

WESTOW

PARISH COUNCIL

Westow Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 13th March 2019– 7.30pm - Village Hall

Present: Angela Fothergill (Clerk) AF, Helen Crews (HC) Chair, Pennie Hamer (PH), Margaret Thompson (MT), John Smith (JS), Christine Smith (CS).

Apologies – Richard Bannister (RB) and Neil Johnson (NJ); Mike Smith (MS)

CS proposed minutes as a correct record and seconded by PH.

Matters Arising

HC had received email back from Andrew Santon of Highways re extending speed restriction to past the new Community Building. In the email he said that for the following reasons the speed restriction would not be able to be put in to effect:-

North Yorkshire County Council, as the Highway Authority, and North Yorkshire Police, as the speed enforcement authority, have agreed a joint protocol covering both the setting and enforcement of speed limits, taking into account the guidance set out in Department for Transport Circular 01/2013: 'Setting Local Speed Limits'. The protocol states:

"The reasons for a limit need to be apparent. There should be a consistent message between the posted speed limit and what the road looks like to the road users. Changes in speed limit need to be reflective of changes in the road layout and characteristics. Every effort should be made to achieve an appropriate balance between actual vehicle speeds, speed limits, road design and other measures."

With this in mind and studying the injury collision database which is provided by North Yorkshire Police for this section of highway- I'm afraid we can't consider extending the current speed limit.

After discussion it was suggested that the PC advise Ron Welford and Julie Price from the Cricket Club of the outcome of the communication with Highways. A suggestion was that we could possibly consider implementing our own speed restriction sign.

Re the signage warning HGVs that they are not permitted to go over Kirkham Bridge that need positioning at the top of the A64, AF to chase up Highways re this to see where they are with this.

Parking on the Village Green

After discussion it was agreed that the parking issues on the village green were not a PC matter and that any concerns should be directed to Highways.

Clerks Update

AF informed the council that the Parish Council Elections were due. She handed out nomination papers to Councillors who wanted to nominate themselves to be on the PC also a Notice had been placed on the Village Notice Board re the Elections. **Forms must be returned to RDC no later than the 3/4/2019.**

It was agreed to pay the annual subscription to SLCC of £48.

Budget and Finance

JS informed the Council that the Parish Council account stood at £5122, which included £1868 of the Transparency Fund. The Clerks salary has been paid and also £61 presented to HMRC re the Clerks salary.

The Village Hall account had a balance of just over £1000.

Some discussion took place re the cost to Computer FX for hosting the website. It was agreed that PH liaise with computer FX and ask for a quote from them re possibly paying a monthly maintenance fee which would include keeping up to date with security.

Planning Applications

Edward Green –West Gable – Application for a side extension to property and erection of double garage following part demolition of existing garage to the rear. The plans had been circulated to the Councillors and no objections would be made. **HC to inform RDC that the Council had no objections to the Application.**

AOB

Some discussion took place about complaints regarding the frontage of Lilac Cottage, it was unanimously agreed that it was not a PC matter.

There had been some questions/concerns from Parishioners re the blocking of the cut through to the Church which was regularly used by walkers. HC had determined that this was not in fact a right of way and after discussion it was agreed that any further queries should be addressed to NYCC – footpath division.

The meeting ended at 20:45pm.

Next Meeting 15th May 2019