

# EPPLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES

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

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

In Attendance: Jenny Pears (Clerk)  
Residents

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| 07-11/01 | <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u><br>None.  | <b>ACTION</b>   |
| 07-11/02 | <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u><br>None.   |   |
| 07-11/03 | <u>MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023</u><br><b>RESOLVED</b> - That the minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 are confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.   |   |
| 07-11/04 | <u>UPDATES FROM MINUTES OF 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023</u><br><b>RESOLVED</b> - Councillor Angus Thompson (AT) was unable to attend the meeting, however confirmed that NYC would offer £1000 towards the replacement of 3 dog waste bins and 3 new ones. Street Scene have confirmed the costs and met with AA on site to agree the locations. A resident has raised an issue with the location of one of the bins. Cllrs agreed that the bin is positioned as agreed, however if the residents would like to reposition the bin Cllrs agreed that this could be moved up to a metre. PD will respond to the resident. A resident raised an issue as a dog waste bin is overflowing, PD was aware of this and will empty it as soon as possible. AB/PD met with Highways on 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 23 to discuss the ongoing issue of the flooding in the village. Cllrs asked the Clerk to follow this up as have heard nothing since the onsite meeting. Highways confirmed they were meeting with contractors on 5 <sup>th</sup> October 23 and would contact the Parish Council (PC) with an update. AB has been looking at pursuing compensations for the community. The telephone/internet coverage power cut on 18 <sup>th</sup> June affected the community. AB is still pursuing this and will let the PC know if a response is received. PD is dealing with the issue of overhanging trees and will speak with the resident. | <b>Clerk</b><br><br><b>PD</b><br><br><b>Completed</b><br><b>Completed</b> |
| 07-11/05 | <u>REPORT FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR</u><br><b>RESOLVED</b> – Councillor Angus Thompson (AT) was unable to attend. No update given.  |   |
| 07-11/06 | <u>REPORT FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE</u><br><b>RESOLVED</b> - Parish Report for October 2023 had been received and this had been circulated via Facebook to the community.  | <b>Completed</b>  |

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- 07-11/07 PLANNING APPLICATIONS and DECISIONS NOTICES  
**RESOLVED** – Cllrs asked if the planning application ZD23/00496/FULL – 3 Chapel Row had been approved as thought it was included in the previous meeting. Clerk will confirm the status.
- 07-11/08 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 - £204.02, CE and CM Walker Ltd – Grass Cutting - £504.00, NYC – dog waste bins £1350.00. **Completed**
- 07-11/09 TO DISCUSS ANY OTHER BUSINESS:  
Councillors discussed the precept for 2024/25 and agreed it will remain at £6825. Clerk will apply to NYC for this. Clerk shared the NYC housing strategy consultation and NYC Polling District Review Consultation correspondence with the community and the Parish Councillors. The bridleway/public footpath was discussed as the area is restricted with materials left on the pathway. The area needs to be kept clear and tidy. Clerk will raise the concerns with the individual. AA asked if a budget could be agreed as the Christmas tree will be purchased and erected on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023. Cllrs agreed that up to £450 is the budget for the Christmas tree purchase. AA will arrange this. The books in the bus shelter are to be removed by the end of November and all remaining books will be disposed of. Clerk will post a notice on Facebook to see if residents would like to reclaim their donate books. Some books will be available to read in the village hall. AS asked if the road sweeper could come to Eppleby as the main road edge needs cleaning. Cllrs agreed that this is an issue but can be difficult to maintain this with the flooding and weather. Clerk will contact NYC. Potholes are an issue in the village, Clerk will raise the areas of concerned with Highways. A bin wagon hit the wall opposite the Cross Keys Inn. This is being dealt with and NYC are aware of this. An issue was raised with the fires at the curtain. The fire brigade has been out to the area and are ok with the materials being used for the fire. No further action is required. AA asked if everyone is happy for the stones around the green to remain in place. Cllrs agreed that they should remain. Residents John and Lynn have planted new blubs into the tubs and the old bulbs into the planters. The PC are very appreciated of their help/support and agreed that a £50 voucher should be gifted to them to say thank you. PD will get a voucher from Sam Turners. Some of the village benches are in need of remedial work. Cllrs agreed to ask Paul Quinn if can carry out the work. AA will speak with him. **Clerk**  
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**PD**  
**AA**
- 07-11/10 TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC  
Information on outdoor exercise equipment was shared with Cllrs. The equipment would be for over 14 years of age and cost approximately £6200 +VAT for 6 pieces of equipment. Funding/grants could potentially cover the cost of the equipment. Where would the equipment be installed? The play park was discussed or the village green. Cllrs asked the Clerk to share the information on Facebook and ask the community for feedback. AA will add this as agenda item at the next village hall meeting for discussion. **Clerk**
- 07-11/11 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING  
The date of the next meeting will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 at 7pm in Eppleby Village Hall. The goal posts should be included as an agenda item at the January meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

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

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