

The minutes from the meeting on the 17th May 2018 were proposed by MS and seconded by RG as a correct record.

Matters arising from Minutes & Action Log:

PH informed the Council that Google Analytics had been installed on the website which allows monitoring of how many people are using the site and how many page visits. The amount of people using the website was encouraging.

Clerks Update

AF said that she had been in contact with Highways England re the grass cutting at the top of the A64, this has now been seen to.

Budget and Finance

JS had sent an email to say that the account currently stood at £5659

Planning Applications

A planning application had been received for Westow Grange Gally Gap for the erection of a single storey side extension with access and ramp. After discussion the Council agreed unanimously that they had no objection to the Application.

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 Council had responded to RDC with their concerns and HC, RG and NT had attended a site meeting at Firby Hall along with the Planning Committee from RDC and Cllr Elizabeth Shields. The meeting was merely to look around the site to visualise the proposed alterations and not to pass comment. Elizabeth Shields also attended the Planning Committee Meeting at Ryedale House where she spoke for 3 minutes regarding her concerns re the stone walling. At the Meeting the Application was approved by 5 votes to 4. Cllr Shields said she still had serious reservations re the building of the wall and would be writing to English Heritage with her concerns. HC asked Cllr Shields to keep the PC informed of her progress, Cllr Shields thanked the PC for all their help and support so far and also for attending the site meeting.

Newsletter

HC and JS had drafted up the latest newsletter, HC had emailed a copy of the newsletter to all Councillors for their comments. It was agreed that the Newsletter would be distributed by hand around Westow and Firby but in future it would be presented on the website and also displayed on the noticeboards, i.e. Westow village noticeboard, Firby village noticeboard and the noticeboard at the Stone Trough. It was agreed that each Councillor would help with the distribution of the newsletter hopefully the last week in August.

HC, JS to finish off the newsletter and print off the final copy for distribution.

AOB

Tim Saxby who looks after the bookings for the Village Hall had spoken to AF with some concerns re the state of the Village Hall and said that it would need some maintenance works carried out. He is happy to do some of the work himself i.e. the front door being painted but he said a new floor was needed and also new tables and chairs which he thought could be purchased very cheaply. Vicky Jackson said that she would be happy to help Tim with the bookings for the Village Hall. HC and AF to meet with Tim Saxby to discuss further.

Vicky Jackson asked if the PC would be willing to hold informal coffee mornings to enable villagers to meet with the Parish Council and possibly discuss any issues they had.

The meeting ended at 8.30 p.m.

The next meeting is on the 12th September 2018

Finance Decisions (for audit purposes)	
Decision	Amount (£)
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