

EPPLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Minutes of MEETING of EPPLEBY PARISH COUNCIL on TUESDAY 10TH January 2023 at 7.00pm held in Eppleby Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor A. Allum (AA) (Chairman)
Councillor A. Simpson (AS)
Councillor D. Burrell (DB)
Councillor S. Gee (SG)

In Attendance: Jenny Pears (Clerk)
County Councillor Angus Thompson
Residents

10-01/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Councillor P. Dowson (PD)
District Councillor Jimmy Wilson-Petch

ACTION
Accepted

10-01/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None.

10-01/03 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 1st November 2022

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Ordinary General meeting held on 1st November 2022 are confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

10-01/04 UPDATES FROM MINUTES OF 1st November 2022
The Clerk continues to follow up on existing issues raised with Highways. AT has a meeting scheduled with Highways and will raise these issues and ask for an update.
The main Eppleby road sign has been damaged by a tractor. AA has instructed a contractor to repoint the brick work.
RDC have corresponded and confirmed that the dangerous tree in the village is on RDC land and is their responsibility.
Clerk has instructed NYCC and SWARCO to install the pole and matrix board. The pole is being installed on 24th January 23. Clerk contacted Yorkshire Water as a man hole cover is very unstable on the village green and not secure.

Clerk/AT
AA
Completed
Completed

10-01/05 REPORT FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS
RESOLVED – County Councillor Angus Thompson gave an update on the unitary authority. The new authority will start on 1st April 2023 and will be called North Yorkshire Council. RDC and 8 other county councils will cease on 31st March 2023. There is a 30million deficit currently and the new unitary authority will save money from a number of areas including a reduction in the number senior staff employed.

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AA asked what will happen with the planning department. This will continue however Hambleton and Richmondshire District Council will merge under the unitary authority. The Area Constituency Committee will look at planning applications. AS asked how the community grants will work from 1st April 23. AT confirmed these would also come under the Area Constituency Committee.

10-01/06 REPORT FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

RESOLVED - PCSO Elliot Brown was unable to attend the meeting. He had previously circulated the Parish Report for December 22 and this had been circulated via Facebook to the community.

10-01/07 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received.

10-01/08 SPENDING AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED - The clerk provided an overview of the finances since the last meeting.

The following cheque payments were approved and signed:

Grass Cutting - £153.60

J Pears – Clerk invoice - £172.33

Croft Tree (A. Allum) - £312.00

The Cross Keys Inn - £30.00

No invoice has been received from D Chapman. Clerk will continue to prompt them for this prior to the meeting.

10-01/09 TO DISCUSS:

RESOLVED – Clerk shared the forecast figures for the next financial year as the 23/24 precept needs to be applied for. Based on the information shared Councillors agreed a 5% increase. Clerk will share this information with RDC and apply for the 23/24 Precept.

Clerk

10-01/10 TO DISCUSS ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

RESOLVED – A resident is going to relinquish their garage tenancy. The Parish Council have asked that the resident confirms this in writing. Clerk will prepare an advert which will be shared on the noticeboards and Facebook page. It has been suggested that the applicants will be considered at the next meeting. This is all dependant on the resident giving written notification. Cllrs agreed that the applicant can only use the garage space for a vehicle and not for storage. This will be a stipulation on the tenancy.

Clerk

RESOLVED – The Kings coronation is taking place on 6th May 2023. The Parish Council agreed that this should be celebrated. It was agreed that the village green will be used again and a bouncy castle and hog roast should be booked. If possible, some live music however this would be something offered free of charge to keep the costs minimal. Clerk will look at funding available. SG has £276 to put towards the cost of the event. The Parish Council agreed that up to £1000 could be used towards the event. SG will look into booking a bouncy castle and hog roast. It was suggested that if

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anyone wanted something different to eat or a drink, they could get this from the pub and pay for it themselves.

RESOLVED – AA asked if the Parish Council could consider an idea. The Cross Keys Inn needs to place a gas tank near the pub for their use. It has been suggested that this is sited in a field behind the allotment and garage sites next to the pub. Potentially the field will belong to the pub (subject to purchase). AA asked if access could be used on a grass path a metre in width between a garage and allotment site. If the tank was sited here could the pub install a gate leading into the field? Cllrs agreed this could be a possibility and will discuss further once the land has been acquired.

10-01/11 TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
None.

10-01/12 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING
The date of the next meeting will take place on 7th March 2023 at 7pm in Eppleby Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.09pm.

SIGNED: DATE:
(Chairman)
