

# EPPLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES

Minutes of MEETING of EPPLEBY PARISH COUNCIL on TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 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

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| 05-03/01 | <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>   | <b>ACTION</b>   |
| 05-03/02 | <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u><br>None.   |   |
| 05-03/03 | <u>MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024</u><br><b>RESOLVED</b> - That the minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024 are confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.   |   |
| 05-03/04 | <u>UPDATES FROM MINUTES OF 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024</u><br><b>RESOLVED</b> – Highways attend the flooding in the village on 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 and conducted further investigations. PD and AB were present on site and shared the concerns and issues of the flooding. Highways agreed a plan for the work to be undertaken and would come back to the Clerk with an update and a date for work to commence. Clerk has followed this up but heard nothing as yet. The bridleway/public footpath was discussed as the area gets flooded as the drainage from a building is faced towards the pathway, a soakaway is required. PD will speak with the resident. Clerk raised the issue of the damaged grills protecting the underground water pipes in School Lane. Highways need to look at the grills as they need to be stronger to cope with the water and debris. Clerk has raised this and confirmed the grills are the responsibility of Highways. AS suggested that they contact him if further information is required. Councillors discussed the number of power cuts the village has experienced and how this has increased. Clerk had seen information on a new substation being built near Scotch Corner but as yet has not had an update. Will share any updates when received. Cart Road, outside Coronation Cottages has been left in a mess. There are pot holes that need filling and damage to verges. PD agreed to look at the damaged verges using some of his machinery but this will need to be in the drier months as may cause more damage while the area is wet. Clerk had contacted NYC and the dog warden will be patrolling areas highlighted in the village and monitor them. | <b>Completed</b><br><b>Clerk</b><br><b>PD</b><br><b>Clerk/AS</b><br><b>Completed</b><br><b>PD</b><br><b>Clerk</b> |
| 05-03/05 | <u>REPORT FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR</u><br><b>RESOLVED</b> – Councillor Angus Thompson (AT) did not attend. No update given.  |   |

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05-03/06	<u>REPORT FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE</u> <b>RESOLVED</b> - Parish Report for February 24 had been received and this had been circulated via Facebook to the community. Councillors felt the new layout was more informative and Clerk to feed this back to PCSO Brown.	Clerk
05-03/07	<u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS and DECISIONS NOTICES</u> <b>RESOLVED</b> – Decision No: ZD23/00657/FULL - Full planning permission for conversion and extension of redundant farm buildings to form dwelling house and associated works Ox Close Barn, West Lane – <b>Granted</b> . Another decision had been received and the Clerk shared the update with everyone present at the meeting. Decision No 22/00187/OUT - Outline application for the development of agricultural land to create 5 new dwellings, Cross Keys Inn - <b>Granted</b>	
05-03/08	<u>SPENDING AND FINANCIAL MATTERS</u> <b>RESOLVED</b> - The Clerk provided an overview of the finances since the last meeting. The following cheque payments were approved and signed: J Pears – Clerk invoice - £164.10, CE and CM Walker £168.00. Clerk confirmed that Locality Budget for dog waste bins received - £1000, Urban Grass Cutting payment 23/24 received - £153.43.	Completed
05-03/09	<u>TO DISCUSS ANY OTHER BUSINESS:</u> <b>RESOLVED</b> - Councillors discussed the parking on the road to the pub on Low Green. Cars aren't always parked utilising the space and can make it difficult for passing vehicles. Councillors agreed to monitor this. Clerk shared information with the councillors and the community via Facebook about the changes with the garden waste service. The annual fee has increased to £46.50. Parish Councils have been offered the opportunity to apply for a portrait of His Majesty the King free of charge. Councillors agreed to apply for this and once received Councillors can agree on the most appropriate place for it. Clerk will apply for this. NYC are withdrawing the service on their website to hold mandatory information on behalf of the Parish Council. This now needs to be managed by the Parish Council themselves. Clerk has some information of a local company who have an offer of £199 +VAT to build a suitable website and can access the gov.uk domain name as this is something government are suggesting Parish Councils should use. Councillors agreed for the Clerk to proceed with this and the cost £199 for the purchase of the website. The Parish Council have received an invitation to take part in the Best Kept Village competition 2024. Councillors agreed that they will not be taking part this year. Clerk to respond. NYC email received - 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. Clerk has shared the email on Facebook (FB). The changes could impact surrounding villages and schools. All parents and carers are encouraged to take part in the consultation. Clerk will reshare the information on FB. Councillors asked what the County Council policy is on school travel. What is NYC's legal responsibility. Clerk to contact Cllr Angus Thompson for clarification and support. An allotment resignation has been received and the allotment will be available from March 2024. Clerk will advertise the vacancy and a decision will be made at the May meeting. Clerk asked for the May meeting date to be changed so that it coincides with the Elections. Councillors agreed that the annual meeting will take place on 7 <sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. Councillors discussed grassed verged areas around the village that have damage. These are the bottom of the village, in front of the school, opposite Rose Cottage, Tank Cottage and numerous areas on the Green. AA will have a look at the verge by the school and PD will look at other areas. Councillors asked Clerk to put a note on FB to residents about parking on grassed areas and reducing damage to the verges. The Jubilee bench is in	Completed Completed AA Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk/AT Clerk AA/PD AA

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need of remedial work. AS asked if this is something Paul Quinn would be able to help with. AA will have a word with him.

05-03/10 TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A resident asked about the flood plan near the new development of houses at the Cross Keys Inn. Cllrs discussed and agreed that this has been a particularly wet year and the culvert had contributed. The new house boundaries aren't on the flood plan. A resident also noted that the new houses should have adequate parking. There aren't as many daffodils this year and residents asked if they could be reinstated. Councillors agreed that this is something that could be done and perhaps David Chapman could look at this. Councillors suggested a plan is agreed for next year and to take photos of areas where bulbs will need planting. PD will contact Dave Chapman.

PD

05-03/11 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7pm in Eppleby Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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