

# EPPLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

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# MINUTES

Minutes of MEETING of EPPLEBY PARISH COUNCIL on TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2024 at 7.00pm held in Eppleby Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor A. Allum (AA) (Chairman)  
Councillor P. Dowson (PD)  
Councillor A. Burnett (AB)  
Councillor D. Burrell (DB)  
Councillor A. Simpson (AS)

In Attendance: Jenny Pears (Clerk)  
Residents

02-07/01	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> <b>RESOLVED</b> – Councillor Angus Thompson (AT) – North Yorkshire Council gave his apologies.	<b>ACTION</b>
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02-07/02	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> None.
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02-07/03 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
**RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meetings held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 are confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

02-07/04	UPDATES FROM MINUTES OF 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	
	<b>RESOLVED</b> – Highways responded on 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 to confirm the flooding drainage work is expected to be completed by 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2024. Councillors agreed that the water leak has been resolved. Clerk contact the owner of the building flooding bridleway/public footpath. The owner confirmed that a soakaway had been put in to offer sufficient drainage. Councillors agreed to monitor this. Clerk raised the issue with Highways of the damaged grills protecting the underground water pipes in School Lane and AS met with them to clarify the issue. This is still an issue. Clerk will contact Highways to follow up. Cart Road, outside Coronation Cottages has now been rectified. Clerk had contacted the NYC dog warden; he was aware that replacing the signage would be the next step however NYC are in the process of rebranding all signage. If he can find some old signage, he will display then but it may need to wait till after the rebranding. Clerk to follow this up. NYC are withdrawing the service to hold mandatory information on behalf of the Parish Council. Clerk has a quote for a Parish Council website, this is more than first agreed. It will be approximately £650 for an initial set up fee and first year hosting costs. Clerk has contacted AT to see if the locality budget could offer funding towards this. Clerk contacted AT but as yet has not had a response. A consultation is taking place and is relevant to parents and carers of school aged children. NYC are looking at the travel from home to school. AA did share his concerns as there is an issue for Eppeby school and funding transportation to and from Eppeby and Middleton Tyas schools. AA hadn't received a response from the headteacher at Middleton Tyas on the issue and is awaiting an update. AA to follow up. The Jubilee bench is in need of remedial work. A resident did offer her time to carry out some remedial work. Clerk posted on Facebook to see if others would volunteer their time to help. The Clerk didn't receive any interest from the community. Councillors suggested posting something again and Clerk to contact resident who initially offered to help.	<p><b>Monitor</b></p> <p><b>Monitor Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Completed</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>AA</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>

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	<p>A plan to reinstate the daffodils is underway. AA shared some maps/photographs from drone footage to help plan for planting the bulbs. All agreed that the suggested plan should be implemented. It was agreed that this information would be shared with D Chapman and asked for a quote to reinstate them. PD will speak with him. Councillors discussed painting the stones. It was agreed that stones should remain where they are and get repainted. Some stones had sunk into the ground. Clerk will D Chapman to lift any sunken stones and where possible level the ground before placing them back down. Clerk to contact D Chapman. AA will look at replacing the goal posts.</p> <p>AA raised concerns with the Environment Agency (EA) of a diesel smell coming from a culvert and potentially into the Beck. EA weren't overly concerned about it. AA did ask that someone attend the site, which they did. No action has been taken by EA.</p> <p>PD is aware of the overgrown hedges that need cutting back. The work will be carried out when possible. PD suggested at the back end of the year.</p>	<p>PD</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>AA</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>PD</p>
02-07/05	<p><u>REPORT FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> –No update given. Clerk did share a request from Councillor Angus Thompson (AT) to start the meetings earlier at 6.30pm. Councillors agreed that all future meetings could begin at 6.30pm. Councillors felt this should be on the provisor that AT will attend the meetings. AB has been with the Parish Council over 12 months and has yet to meet AT. Clerk will contact AT and ask that he attend the September meeting and share all of the issues that require his support to get resolved.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
02-07/06	<p><u>REPORT FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> – No update received.</p>	<p>Completed</p>
02-07/07	<p><u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS and DECISIONS NOTICES</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> – Applications had been circulated prior to the meeting for comments/observations.</p> <p>No further comments were made.</p>	<p>Completed</p>
02-07/08	<p><u>SPENDING AND FINANCIAL MATTERS</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> - The Clerk provided an overview of the finances since the last meeting. The following cheque payments were approved and signed: Parish Council Insurance 24/25 - £386.31, J Pears – Clerk invoice - £264.84, CE and CM Walker £882.00, NYC Play Park inspection fees 23/24 - £236.18, Community Heartbeat - £120.00.</p>	<p>Completed</p>
02-07/09	<p><u>TO DISCUSS ANY OTHER BUSINESS:</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> – The outdoor adult equipment can be installed in the play park grounds. This has been agreed by the village hall committee. Councillors agreed to proceed with a grant application as clerk confirmed there is no cost to the Parish Council. Approximate cost of the gym equipment is £12 – 15k Clerk to proceed with the application. Councillors agreed that rubbish could be cleared from the beck. AS will arrange this. AS asked if a flower trough could be rebuilt? Councillors agreed this and AS will bring a quote to the next meeting for consideration. There are a number of post holes in the village. Councillors felt more should be done. Clerk will raise this with AT. AA brought the pot hole issue to attention of Highways while on a site visit for another issue. Councillors also raised that the main road in the village needs some attention. Clerk to raise this with AT.</p> <p>Vegetation growth on the footpath needs cleaning. Clerk to contact NYC to raise this.</p>	<p>AA/Clerk</p> <p>AS</p> <p>AS</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>AT</p> <p>Clerk</p>
02-07/10	<p><u>TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> – None</p>	

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02-07/11     DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 at **6.30pm** in Eppleby Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

SIGNED: ..... (Chairman) DATE: .....