

EPPLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Minutes of a Meeting of EPPLEBY PARISH COUNCIL, on TUESDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2021 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Eppleby, Richmond, North Yorkshire.

PRESENT: Councillor A. Allum (AA) (Chairman)
Councillor A. Simpson (AS)
Councillor P. Dowson (PD)
Councillor S. Gee (SG)

Officers: Jenny Pears (Clerk)

21-10/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE **ACTION**
Councillor D. Burrell (DB), District Councillor Jimmy Wilson-Petch (RDC)

21-10/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
AA declared his interest in the Cross Key Public House.

21-10/3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th October 2021

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2021 are confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

21-10/4 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 5th October 2021

AS has claimed the £1000 grant from RDC for the Vehicle activated Road signs. An update on the bench/table painting quote was discussed and agreed to progress once the weather improves. There are 9 benches/tables to redecorate at a cost of £416. **AS**

There continues to be drainage issues at the top of the village. A survey has been completed however further action is required. A small section of the drain needs replacing. The Parish Council have asked that County Councillor Angus Thompson (AT) resolves this asap. The Highways work on flooding at the south end of the village is working well. However, the previous flooding has cause damage to the footpath surface. Also, the footpath is now very narrow due to vegetation growth. The footpath needs to be brought up to an acceptable standard. AT was asked to progress this. **AT**

AA asked that AT highlight the impact on how the Highways Road closures effected local businesses and residents. AT will bring this up at the next Highways meeting. **AT**

Fencing around the playpark has been completed by the village hall committee and the invoice has been received and processed for payment. **AS**

The Forcett noticeboard has been purchased and the invoice has been received. AS is managing the grant application. **AS**

A bug hotel and hedgehog friendly area has been built with help from children and parents of the village – Completed. **SG**

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- SG discussed the Queens Platinum Jubilee and shared 3 proposals outlining areas for planting trees in the village. Cllrs agreed that more detailed information should be shared before making a decision. The PC will need to consider the species, location and size. **SG**
- The BT pole the village green is being dealt with. AA confirmed this is ongoing and will follow up again as there has been no response from BT since 11th May 2021. **AA**
- Garage/allotment invoicing. Councillors agreed for the raised invoices of £30 to be posted to all tenants including the garage for the Cross Keys Public House. **Clerk**
- Completed.
- The main Eppleby road sign has been damaged by a tractor. The sign has been put back together but further repairs are required. The cost for the repointing repairs will be approximately £120. Councillors agreed that this cost should be settled by the person responsible. AA will contact them. **AA**
- 21-10/5&6 TO REPORT FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS
None given.
- 21-10/7 REPORT FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE
The latest crime bulletin has been received and shared on the Facebook page.
No issues raised.
- 21-10/8 SPENDING AND FINANCIAL MATTERS
The clerk provided a report with an overview of the finances since the last meeting.
The precept for 2022/23 was discussed and Cllrs agreed it would remain at £6500.00 as it was in 2021/22. Clerk will update at RDC.
The following cheque payments were approved and signed:
Andrew Allum Joinery Forcett noticeboard - £466.80
Swarco – Matrix board - £4053.60
CE and CM Walker – Grass Cutting - £147.60
J Pears – Clerk - £246.77
Anthony Allum – Supply and delivery of Christmas tree - £163.00
Anthony Allum – Supply and delivery of a heavy-duty stake - £38.98
- Payments received and to be banked:**
None.
- 21-10/9 TO DISCUSS:
a) AA has purchased a Christmas tree for the village green. The cost of the tree has been considerably more this year. The PC may need to look at alternative suppliers next year. The Christmas tree lights may also need replacing as they have been repaired but may not last another year. **AA**
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- b) AA shared that scaffolding will be erected around the Cross Keys public house. It will be kept as close as possible to the building to help with cars parking. **AA**
 - c) A planning application for Ox Close Barn, West Lane was discussed. Cllrs approved the application shared this with Planning at RDC.

TO DISCUSS ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) Resident email received regarding parking on Victoria Row. Cllrs agreed that parking is not allocated to individuals, the PC are not responsible for this however AA will clarify the situation on FB and reply to the resident.
- b) This did bring a further discussion around parking in the village. AA did share a thought he had been considering for some time. Could the 2 allotments situated behind the public house become additional parking and the allotments either relocated or as allotments become available, they are asked to move to an alternative plot.
- c) A tree was damaged during storm Arwen and the overhead electric cables are now hanging down. Northern PowerGrid were informed and remedial work was carried out however more needs to be done as this is dangerous.
- d) Skeeby Solar Panel Farm email received. Cllrs didn't feel this would impact Eppleby. No further action is required.

21-10/11 TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
None.

21-10/12 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

That the date of next meeting be provisionally set for Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 7pm in Eppleby Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

SIGNED: DATE:
(Chairman)