

Minutes of meeting at Wark Town Hall. 7pm 08.04.2019.

Members of the public welcome to attend

1. Welcome & Apologies of Absence inc. Police & Public participation

1.1. Attendees:

Councillors: P Leadbitter, J Weir, R Gibson (County Councillor), A Hutchinson, S Batey, L Lorraine & V Leadbitter (Clerk)

Large public presence; including Jamie Thompson (JT), Barty Milburn (BM) & David Haley (DH)

1.2. Apologies:

Cllr E Jeffrey

No public/police participation

1.3. Jamie Thompson explained plans for Church Lane.

MOP asked current status on land; does Jamie have a buyer. JT confirmed he does not.

MOP explained desire for affordable housing by the villagers. JT explained he is flexible in what kind of properties would be built.

BM explained current outline planning is to allow access & numbers. The exact mix of properties & exact developments can then be decided. MOP expressed concern that application of 17 dwellings but there is no detail as to what ratio of affordable housing will be included. BM explained that should further requirements evolve for a higher ratio of affordable housing; this can be included in the final plan.

MOP requested a legal commitment from land owner to ensure affordable housing is built.

Cllr P Leadbitter questioned maintenance of access to the village green via 1 North Terrace & current right of way. JT informed access is not required. Cllr P Leadbitter expressed concern that this would be the safest route for pedestrians down to the green to access the village. JT agreed to look further into this access point.

MOP questioned further community engagement from JT. MOP further requested an increased percentage of affordable housing to 40/50% before policy adjustment.

DH expressed how case would be more favourable should affordable housing be percentage be increased. MOP & Cllr P Leadbitter discussed need for support in costs for buyers; not just cheaper houses.

MOP questioned number of bedrooms in the current 'affordable housing'; BM explained no decisions are finalised as to which properties will be affordable within the plan. Cllr R Gibson informed an 'affordable house' cannot have more than 3 bedrooms.

MOP questioned alignment with other large planning development applications. JT expressed that he expects his plan to be different in that it is followed through and suitable to the village of Wark. Cllr P Leadbitter followed with a statement to encourage affordable housing requirement.

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MOP asked if there would be a clause entered into the plans to ensure homes are not purchased as second homes. A Chair reminded this is just an outlined plan. BH ensured this can be controlled should it be desired.

DH commented on how this development would allow for future survival of the village. Cllr R Gibson explained local plan and proof of need and how this would allow for the local plan boundary to be moved to allow for development.

1.4. David Haley – proposal to purchase public toilets

DH explained recent acquisition of old petrol pumps land and shop and how he is aware of the lack of shopping currently in the village. DH proposal to build new multi-use disabled access toilet to the left, to allow building to knock through to the toilet and allow for a larger shop. DH stated no additional windows would be installed to allow privacy to be maintained for local residents. DH expressed concern over safety of current toilets and current public access through the path over the land due to slip/trip hazards. DH explained hours for the shop would be later to ensure service to the village. New toilet would be gifted to WPC.

2. Notification of AOB

Correspondence from Monday Men to thank WPC for the donation.

Correspondence from R&H Scott with £400 donation to WPC.

Representative on WTH committee. Cllr A Hutchinson Proposed Cllr J Weir; Seconded Cllr P Leadbitter.

Meeting dates to be identified for WPC AGM & Parish Annual Meeting. Agreed by WPC & detailed in point 27.

3. Declarations of conflict of interest

Cllr P Leadbitter declared conflict regarding toilet sale.

Cllr J Weir - Green Rigg Fund & School Governor.

4. Approval of minutes

Minutes for meeting held 21.01.2019 approved. Signed by Cllr A Hutchinson.

5. Matters Arising

Nothing at present.

6. Changes to WPC

Resignation of Councillor I Leadbitter. Notice has been displayed by Clerk on Wark Notice Board.

Recruitment of RFO should clerk be absent – Cllr A Hutchinson proposed Cllr L Lorraine. Cllr P Leadbitter seconded.

7. Report from County Councillor

Dropped kerb requirement at North side of the village - current status has been requested.

Neil Snowdon to accompany RG to look at poles for safety device.

Stonehaugh loop complete. A few extra signs have appeared on the road side; need to be removed. AH commented how pleased residents are with road repairs & street lighting replacement.

Cllr A Hutchinson explained need for additional signage from Stonehaugh to Wark & for Church.

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8. Planning applications

Charlton House application has been withdrawn.

Plashetts fire escape has been approved.

9. Stonehaugh Issues

Cllr A Hutchinson reminded everyone of Totem pole relocation. Dean Dockray to fell the trees. R&H Scott to transport the trees. Forestry Commission (FC) to supply timber, and have one carved. Egger to have one carved and installed. National Park (NP) to have one carved and installed. Wark First School has been engaged in aiding design of FC pole. Egger to have a traditional design. NP design to have animal design. All items will be gifted to WPC and leased for land on which they will sit. FC carving to take place at County Show. Egger pole will be on display at County Show also.

