

NORTH DUFFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th September 2023 Chapel Schoolroom, North Duffield

Part 1

23099. In attendance and declarations of interest: Cllrs R Arrand, S Donoghue, R Hemingway (Chairman), M Patten, L Richardson, M Walton, B Wells and D Wint. S Look (Clerk).

There were no declarations of interest noted.

Apologies: Cllr S Brown and Divisional Cllr Arthur.

23100. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 13th July 2023 were proposed by Cllr Patten, seconded by Cllr Walton and unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record.

23101. Matters arising from the last meeting:

- i. Gothic Farm site vandalism. The owner confirmed in July that he is not going to take any further measures to secure the site at this stage but will look at extra measures when the building work starts. He confirmed there was no drugs paraphernalia present when he last visited early July. Cllr Hemingway has also contacted the primary school and the pupils have been spoken to about the dangers of trespassing on the site. The PCSO has also been made aware of the problems.
- ii. Bubwith Bridge Closure. Work is progressing and it is on target to reopen in October. Regular newsletters are still being distributed to update residents who have joined the mailing list. There has been a suggestion that a separate small foot/cycle bridge would be beneficial but concerns raised that it would be costly.

23102. Public time:

- i. Email from a resident raising concerns about the increasing number of motorists speeding on Main Street. Clerk to advise resident to complete a speed concern form so that it is reported and logged with North Yorkshire Police.
- ii. Email from a resident about alleged misinformation on the internet (Agoda.com) relating to adverts for the Oakwood Lodges at South Duffield.
- iii. Member of the public present confirmed that the developer at the Yorvik Homes site at the A163 end of Green Lane will be putting a replacement hedge in during September now nesting season is over. It was noted that all the planning conditions need to be met before the homes are occupied. It was agreed that councillors will monitor this to ensure it happens.

23103. Receive Divisional Councillor report:

- i. Cllr Arthur not present. Information sent through regarding proposals for a new SEND school for Selby based in Osgodby.

23104. Highways:

- i. Cllr Wells gave an update on the Community Speedwatch project. Monitoring was carried out on 7th September by the team.
- ii. Highways update from Cllr Hemingway. 30mph speed sign has still not been moved further out towards Skipwith on York Road. Clerk to follow up.
- iii. VAS statistics to be presented when Bubwith Bridge re-opens as traffic is very quiet at present.
- iv. Still awaiting the installation of 'pedestrian crossing signage' outside the Chapel requested in March 2023. This is on a work order and has been approved by NYC.
- v. Response received from NYC regarding the PC complaint about the poor quality patching work on Oak Road. Spray injection patching is being trialled by North Yorkshire Council, as an alternative to traditional methods of pothole repairs. In certain circumstances it has worked well and has saved the Council money, but there have also been occasions, such as this, where traditional inlay patching would have been a much better use of resources. The local highway officer has been asked to visit Oak Road and order repairs to any potholes that contravene the Highway Safety Inspection Manual.
- vi. Repair to the damaged streetlight (LP40) outside Sunnyside has now been done however this is still not working along with the other two lights at the end of School Lane. A request was sent to NYC in July to remove of the old post stump but this has still not been actioned. It was noted that NYC have placed another order for their contractor to investigate all three lights in August and this was on a 7-day order. Clerk to follow up again.

- vii. Councillor Patten reported potholes on Green Lane using the 'Fix My Street' website and Highways filled them in quickly.

23105. Planning Applications:

- i. ZG2023/0719/FUL. Land Off, Selby Road, North Duffield. Construction of a field access and gate. For info only. Comments submitted 24 July 2023. Councillors OBJECT to this application on the grounds that the access onto a very busy 'A road' is in a dangerous location. Concerns were raised about the visibility splay for traffic entering and exiting the site. The number and type of vehicles that could potentially be using this entrance could be hazardous. Farming machinery may find it difficult to turn directly onto the busy road at any speed and potentially there could be a very serious collision. The main concern raised is how will vehicles access from the road when entering the field - would that mean a vehicle will be parked or stationary on the main road while the gate is being opened? How many times is the site accessed a day? What is the fields current primary use? (Looks like a horse field). Concerns were raised about the potential impact of mud being transferred onto the busy A road in wet conditions potentially causing an additional hazard for traffic. It is also a dangerous location for pedestrians. It has also been noted that there are errors on the application form. There is a continuous hedge which contradicts the application form. The applicant states that they are the agent however have also filled in the agent details and there are no contact details for either Some councillors have also made their own representations objecting to this application. It was also noted that Highways have objected to the application as the site does not meet the required the visibility splay. As per the drawings provided by applicant the visibility splay is below the NYC Standards. For a road with 40mph speed limit the visibility splay should be 2 metres by 120 metres.
- ii. ZG2023/0684/S73. Oakwood Lodges, Greengate Lane, South Duffield. Section 73 to remove condition 16 of approval 2017/0229/FUL Section 73 to vary/remove conditions 05 (access), 10 (access) and 17 (access) of approval 2006/1531/FUL for resubmission of refusal 8/17/37C/PA for the erection of fourteen holiday cabins, community building and associated works. It was noted that residents from the neighbouring properties have objected to the application however councillors have no further comments to make.

