

Minutes of the meeting following the Annual General Meeting of High and Low Worsall Parish Council held in Worsall Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 18th May 2017.

Present : Cllrs Evans (Chair), Alderson, Bainbridge, Bivens, Robinson, Woodward and 6 members of public.

Apologies: Mrs J Staples, Clerk to the council

The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read (with an addition of “approx.” to the number of members of the public present). approved and signed.

Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Risk assessment arising from standing orders.

- The general and financial risk assessments have been prepared by the working party. These were checked through for accuracy, agreed and signed by the Chair.
- The Clerk is to sign on her return, and also to be consulted with respect to whether the risk assessments should go onto the website.

War memorials trust

- Cllr Robinson updated the council on the progress towards re-lettering the memorial. Two quotes have been requested but have not yet been received.
- Cllr. Robinson will report further at the next meeting.
- With respect to the picket fence: Cllr. Bainbridge agreed to speak to the householder to discuss the replacement of approximately 3 metres of the fence each side of the memorial by the council .
- Cllr. Bainbridge reported that Jewsons are offering free building materials for local projects. He has enquired but not heard back. Mr S. Beane offered to give a list of required materials to Cllr. Bainbridge who will contact Jewsons again.

PC website

- The Clerk will be asked to organise payment to remove adverts from the site, if this has not already been done.
- There are a small number of inaccuracies/omissions on the site, which will need to be updated. Cllr. Evans to liaise with the Clerk.
- The functions of the various tabs on the website were outlined by the Chair, including the various protocols which determine the uploading of information to the site.
- The “News” tab is currently unused. The potential use of this was discussed along with the agenda item “communication with residents”.
- Cllrs. Bivens and Woodward are to write a proposal for increasing/improving the communication between the PC and residents, to include methods, content and consideration of items outside PC business. This to be circulated in advance of the next meeting.

Matters arising

Parliamentary election 8th June.

- For information.

Broadband

- Cllr. Robinson has contacted Openreach superfast North Yorkshire for a installation date. Work still to do, including pulling the fibre through, and a date not yet available.
- Cllr. Robinson will monitor until the June meeting, and make contact again then if necessary. The help of the district councillor in campaigning for fast broadband was acknowledged.
- The Chairman would contact Clannet for an update on their customer list for H & L Worsall

Communication with residents

- Covered under website item.

Insurance cover for June event.

- The Chairman would liaise with the Clerk ,G.Bainbridge and V.Gatenby with respect to possibly using PC insurance for the village sports event on 10th June.

Footpath consultation

- Following the return of the fundamental questionnaires to the district council, and pending the publication of their plan, there was discussion about the need to be aware of the exact state of repair of the current footpaths within the parish.
- Cllr. Bivens to include this in the communications proposal as a possible test item to use news/feedback page on the website.
- The Chair to provide an up to date map of the footpaths to use for this purpose.

Financial matters:

Bank statement

- Balance on 5/5/17 was £3,747

Councillor Guide

- The new edition at £3.49 to be ordered by the Clerk for each councillor if not already done.

Bank Signatories

- The Clerk to liaise with the Chair to remove signatories of lapsed councillors/add new signatories to make a total of four.

Came and Co insurance

- Payment of £282.80 was approved. No further facilities are needed.

Grass cutting

- Grass cutting invoice of £204 for 2 cuts was approved.
- Cheques for these to be written when the Clerk returns.

AOB:

Police report.

- This now correctly identifies Worsall and reads zero crime, despite Cllr's knowledge of two recent farm thefts.
- The Chair to email the police to ask for log of 101 calls.

B1264

- It was agreed at the last meeting to write to the highways department to request re-surfacing of the B1264 between Worsall and the Stockton county boundary near the Tall Trees, due to the very poor condition of the surface.
- The Clerk to write the letter.

Planning matters

Three developments ltd. Land south of Manor Close and east of Village Road. Construction of 5 detached dwellings with garages and associated works.

- Cllr. Bainbridge declared an interest and left the meeting
- It was noted that the HDC Planning meeting was imminent so no further business for the PC.

Following discussion of agenda items, the Chair allowed these points to be raised by members of the public.

S. Beane;

The poor condition of the verges on the B1264, including overgrown hedging/trees, makes walking with a pushchair impossible.

- The Chair and the Clerk to liaise to write a letter *to* highways requesting the work to be done.

G.Rubin:

Reflection on the recent resignation of two councillors was needed, yet had not been included on the PC agendas since the PC election as had been indicated would happen. A request to study the governance procedures was also made.

- The Chairman reported that Governance was under his consideration and agreed for it to be included on the next meetings' agenda.

Date of the next meeting:

Thursday 15th June at 7.30pm

Closure of the meeting

Meeting closed at 9.13pm.