

WARK PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Anne Hutchinson

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Draft Minutes Meeting held 15/03/22

Attendees. Cllr Jeffrey, Cllr Weir, Cllr Hutchinson, Cllr Batey, Cllr Baty.

Apologies Cllr Leadbitter, County Cllr Morphet

1. **Notification of other business - None**
2. **Conflicts of Interest – Cllr Hutchinson Item 6**
3. **Approval of minutes** 24th January & matters arising.
4. **Issues raised by Members of the Public** Street lights in Wark.
5. Report from County Cllr N Murphet
 - **EV Charger** NCC have suggested installing an EV Charging point adjacent to the War Memorial it was agreed that it would be better installed on Parish land opposite The Battlesteads Parking is a problem in the village and any parking places lost would add to the problem Cllr Jeffrey 2nd Cllr Weir Clerk to contact Cllr Morphet
 - **Street Lights** Improvement is complete.
 - **Street Lights** Complaint from Wark Resident that the new street lights are too bright, Cllr Morphet gave a number of ways to alleviate this problem and suggested WPC organises a Public Consultation Clerk will seek advice as to how this can be done. P. Cllr Batey 2nd Cllr Hutchinson
 - **Road Safety at Wark School** Neil Snowdon Highways Improvement Officer decided that parking restrictions would be the most suitable solution, and he would contact the school before making any decisions, He will also request a site visit.
 - **Poles for MVS** Waiting for a reply from Highways
 - **Pavement Parking** Not illegal at present he suggested we could ask NCC to restrict parking in certain areas
 - **Funding for buses** due to finish in October Wark could lose 30% of bus services in October and to avoid this it is necessary to get bus usage back to pre-pandemic levels so we need to Use it or lose it, Louise offered to make some posters to display.
 - **Commemorative Jubilee Seat.** Cllr Morphet offered to donate a seat/bench Wark Parish it was agreed to accept his offer and it was agreed to ask FE for permission to install it adjacent to composting toilet at the Warkburn picnic site P. Cllr Jeffrey 2nd Cllr Batey
6. **Planning applications**

- S Hutchinson, Blue Hemmel. Change from roof mounted solar panels to ground mounted array. change of doors on Dutch barn and re-siting of chimney. No objections

7. Highway issues

Work on C205 Whygate Loop needs completed – Clerk to contact Cllr Morphet

8. Stonehaugh Issues

- Sale of land to Northern Power grid for new substation £1500 offered – in progress
- Clerk applied to NNPA for grant to buy Tablets for use at Activity Centre – Given £1000- Bought 10 Tablets.
- Road into Picnic site needs repaired Clerk to contact FE.
- Extra Picnic tables would be appreciated – Clerk to contact FE

9. Wark Issues

- Toilet completed- legal transaction to be finalised clerk has contacted solicitor requesting completion asap
- Street Lights
- Street Watch – contacted organiser Anthony Kirk still waiting for a reply
- Grit bin at entrance to St Michael’s mount deferred until Autumn.
- Liner ordered for bin on Green at Wark

10. Correspondence

- Opportunity for small groups to apply to Council Community Chest – PCs to contact groups next application Easter 2022.

11 Grass cutting tenders-

- Tender from Trevor Bell accepted for Stonehaugh Trevor Bell will cut grass at Stonehaugh – grass cuttings to be added to village composting bins. Contract signed. Price as last year
- Tender awarded to Wark Monday Club – Monday Club will use own equipment and WPC mower and dispose of Grass cuttings, £1700 per annum to include fuel for mower. Grass will be mowed, when necessary, weather permitting.

12 Financial matters

Payment schedule

WPC Payment Schedule 16/03/22

Cheque	Name	Amount	Goods	Approved
1464	Hexham Computers	50.00	Printer Ink	x
1465	L Reid	59.57	Fuel	x
1466	SD Fathers	420.00	Storm Tree Damage	x
1467	Gallagher	151.62	Mower Insurance	x
1468	A Hutchinson (Reimbursement)	899.73	9 Tablet	x
1469	A Hutchinson (Reimbursement)	99.97	1 Tablet	x
1470	A Hutchinson (Reimbursement)	101.89	10 Cases for Tablets	x
1472	A Hutchinson (Reimbursement)	588.00	Beacon for Stonehaugh	x
1473	D Nichol	50.00	Xmas Lights	x
1474	E Jeffrey (Reimbursement)	123.23	Bin Liner	x
1475	Wel Medical	149.94	AED replacement Parts	x
1476	N Reid	80.19	Toilet Maintenance	x
1477	M Stoker	78.99	Toilet Maintenance	x
1478	HMRC	0.40	M Stoker PAYE	x

13. Reports from Representatives of other Bodies

- Town Hall -open as usual, well used Cllr Weir nominated WPC representative next year p. Cllr Jeffrey 2nd Cllr Batey
- Stonehaugh Community Hall- Activities planned including Pie competition and regular Craft sessions on Wednesday- Cllr Batey was nominated to be WPC representative on Hall committee Clerk will notify Hall committee.

14. Other Business

- Jubilee Celebrations -Beacons for both villages ordered
- WPC will advise Both villages to apply to NCC fund
- Nominations for Chair and vice chair this is an annual requirement – next meeting
- Potential resignation of two Councillors- if there are vacancies this should be advertised and if 10 residents request an election there will need to be an election, otherwise WPC can co-opt 2 new members.

15 Review policies including Standing Orders and Safeguarding policy, Louise suggested safeguarding policy needed updating and she offered to rewrite it.

Standing orders accepted p. Cllr Jeffrey 2nd Cllr Batey

16. Appoint Clerk

Louise Keeney was appointed as clerk and RFO duties to commence 1st April 2022

Date of next meeting

Thursday 12th May 2022 Parish Assembly followed by WPC AGM @ Wark Town Hall

Thursday 19th May Stonehaugh Ward Parish Assembly @ Stonehaugh Community Hall

Meeting closed 9.00pm

Signed

Cllr Anne Hutchinson, Chairman, Acting Clerk and RFO