20144. Ongoing Planning Application:

- i. ZG2023/0535/FUL. Proctor House, Market Weighton Road, North Duffield. Demolition of an existing dwelling and erection of 2 No. semi-detached dwellings (4 dwellings in total). Objected to application in July. Requested for this application to be called in to committee by Cllr Arthur but unfortunately this was not done. Clerk has sent Cllr Arthur information on the visibility splay details recorded for him to relay to the planning department.

23106. Planning Decisions:

- i. No planning decisions received.

23107. Financial matters:

- i. Account balance and reconciliation:

		Current Account	Savings Account
a.	Account balances as at 6th July 2023	£4063.20	£20481.56
b.	Transactions made since last meeting (approved at the last meeting):		
	J Massey; June Village Maintenance	-£578.00	
	Tiger Print; Village Fete flyers	-£44.00	
c.	Payments made since the last meeting under clerks delegated powers:		
	R Arrand; summer fare expenses	-£20.00	
	S Look; July expenses	-£61.26	
	J Massey; July Village Maintenance	-£578.00	
	Mires Beck; village green plants	-£145.26	
	PKF Littlejohn; external audit	-£252.00	
	S Look; Clerks July salary	-£as agreed	
	S Look; Clerks August salary	-£as agreed	

	Skipwith 1 st Brownies summer fare raffle donation	-£200.00	
	Information Commissioners annual fee (d/d)	-£35.00	
d.	Receipts since the last meeting:		
	Emma Swires-Kemp; summer fare proceeds	£528.00	
e.	Internal transfer:	£2000.00	-£2000.00
f.	Account balances as at 30th August 2023	£3674.80	£18481.56
g.	To approve the following payments:		
	S Look; July / August expenses	-£53.36	
	Gardencare/A64 Loo hire; portable toilet hire for village fete	-£237.60	
	J Massey; August village maintenance	-£578.00	
	S Look; Linksky hosting for website	-£66.25	

It was resolved to accept and approve the payments and transactions as stated.

23108. Village Green and village maintenance:

- i. Items on the village 'to do' list have been updated by Cllr Hemingway. The bee house and the new picnic table have been installed. To reduce the pond hedge height in October. Cllr Wint to cut some slots for a drainage channel and purchase some anti slip decking. Weeding in the snickets still needs doing and the overgrowth on the footpaths requires cutting back across the pin kerbs.
- ii. Update from the 'village green working group' given; Myres Beck plants have now been planted on the island. Cllr Wint to purchase some more bulbs for the village. Cllr Donoghue to ask the Brownies if they would like to help with some planting.
- iii. No further update on electrical check of the mains electrics that serve the pond. Cllr Wint to pursue with new contact and report back at the next meeting.
- iv. The trees/hedges on School/Priest Lane still need cutting back. Cllrs Arrand / Wint to action.
- v. Clerk to contact Malton Transport to purchase of a 40ft storage facility for the PC. It was resolved to accept the quote £1320 inc. VAT.
- vi. Request received to restore/renovate the village pump on Main Street. This has been passed to the History Society as they usually take care of. Awaiting a response.
- vii. The current village events committee consists of Cllrs Hemingway, Brown, Richardson, Wint and Emma Swires-Kemp. To confirm any further membership and updates at the next meeting.
- viii. Clerk to contact Marquee repair companies to get quotes to repair the roof of the marquee that suffered from storm damage in July.
- ix. Update given on the Christmas Market. The market and activities will take place on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd December. The events committee are meeting on Monday 11th September to discuss and report back at the next meeting. Christmas light switch on to be held on the Sunday.

23109. Correspondence:

- i. YLCA White Rose Update and training dates noted.
- ii. YLCA branch meeting; 24th October 2023. To request Highways repairs and the state of the North Yorkshire Council finances are added to the agenda for discussion.
- iii. An email from an entertainment company offering services for the next village event on the village green was discussed. Events working group to consider.
- iv. CIL statement 2022-23. For info only. Noted.
- v. Complaint received about an overgrown conifer hedge at the corner of Main Street/Garth Avenue which is causing an obstruction for wheelchair users and pushchairs. It was resolved that the clerk will write to the resident at 1 Garth Avenue to request that they take action to arrange for their hedge to be cut back. If no response is received within 14 days it was agreed to report it to North Yorkshire Council.
- vi. Complaint received by a resident about the noise levels from Whitemoor Mine site. Clerk has advised the resident to contact NYC. Noted.
- vii. Email received from a resident suggesting the new local MP is invited to a PC meeting. It was agreed that an invite will be sent for the annual meeting.
- viii. No. 18 bus service. Concerns raised that Wheldrake Parish Council may not contribute to the number 18 Friday / Saturday night bus service. As Wheldrake PC is the major contributor due to the percentage of users it may affect to continuation of the service. No firm decision has been made as yet.
- ix. A booklet is to be distributed from Bubwith Parish Council advertising services in the area. Clerk to try and get an electronic copy for the PC website.

23110. Meeting closure to members of the public:

- i. The date for the next monthly meeting to be held at 7pm on Thursday 5th October 2023 in the Schoolroom of North Duffield Methodist Chapel.

Part 2.

Confidential business. Resolved to exclude the Public and Press on the grounds that matters for discussion affect individual staff matters / procedures / legal / financial issues.

23111. Village Maintenance Contract:

- i. Concerns raised by member of the public about the village maintenance. To monitor and re-evaluate in October.

Meeting closed at 21.10hrs.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date:

