

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE WHITE SWAN WIGHILL ON 24 APRIL 2023

Present:

Councillors: Mr A Hamilton (Chair), Mr J Garside, Ms D Spry, Mrs L Richardson, Mrs A Ward & Mr L T I Grant (Clerk/RFO)

County Councillor: Mr A Paraskos
5 Members of the Public attended

Councillors were distressed to hear of the recent death of the former Chair of the Parish Council, Simon Oates. They expressed their condolences to Simon's family and will agree a suitable plaque with the family to commemorate Simon's work for the Parish Council.

1. Apologies for Absence

None received.

2. Public Questions and Statements

None received prior to meeting.

Local residents present, requested information about the signs mounted in the grass verges outside the Church and previous discussions held at earlier PC meetings. It was confirmed that the highway verges are owned by North Yorkshire Council who will not give permission for the signage and frames to remain. It was agreed that all the signage and frames will be removed.

3 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 12 January 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2023 were approved as a true record by all Councillors present with no abstentions.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 January 2023

4.1 None

4.2 Dangerous Wall - Ainsty Farm

The County Cllr had confirmed with Highways Area 6 that they were satisfied that the wall did not encroach onto the footpath and that they would not take any action. Cllr A Paraskos will contact Building Control at Harrogate to seek further advice.

5 Police Matters

New residents in Wighill were concerned about recent increasing number of visits by strangers, who have been seen 'inspecting' local properties and gardens. Reports have been received that the strangers have stolen eggs which were on display and for sale locally. Vehicle registrations have been passed to NY Police who did not appear interested in these reports. New mothers with young children are particularly distressed at recent events. County Cllr A Paraskos asked for all details to be sent to him and he will contact the Police Commissioner for action.

6 Financial Matters

6.1 Bank Balance at 31.03.23 were:

- Charity Business Account £74.47

Notice has been received that the annual Parish Precept of £4,000, will be deposited in the PC's bank account on 28 April 2023.

6.2 Invoices Received and paid by prior approval by Cllrs

Clerk's annual salary £900.00 (£720.00 salary + £180.00 PAYE).

The part payment of the Clerk's annual salary was made at the end of March 2023, as agreed previously.

All Cllrs present without abstention agreed to approve the payment.

6.3 Clerk's Annual Salary

The invoice for the full year's work by the Clerk was for £1039.50 + £91.51 expenses.

The outstanding payment of £139.50 + £91.51 expenses will be paid on 28 April 2023.

All Cllrs present without abstention agreed to approve the payment.

7. Planning and Related Matters

7.1 Planning Applications Received and to be Determined:

- None received

7.2 Planning Decisions Notifications received

- Croft Farm – Erection of an agricultural Storage Barn (Revised scheme)

APPROVED

7.3 Planning Enforcement:

- None received

8 PC Administration

8.1 Highway Signage in Wighill.

All Cllrs present without abstention confirmed their approval of the earlier statements that all the Signage and timber frames in the Highway verges outside the Church would be removed.

8.2 Appointment of internal auditor

The Clerk confirmed that the Mr J Gawthrop had agreed to act as internal auditor again this year and will collect all documents when advised that they are ready.

8.3 Adoption of Annual Accounts

All Cllrs present without abstention, agreed to adopt the annual accounts as circulated.

8.4 Adoption of Updated Financial Risk Assessment

All Cllrs present without abstention, agreed to adopt the Updated Financial Risk Assessment as circulated.

8.5 Adoption of Updated Asset Register and Asset Risk Assessments

All Cllrs present without abstention, agreed to adopt the Updated Asset Register and Asset Risk Assessments as circulated.

8.6 Coronation Celebrations in Wighill

No community celebrations are planned in Wighill, due to previous complaints.

After discussions Cllrs agreed that a suitable plaque to commemorate the coronation, should be purchased for attaching to the original bench seat outside the ex BT kiosk.

8.7 Wighill Newsletter

After discussion, Cllrs agreed that the community grant provided by the County Cllr should now be used to prepare and circulate a questionnaire to all Wighill properties, seeking views on general Village issues and how to circulate news to all local residents. Cllr J Garside agreed to prepare a suitable questionnaire for approval by Cllrs.

Councillors Business Items for the next Meeting

Wighill Newsletter

Date of Next Meeting

AGM 25 May 2023