

WESTOW

PARISH COUNCIL

Westow Parish Council Meeting – 6th October 2021

Attendees:

Helen Crews (HC Chair), Angela Fothergill (AF Clerk), John Smith (JS Treasurer) Geraldine Burton (GB); Christine Smith (CS); Neil Johnson (NJ); Margaret Thompson (MT); Pennie Hamer (PH); Jaynie Pateraki (JP)

Apologies : Richard Bannister (RB)

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes from July's meeting were adopted as a correct record proposed by CS and seconded by NJ

Matters Arising from Action Log

Benches – HC had emailed Julie Price on the 26th July to say that the Parish Council would donate £100 in respect of making a new bench for the village. JP said that the funds on behalf of the Cricket Club, towards the bench would be available in spring 2022. **NJ to contact Clive Beadon re making the bench.**

Potholes- MT said that the whole of the road in Firby is in a very bad state of repair. **AF to contact Highways in this regard.**

It was also mentioned that there is a very serious pothole on the road out of Westow towards the Firby corner. **AF to contact Highways.**

Clerks Update

Nothing to Report

Budget and finance

JS distributed his Treasurers Report : Westow Parish Council a/c stands at £1863.09. This includes the Transparency Fund of £1391.

RDC bill for dog waste bins has been paid and a claim to recover the VAT (£87.15) submitted. Clerk's salary for the half-year has been paid. Subscription (£36) to CPRE is imminent. Direct debits for electricity and water continue with E.ON Next and Yorkshire Water. Amounts of £100 each for village bench project and road salt contingency are reserved. The second half-year Precept payment of £1150 will be credited to the a/c in mid October.

Westow "Parish Hall" a/c stands at £3846. Payment of £20.50 for 2 curtain tracks has been made to J Smith.

Pennie Hamer mentioned that the PC's laptop was not working correctly. She had taken this into Computer FX in Malton to get fixed. The cost for repair would come out of the Transparency Fund.

JS mentioned that he may be unavailable for the November meeting. It was agreed that he would email his thoughts re the Precept for 2022/2023 to the Council before the November meeting.

Planning Applications

No Planning Applications to Report

Platinum Jubilee Street Party:

In respect of the queen's Platinum Jubilee it was agreed that a street party would be held on Sunday the 5th June. AF had spoken to Julie Mason of the Blacksmith Arms who said she was happy to be involved. HC had been in contact with Julie Price to see if the Cricket Club would like to be involved, Julie said this would be discussed at the next Cricket Club meeting. NJ to contact Steve Tetlow to see if the Playing Fields Association would be like to be involved. AF had been in contact with Highways re road closures for the day. Highways replied to say they would need to be informed nearer the time of the road closure. After discussion it was agreed that Jaynie P would post on the Westow Village Forum Facebook page asking if anyone would be interested in helping with the street party and forming a Platinum Jubilee Committee.

HC mentioned that the Woodland Trust had offered the donation of trees to Parishes to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee. Jaynie P to contact the Woodland Trust to find out some more information in this regarding the Queens Green Canopy and report back to the Council.

Action – Jaynie Pateraki to post on Westow Village Forum Facebook Page and find information out re Queens Green Canopy

Village speed limits:

Speeding issues in the village had been mentioned at a previous meeting and HC had been talking to Danny Beckett who also brought up the issue of speeding and wondered if a flashing 30 sign could be erected. At the July meeting it was agreed that AF would contact highways to see if anyone would be willing to attend a PC meeting.

Andrew Santon replied and is happy to attend the November meeting via Zoom. It was suggested that we start the November PC meeting at 6pm via zoom with Andrew Santon (if this is acceptable to him) and follow on at 7:30 in the Village Hall for the remainder of the meeting. AS had emailed AF and asked if he could have some ideas of what questions were likely to be asked. After discussion it was decided that the Parish Council would like the following issues to be put forward:

- Discuss the options available for lowering the speed limit within the village i.e. flashing signs, traffic calming bumps, sleeping policeman.
- Advice on how to tackle parking issues – for example cars parking on both sides of road blocking access to large vehicles travelling through the village.
- Could the 30 speed before the cricket club be moved further up i.e. towards Howsham wood entrance
- The possibility of a "local traffic only" signs on Low Lane.

Action – AF to email Andrew Santon re the above

The meeting ended at 8.45 p.m.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 24th November 2021 via Zoom at 6 p.m. Regular Meeting to follow in Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

