

# WESTOW

## PARISH COUNCIL

Westow Parish Council Meeting by Zoom – Wednesday 13th January 2021

### **Attendees:**

Helen Crews (Chair); Angela Fothergill (Clerk); Margaret Thompson (MT); John Smith (J Smith); Christine Smith (C Smith); Neil Johnson (NJ); Geraldine Burton (GB); Richard J Bannister (RJB); Jaynie Pateraki (JP); Pennie Hamer (PH)

PH mentioned that she was receiving emails re training for Councillors – it was agreed by the Council that PH forward the emails onto the them for their information.

### **Minutes of the last meeting**

The Minutes of November's meeting were agreed as a correct record.

### **Matters arising from Action Log**

#### **Salt Bins:**

A request had been received from Julie Price to have the salt bin in Kirkham View refilled. AF had email communication with Simon Lythe from NYCC who informed her that there were two salt bins and various salt heaps maintained by NYCC in the parish. This did not include the one in Kirkham View. After discussion, the Council agreed that there may be other parts of the parish that might benefit from having a salt heap or bin replenished where currently this is not the case (possibly due in part to cost savings made by NYCC a couple of years ago). Any additional bins or salt replenishment by NYCC that were agreed appropriate would need to be paid for annually by the PC and it was agreed that as we are nearing the end of this financial year the budget does not cover this at the moment. It was therefore agreed to review the current grit/salt provision in the next financial year.

#### **Benches:**

At the end of last year Julie Price had asked if the PC would consider contributing some funds to have benches in the village. Julie Price would contribute the money she had raised from the art exhibition to the cost of the benches. At November's meeting the PC had agreed that a bench at the top of the Rakes would be a good idea. RB had contacted Ricky Francis to ascertain if it would be okay to position a bench there, and he had no problem with this.

AF to contact highways to make sure there is no reason as to why we can't have a bench there. HC to contact JP and thank her for her idea to contribute to a bench and to find out if she had done any research into the cost.

**Address Change** – Rose Cottage Main Street – Alison Dalby.

There had been some confusion in the village for delivery drivers as there are 2 Rose Cottage Main Street addresses. Alison Dalby had asked the PC if they could see if either the postcode could be changed or the address. HC had positive communication with RDC and gave Alison Dalby a contact she could liaise with there. Her address has now been changed to Marston Cottage. Alison Dalby had given her thanks to HC for her help in this matter.

**Clerks Update** Nothing to Report

**Budget and Finance**

JS reported that the Current a/c stands at £2510.42. This includes the remaining Transparency Fund of £1391 which can only be used for the website and related issues.

The Parish Club Committee a/c stands at £448.00. This excludes any monies to be transferred by Clive Staples from the Village Hall (VH) improvement fund. These funds will be restricted and thus will only be used for VH improvements.

Outgoings to Yorkshire Water (Business Stream) and Npower from this account continue. The income stream has ceased under latest Coronavirus restrictions until further notice.

The commitment to purchase and fit 3 dog waste bins at an anticipated cost of £392.55 and Clerk's half-yearly salary payment of £322.14 means that maximum available funds to April 2021 are £397.28.

**Planning Applications** None received

**Dog bins**

There had been much discussion in previous meetings regarding dog waste in the village. JP said there had also been many posts on the Westow Village Forum (on Facebook) regarding the issue of dog waste. After discussion it was agreed that extra dog bins were needed, that they had been budgeted for and that up to 3 new bins would be positioned as followed:

- At the end of Dark Lane (Firby end)
- Near the war memorial (to be confirmed)
- Church Lane – bottom of The Rakes.

AF to contact RDC to arrange this. It was also thought that a flyer could be distributed in the future to villagers informing them where the new dog bins were positioned.

### **Westow Village Forum:**

JP and GB last year had attended a seminar aimed at new councillors. JP said that Councils were actively using social media. A Facebook page called Westow Village Forum had been set up by some villagers and various concerns within the Parish had been realised including lack of dog bins for example. It was agreed that JP and PH create a link on the Westow Village Forum page that would direct the user to the PC website. The PC website is the business site for the PC and meets a statutory requirement (hence the Transparency Fund).

**JP and PH to liaise regarding this.**

**Next Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021**