

**BURTON-CUM-WALDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, 5 MARCH 2024**

A Parish Council meeting was held in the Village Hall, West Burton on Tuesday, 5 March 2024

Present: Miss Jane Ritchie, Mr Andrew Landau, Mrs Sally Sahin, Mr David Dent and Mrs Victoria Whitehead, Councillors, and Mrs Susan Ryding, Clerk

Also present: PCSO Sharon Diamond who reported that she was meeting with Councils across the area to see if they required any assistance from the Police. PCSO Diamond was thanked for her attendance.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies, all the Councillors being present.

2. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 February 2024, having been circulated to all Members, were confirmed as a true copy, and duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on the following matters:

- Instillation of the new archive cupboard in the Village Hall
- Council finances

5. Electric cables across the Green

Councillors received a report from the Clerk that the owner of Hazeley Garth, a second home, was no longer running a cable across the Village Green. However, he had then taken to parking his car across the footpath immediately in front of his property. He had been asked not to do this, and was now in the process of demolishing his garden wall to create a concrete parking space within the curtilage of his property. PCSO Sharon Diamond was asked for the police view on electric cables, and said that any obstacles across public footpaths should be removed. The Council also heard that there had been an exchange of emails in which the owner of Hazeley Garth said he had attended the meeting on 27 January 2024 in 'good faith' but had found that the three members of the Council were uncooperative, and 'determined to put obstacles in the way of any solution.' The Chairman, who had been present at the meeting, ordered that it put on record that, in her view, the three member of the Council had also attended the meeting in 'good faith'.

RESOLVED: That no further action should be taken at the moment

6. Maintenance of Aysgarth Cemetery

Councillor Sally Sahin reported that the Cemetery Committee was looking for someone to mow the grass in the Cemetery and carry out other maintenance, but that no one had as yet been appointed. However, it was expected that there would be a meeting of the Committee to discuss this before too long.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Sahin is asked to report back to the Council on any further developments, but that in any case, this matter should be considered again at the June meeting

7. Winter gritting

Councillors considered a report by the Chairman on her negotiation with Mr Edward Dent as to whether he would be willing to grit the roads in the Parish under a private agreement with the Parish Council. A note of the main points discussed was tabled for discussion, which included that Mr Dent had his own insurance for undertaking this work, the Parish Council could purchase grit from a local

supplier at a cost of £60 a ton, and the cost of each gritting would be in the region of £340-350. The Chairman also explained that the Council would need to put forward a case to the Highways Department of North Yorkshire Council for permission to carry out this plan.

RESOLVED: That these terms should form the basis of an agreement with Mr Dent which should be discussed with him further, and following that, permission should be sought from North Yorkshire Council

8. Renewal of the play area surfaces

Councillor Victoria Whitehead reported that she had investigated play area surfaces with three different companies. She had discovered that the recommended surface was now a ready-pour substance that could be delivered and then applied by a locally employed person. The cost would be in the region of £2,600 for a black surface, and the work would be guaranteed for 15 years.

RESOLVED: That the following action should be taken:

- That Councillor Whitehead is asked to obtain an estimate for a green surface rather than black
- That she is also asked to inquire about the cost of providing the correct surface for the area around the roundabout
- That the Clerk should obtain a quote for the cost of repainting the swings

9. Renewal of the insurance for the mower

The Clerk tabled information received from the National Farmers Union of the premium for the renewal of the insurance for the Council's mower at a cost of £172.14.

RESOLVED: That the amount for the premium is accepted and that a cheque for £172.14 should be signed.

10. Planning application R/54/7W for items at Aysgarth Lodge Holidays, Westholme Bank

Councillors considered a retrospective planning application for the siting of a caravan as a holiday park reception centre, and a site wide lighting plan.

RESOLVED: That the Councillors had no objection to the siting of a caravan as a reception centre, but were concerned about the lighting plan and the effectiveness of measures to reduce light pollution. The Clerk was asked to respond accordingly.

11. Planning application R/54/170 for work at Low Wood, West Burton

Councillors considered a planning application for the erection of a single storey extension at the rear of Low Wood, West Burton

RESOLVED: That the Council had no objection to make to this application

12. Questionnaire request from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority on Housing

Councillors considered a request to complete a questionnaire from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority on a Strategic Housing Market Assessment. Various responses to the questions were discussed and proposed. However, it was noted that many of the questions covered areas already commented on in the responses to the six consultations on the new draft Local Plan over the last three years, and that this questionnaire seemed a waste of resources.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should respond to the questionnaire as discussed

13. Review of the Asset Register

The Council reviewed the updated Asset Register which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: That with one amendment regarding the location of the mower and the strimmer, the Register is accepted and approved.

14. Confirmation of the date of the Annual Parish Meeting

Councillors considered the date of the Annual Parish Meeting which was proposed as Tuesday, 23 April at 7.30 pm.

RESOLVED: That this date is approved and that the agenda should be considered at the next meeting together with the draft Chairman's annual report.

15. Portrait of HM The King

Councillors discussed the offer of a framed portrait of the HM The King from the government, free of charge. Councillor Sally Sahin agreed to find out if the Village Hall would approve and consideration was given as to where the portrait could be hung.

RESOLVED: That the Council should accept the offer, subject to Village Hall approval, and that the Clerk should apply for a portrait accordingly

16. Invoices

A cheque in payment of the following invoice was signed.

- Information Commissioner's Office - £40.00

17. Notice of meetings and reports of meeting attended

Councillors noted the dates of future meetings and reports of meetings attended.

18. Items for the next agenda

RESOLVED: That in addition to any matters mentioned above, there were no other items for the next agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Date of the next meeting, **Tuesday, 2 April 2024 at 8.00 pm** in the Village Hall.

Chairman: *J O Ritchie*

Date: 2 April 2024