Newcastle University to meet with residents regarding a project for 2020, with a mixture of Fine Art & Architecture students.

Football Field Meeting was held at Stonehaugh. MOP from that meeting is to contact residents regarding what they would like future development to have.

FC 100 year celebrations – Cllr A Hutchinson informed Land Rover Rally from Kielder Castle to Stonehaugh. Saturday 11th May 2019.

10. Wark Issues

Permission of Wark First School to use Village Green for Race for Life. WPC approval granted. Cllr P Leadbitter propose & Cllr L Lorraine seconded.

Dog poo notices. Cllr A Hutchinson proposed a sign of each photo. Cllr P Leadbitter seconded. D Haley volunteered to print and gift signs to WPC.

11. Correspondence

2 letters received by Clerk from MOP

Letter regarding Illegal action by previous Clerk – Cllr A Hutching proposed Clerk to write to MOP. Seconded by Cllr L Lorraine.

Letter regarding planning objection to Charlton House application – WPC stated they did not cast an opinion. Individual opinions could be made. Clerk to respond to MOP. Cllr P Leadbitter proposed & Cllr L Lorraine seconded.

12. Banking

Discussion around the possibility of a bank card for small item purchasing for other councillors. No decision made.

Online Banking access to be provided for Clerk. Proposed by Cllr A Hutchinson. Seconded Cllr L Lorraine.

Cllr A Hutchinson informed of the explanation by Lloyds Bank that Ex Cllr Bradey obtained unauthorised statements.

13. Website Development

Cllr A Hutchinson requested a volunteer from WPC to assist Clerk with website maintenance. Cllr P Leadbitter suggested Cllr E Jeffery to assist. Clerk to follow up.

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14. WPC Cupboard in Town Hall

Current storage cupboard too big for allocated space in Wark Town Hall. DH to gift a suitable cupboard.

15. Accept Asset Review & Maintenance inspection forms

Postponed to the next meeting.

16. Review Statutory Documents

Postponed to next meeting.

17. Green Rigg Fund

Cllr A Hutchinson informed £2200 grant has been won to go towards outdoor facility to go alongside Stargazing hut.

18. Objections to WPC accounts

Cllr A Hutchinson has written to object against public review because it will cause excessive costs to WPC; which consequently costs the public.

19. FOIA request

Cllr A Hutchinson informed that MOP requested information; and rejected cost of 50p per sheet for copies. Reviewed cost of 20p of has been proposed to MOP.

20. Request from MOP of public review of 2018 WPC Accounts

Duplicate error.

21. Flood Risk Activity Exemption Service

Cllr J Weir offered to follow this up following an email received.

22. Flower Planters

Clerk emailed out to local businesses. No response.

Cllr E Jeffery absent to report on cost.

Postponed to next meeting.

23. Year End Accounts

To be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting.

24. Local Plan

NCC potentially plan to exclude land at Church Lane from future developments – discussed in point 1.

25. Payment Schedule

Payment schedule presented & all payments approved. Proposed Cllr J Weir. Seconded Cllr P Leadbitter.

Item	Amount
Chq no. 1351 Wages	62.64
Chq no. 1352 Wages	369.75
Chq no. 1353 Clerk Expenses	18.00
Chq no. 1354 Wark Town Hall Meeting Use	15.00
Chq no. 1355 WEL Medical. Electrode Pads	81.42
Chq no. 1356 Chair Expenses	31.50

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26. Reports from Representatives of Other Bodies

Cllr J Weir advised Wark Town Hall improvements coming on nicely. Electricity survey complete.

Cllr J Weir advised Wark First School developments are going well to become a Primary School and Nursery is operating well.

27. Items for Discussion at Future Meetings

Statutory Documents

28. Date of Next Meeting

Next Parish Council Meeting – 20th May 2019. Wark Town Hall. 7pm

Parish Annual Meeting – 20th May 2019. Wark Town Hall. 7.30pm.

WPC AGM – 20th May 2019. Wark Town Hall. 8pm.

Actions

Action	Action Owner	To be completed by
Look into online banking availability	AH	Next meeting
Liase with EJ regarding website	Clerk	Next meeting
Reply to 2 MOP letters	Clerk	Next meeting
Approved minutes from last meeting to be uploaded	Clerk	Next meeting
Flood Risk Activity Exemption Service	JW	Next meeting
Write letter to Cllr J Weir regarding WTH committee rep	Clerk	24.04.2019
Write letter to Cllr L Lorraine regarding acting RFO in absence of Clerk	Clerk	30.04.2019
Notify Wark School of Race for Life decision	Clerk	30.04.2019
Contact DH regarding offer to print dog poo notices	Clerk	30.04.2019

APPROVED : PSLEADBITTER 31.05.2019

(original held on file)