

# EPPLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES

Minutes of MEETING of EPPLEBY PARISH COUNCIL on TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023 at 7.00pm following the Annual General Meeting at 7pm held in Eppleby Village Hall.

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

In Attendance: Jenny Pears (Clerk)  
Residents

23-05/01	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Councillor D. Burrell (DB) North Yorkshire County Councillor Angus Thompson (AT)	<b>ACTION ACCEPTED</b>
23-05/02	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> AA declared an interest in an item discussing signage for The Cross Keys Inn.	
23-05/03	<u>MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023</u> <b>RESOLVED</b> - That the minutes of the Ordinary General meeting held on 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2023 are confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
23-05/04	<u>UPDATES FROM MINUTES OF 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023</u> <b>RESOLVED</b> - There was a Councillor vacancy due to Cllr Gee resigning. The Clerk had advertised the vacancy however no applicants had been received prior to the meeting. A resident attended the meeting and wanted to register his interest in the role. Mr Alan Burnett shared a synopsis about himself and he was unanimously co-opted on to the Parish Council (PC). The Clerk will share the Declaration of Acceptance for signing. Cllr Alan Burnett (AB) joined the Council for the remainder of the meeting. Clerk will contact Cllr Gee and let her know the vacancy has been filled and to thank her for all her support. AA shared some information with AT regarding the replacement dog poo bins and three additional bins. AT was unable to attend the meeting however confirmed that NYC were looking into this request. Clerk will contact Street Scene at NYC for a cost. AA will contact AT once the costs have been confirmed. The Winston to A66 Caldwell Road is in a mess and road needs resurfacing – no update from AT, Clerk will follow this up. The Clerk continues to follow up on the flooding issue raised with Highways. Clerk contacted Northern PowerGrid to request more information and circulated this to the Councillors. AA had also spoken with the resident and they have clarified this. Councillors agreed with the works to be undertaken however asked that any works completed should ensure that the area is reinstated. Cllrs agreed to the purchase of the replacement defibrillator pads AA will organise this. Clerk has contacted NYC regarding the repositioning of the bench. It was agreed that Cllrs would ask David Chapman to tidy the edge of the beck. AS will speak to him about this. Councillor agreed that the trough on Bankfield Road could be repaired. Residents on New Row raised concerns regarding speeding. Could new signage deter this? Clerk to contact Highways and look at costs and share this.	<b>Clerk</b>  <b>AB</b>  <b>Clerk</b>  <b>AA</b>  <b>Clerk/AT</b>  <b>Completed</b>  <b>AA</b>  <b>Clerk</b>  <b>AS</b>  <b>Clerk</b>

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- 23-05/05      REPORT FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR  
**RESOLVED** – Councillor Angus Thompson (AT) was unable to attend.
- 23-05/06      REPORT FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE  
**RESOLVED** - PCSO Elliot Brown was unable to attend the meeting. He had previously circulated the Parish Report for June 2023 and this had been circulated via Facebook to the community. Cllrs felt the report isn't very informative. Clerk to contact PCSO Brown regarding the format. **Clerk**
- 23-05/07      PLANNING APPLICATIONS and DECISIONS NOTICES  
**RESOLVED** – No additional comments.
- 23-05/08      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:  
J Pears – Clerk invoice - £193.96  
CE and CM Walker Ltd – Grass Cutting - £672.00  
Eppleby and Forcett Village Hall - £125.00  
Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should contact the insurers to get a more competitive quote. 2023/24 quote received was £320.59. It was noted that Clerk will look at other insurers to get the best quote possible for 24/25.  
No invoice has been received from D Chapman. Clerk will continue to contact them for an up-to-date invoice. Clerk has shared the bank charges information with AA to follow up with the bank. **Clerk**
- 23-05/09      TO DISCUSS ANY OTHER BUSINESS:  
AA has spoken with a resident who asked if ANPR signs could be used and displayed. There are used in a neighbouring village and are a deterrent. Clerk will contact the Police and Highways to look into this. AA asked if signage for The Cross Keys Inn could be erected. AA shared details of the sign and map of location. Cllrs agreed this and asked the Clerk to contact Highways. Cllrs discussed the lack of telephone/internet coverage and how the power cut on 18<sup>th</sup> June has affected the community. Councillor Burnett is looking into this and something he was pursuing before the meeting. Cllrs briefly discussed the grass cutting contractor and perhaps in future years they should seek quotes from other contractors. Clerk has shared details of a contractor used by another Parish Council with AA and AS. **AB**  
**Clerk**
- 23-05/10      TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC  
Residents asked if the Parish Council would consider having outdoor exercise equipment. Cllrs agreed that in principle it would be considered but would ask for further information and put a proposal together.
- 23-05/11      DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING  
The date of the next meeting will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7pm in Eppleby Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.57pm.

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

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