

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE WHITE SWAN WIGHILL ON 25 MAY 2023**

## **Present:**

**Councillors:** Mr A Hamilton, Mrs L Richardson, Mr J Garside,  
Mr L T I Grant (Clerk/RFO)

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

None received

### **2. Public Questions and Statements**

None received.

### **3 Annual Reports**

Report from the Chairman

The report had been circulated previously. There were no comments or questions.

Report from the Responsible Financial Officers

The report had been circulated previously. There were no comments or questions.

Report from the County Councillor Mr A Paraskos

A brief outline was given following the change over after District Councils were subsumed into the new County Council. There will be little noticeable change for the Parish Council with only minor changes to personnel.

### **4 Election of Parish Council Officers**

Cllr A Hamilton agreed to continue as Chairman if requested. Cllrs Mrs L Richardson and Mr J Garside requested that Cllr Mr A Hamilton continue in the role of Chairman. Cllr Mr A Hamilton signed the Official form accepting the Office as Chairman.

After discussion, it was agreed that the election of a Vice Chairman would be deferred until the role was required at any future meeting.

**The annual Meeting was followed by a monthly meeting of the Parish Council**

### **5 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 27 April 2023**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2023 were approved as a true record by all Councillors present with no abstentions.

### **6. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 April 2023**

#### **6.1 Dangerous Wall Ainsty Farm**

The former Harrogate District Council Officers were unable to assist with any inspection of the alleged dangerous structure.

Cllrs had noted increased site activity in recent days.

### **7 Police Matters**

Residents Concerns following Recent Incidents in Wighill

Cllrs had declined any further involvement by NY Police.

County Cllrs Mr A Paraskos had advised the Police Commissioner that NY Police Officers appeared to lack knowledge of the location of Wighill and requested further investigation.

## **8     Financial Matters**

### **8.1   Funds Received**

- £4000.00 Annual Precept for the 2023-2024 financial year

### **8.2   Bank Balance at 30.04.23 were:**

- Charity account £3,870.56

### **8.3   Report by Internal Auditor**

The Internal Auditor had returned all documents to the RFO immediately prior to the start of the AGM and had been satisfied with the financial records and working arrangements of the Parish Council. The formal report from the Internal Auditor will be circulated prior to the next PC meeting.

### **8.4   Invoice Received and Paid by prior approval of Cllrs.**

- £203.21 Balance of Clerk's salary and expenses for 2022-2023, paid 28.04.23

## **9.    Planning and Related Matters**

### **9.1   Planning Applications Received and to be Determined:**

- None

### **9.2   Planning Decisions Notifications received**

- None

### **9.3   Planning Enforcement:**

- None

## **10   PC Administration**

### **10.1   Highway Signage in Wighill**

The signs and frames in the Highway verge outside the Church have been dismantled, with timber stumps still to be excavated and removed.

The 'A' frame at the road junction has been discussed with Enforcement Officers at North Yorkshire Council's Harrogate Officers, who had confirmed that no enforcement action can be taken as it has been in situ for more than 11 years.

### **10.2   Coronation Celebrations**

A suitable brass plaque had been purchased for attachment to the existing bench seat outside the ex BT Kiosk.

### **10.3   Computer Upgrade**

Attention was drawn to Microsoft's future plans for upgrading its Windows Operating System which may require the purchase of a new laptop, as the current model cannot be upgraded.

### **10.4   Newsletter Wighill**

A comprehensive draft questionnaire has been produced for discussion. Cllrs agreed to consider the draft and to discuss it and plans for its distribution, at the next PC meeting.

## **11.   Councillors Business Items for the next Meeting**

- Newsletter Wighill questionnaire review

### **Next Meeting**

Wednesday 14 June 2023 at 7.00pm