

EPPLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Minutes of MEETING of EPPLEBY PARISH COUNCIL on TUESDAY 7TH March 2023 at 7.00pm held in Eppleby Village Hall.

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

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

07-03/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Councillor S. Gee (SG)
Councillor A. Simpson (AS)

ACTION
Accepted

07-03/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
AA declared his interest in item 4d.

07-03/03 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 10th January 2023

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Ordinary General meeting held on 10th January 2023 are confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

07-03/04 UPDATES FROM MINUTES OF 10th January 2023

The Clerk continues to follow up on existing issues raised with Highways. The Parish Council have received a response on the flood damage to footpath surface. The case has been closed as the damage does not meet the criteria to need repair. Highways have confirmed they will monitor the issue regarding the Caldwell to A66 road condition.

Clerk

The main Eppleby road sign has been damaged by a tractor. AA has instructed a contractor to repoint the brick work. This is in hand.

AA

Clerk has instructed NYCC and SWARCO to install the pole and matrix board. The pole has been installed but the VAS is still to be installed. Clerk will follow up with SWARCO to get an installation date. Yorkshire Water have looked at the perished manhole cover on the green. They have confirmed that it does not meet the criteria to be replaced. The garage vacancy was advertised, a number of applicants were received and considered for the vacancy. A unanimous decision was made, Clerk to inform all applicants of the outcome. The Parish Council have applied for £174 for funding to support the King's Coronation celebrations.

Clerk

Clerk

Completed

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- 07-03/05 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. Angus confirmed that after the 1st April you should use exactly the same email address or telephone number as at present. Email addresses will no doubt be updated in due course and this is certainly the best form of contact. Council tax has been increased by 2.99%. Litter continues to be an annoying problem in the region and indeed nationally. Amanda Dyson's team at Richmond will continue as normal after 1st April, being responsible for litter picking and clearing the mess after fly tipping within Richmondshire. Angus suggested that Highways signs like they do in County Durham should be used to deter this. They can be moved around as necessary and could be funded from the Locality Budget hence putting no further strain on hard pressed finances. AA asked about small business rates relief and whether this will continue. Angus suspected it will continue but could not confirm this. AA asked about domestic council tax on unoccupied property and if this will be reviewed. Angus said this is a national approach and will remain in place.
- 07-03/06

- REPORT FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE
RESOLVED - PCSO Elliot Brown was unable to attend the meeting. He had previously circulated the Parish Report for February 2023 and this had been circulated via Facebook to the community.
- 07-03/07

- PLANNING APPLICATIONS
23/00076/VAR – Glebe Farm, The Green – No comments were recorded.
- 07-03/08 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:
NYCC Pole installation - £500.00
J Pears – Clerk invoice - £178.52
RDC Play Park Inspection fee - £223.08
The VAT reimbursement has been received - £1591.39
No invoice has been received from D Chapman. Clerk will continue to prompt them for this prior to the meeting.

- TO DISCUSS:
RESOLVED – Highway Asset Maintenance (NYCC Urban Highways) have confirmed that they will reimburse the Parish Council for the urban grass cutting completed on behalf of NYCC highways. This will be £143.85 for 23/24. AS raised an issue with RDC regarding a street light in School Lane. Clerk will monitor this.
- 07-03/09

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- 07-03/10 TO DISCUSS ANY OTHER BUSINESS;
RESOLVED – CE and CM Walker have quoted for 23/24 Grass cutting. Cllrs agreed to proceed with them. Cllrs did discuss that they should consider quotes from other contractors for the next financial year.
- 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 23rd May 2023 at 7pm in Eppleby Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

SIGNED: DATE:
(Chairman)
