

## Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting.

Wark Town Hall. 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019. 7pm.

1. Appointment of Chair for the meeting.
  - a. Cllr A Hutchinson to chair.
2. Welcome and apologies for absence.
  - a. Absent:- Cllr R Gibson & Cllr S Batey.
  - b. Present:- Cllr P Leadbitter, Cllr L Lorraine, Cllr J Weir, Cllr E Jeffery, Cllr A Hutchinson, V Leadbitter (Clerk), D Haley (MOP), N Ridley (MOP), R Morgan (MOP).
3. Minutes of meeting held on 31st May 2018
  - a. Minutes signed by Cllr A Hutchinson. Proposed by Cllr J Weir & seconded by Cllr P Leadbitter.
4. Matters Arising
  - a. Review of previous year accounts has been requested by MOP, Chairman has appealed this.
  - b. 2018/2019 accounts to go the auditor for review.
5. Chairman's Report on activities of the Parish Council.
  - a. Postponed until the next meeting.
6. Dropped Kerbs in Wark
  - a. Cllr A Hutchinson explained how no progress has been seen however Cllr R Gibson has offered to investigate the delay.
7. Street Lights
  - a. A general discussion explained various complaints from MOP. Cllr P Leadbitter reported 4 or 5 are still to be complete in Wark but Stonehaugh is now complete. Cllr P Leadbitter also explained overhanging trees are also causing an issue for the lighting. Cllr L Lorraine proposed Cllr P Leadbitter gain quotes for work to cut back trees. Cllr J Weir seconded.
8. Proposed Local plan
  - a. Cllr R Gibson absent therefore no discussion. Item postponed until next meeting.
9. Local Planning applications – Pasture House Road & Nick Ridley
  - a. No representatives present for Pasture House Road development. Proposer to come to the next meeting.
  - b. Richard Morgan of Youngs RPS present to liaise. Richard explained they plan to work alongside Local Plan, and for the development to be led by N Ridley not a developer. Majority of properties would be built to rent. Initially 18 homes were planned but the plan has been scaled back to get the ball rolling. Cllr P Leadbitter advised WPC would like to see some houses become available to purchase. D Haley questioned the possibility to half rent/buy. Cllr P Leadbitter explained how a village plan needs to be updated to ensure it is communicated with NCC efficiently. Richard Morgan explained 9 dwelling scheme, minor development to allow processing in 8 weeks rather than 4 months for major 18 dwelling development. Cllr E Jeffery proposed the clerk write to Richard Morgan & Nick Ridley to express WPC support to a development in the village. EJ proposed. Cllr L Lorraine seconded. Cllr J Weir proposed Clerk to contact Guy Opperman regarding local development. Cllr P Leadbitter seconded.

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- 10. Questions from members of the public.
  - a. Cllr P Leadbitter declared a conflict of interest.
  - b. D Haley requested further review on the WPC decision not to sell the public toilets to him. Cllr A Hutchinson explained WPC had a concern of the loss of the Post Office should it not be viable to have 2 shops. D Haley explained he would take on this franchise should it lapse; and plans to work along side other local businesses in the village. Cllr E Jeffery proposed Cllr P Leadbitter seek advice from an Youngs RPS regarding value of the current public toilets with a view to sell should this be the case. Cllr L Lorraine seconded.
- 11. Any other issues
  - a. No discussion

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