

Minutes of a meeting of Deighton Parish Council held on 14th March 2022 in the Village Hall, Escrick at 7.30pm

22091 Chairman's Welcome

Letters of resignation were received from Councillors Hardcastle, Chambers and Henshall. Councillor Brack resigned his position as Vice-Chair but said he would remain on the Council. Councillor Bartram agreed to Chair the current meeting until a new Chairman be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held in May. The acting Clerk would notify the vacancies in the usual manner.

The Council recorded its sincere thanks to Steven Hardcastle for stepping in as Chair during difficult times and doing such a good job of holding the Council together, to Ian Chambers for his hard work particularly with regard to highways matters and liaison with the City Council regarding speed monitoring and the installation of the new VAS signs and to Alan Henshall for all the practical work he has undertaken on behalf of the Council such as the emergency plan, village maintenance and responsibility for checking the two defibrillators.

22092 Attendance/Apologies

Cllrs Bartram, Brack, Henshall, Fletcher & Dixon were in attendance. NB. Cllr Henshall resigned towards the end of the meeting.

Ward Councillor Christian Vassie was in attendance for the first part of the meeting. No members of the Public attended.

22093 Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

22094 Public Forum

To resolve to adjourn the meeting in order to hold the Open Forum to include; -
Parishioners' Questions

- a) Overhanging trees etc. northbound bus stop. The matter was noted.
- b) Ward Councillor report

The new light at the southbound bus stop had now been installed and was serving to help residents waiting for or alighting from buses as well as raising motorist awareness of the entrance to the village. The Council recorded its thanks to Cllr Vassie for all his work in making this possible.

If sufficient funds were available in the ward highways budget Cllr Vassie said that he would try to get dropped kerbs put in on A19 to help residents cross the road to reach the service station shop.

Grants were to be available for equipment to aid Parish Councils to remove weeds mechanically from the kerbs and pavements in the village and on Wheldrake Lane. After discussion the Council decided that at the moment there was nowhere to store such equipment and not enough Councillors to take on the responsibility.

22095 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2022 were approved as being a true and correct record.

22096 Vacancy for Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

No applications had been received to date and Councillor Fletcher who had been acting Clerk said that she would no longer be able to carry on with this duty as it was very time consuming.

22097 Charitable Donations

Advice from YLCA was that Parish Council did not have powers to contribute to overseas charities. It was noted that there were a lot of local groups as well as national organisations collecting for Ukraine that people could donate to individually.

22098 Finance

To approve the following accounts for payment:-

YLCA – training courses £45

Informations Commissioner £40

Cllr Henshall – Jubilee tree £98.33

Cllr Henshall, Xmas tree lights £24.96

CYC – Contribution to VAS signs £5,115.98 (**s.137 - £1,115.98**)

<u>BANK RECONCILIATION</u>		
Balance per bank statement as at 1 September 2021		21743.51
<u>Add receipts</u>		
		0
<u>Less Payments</u>		
Cllr Brack – reimbursement Xmas tree		45.00
Escrick VHC		15.30
Balance as per bank statement – 31 January 2022 (passed round at the meeting)		21683.21

22099 Planning (new application)

A Greenacres, York Road (22/00401/FUL)

Erection of detached garage following demolition of outbuilding/garage

No objections

B Wheldrake Lane track (22/00366/FUL)

Erection of an agricultural grain store

No objections

C South View, Wheldrake Lane (22/00366)

Change of use of dwelling (class C3 (b)) to residential institution (use class C2)

No objections

Decisions

D Carp Lake Deighton to Crockey Hill (21/02458/FUL)

Loft conversion to form 1.5 storey dormer bungalow with 4 no. dormers to front; 2 no. dormers, 2 no. rooflights and 1 no. juliette balcony to rear, 2 no. dormers to west side; 1 rooflight to east side; single storey rear extension; reposition front door; partial timber cladding to all elevations; after demolition of existing lean-to extension and conservatory.

Withdrawn

E Ivy Dene, Main Street, Deighton (21/02702)

Single storey side extension for indoor swimming pool and facilities.

Approved

22100

Dealing with Planning Applications/Protocol

Advice had been received from YLCA on how planning applications that arrive between meetings should be dealt with. The matter was postponed to next meeting.

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VAS signs A19

- A** It was reported that the northbound sign had been damaged in the recent strong winds. The solar panel had been retrieved and repairs were awaited.
- B** The Council believed that speed monitoring on Wheldrake Lane had been concluded and that the criteria required to justify the sign had been met. As the Council had been advised that it did not have a power to contribute to the sign it would need to be chased with CYC.
- C** Advice was received from YLCA that Parish Councils do not have power to contribute to VAS signs even though they are classed as traffic calming, which they do have powers to contribute to. Cllr Vassie agreed to check this advice from a City Council perspective. Clerk said that an invoice had been requested urgently as the expenditure *must* come out of the current financial year in which the Ward grant had been received.
- D** It was resolved that the balance (£1115.98) would be taken from the S137 allowance which was currently £8.41 per elector. A cheque issued in November 2021 had been cancelled and a new cheque issued due to the long time that had elapsed.

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ONGOING MATTERS

A Neighbourhood Plan

The previous chair had carried out an analysis of the replies to the questionnaire. Cllr Brack said that the responsible person at CYC had left and been replaced but that he hadn't been able to make contact and had not received any reply to several e-mails. He said that unfortunately he felt that the Council had gone as far as it could without any further direction or help and it was agreed that the Plan be held in abeyance.

B Bus stop lighting – installed and working well

- C Crockey Hill Junction**
Cllr Vassie had made contact with Highways and was working to achieve a solution.
- D Parking in the Village**
Parking in Main Street had been much better but there were still a few instances that were causing problems. Notably at the junction with A19 affecting traffic entering and leaving the Main Street and at the corner near the notice board making it difficult to access and egress Distone Court. The situation would be monitored.
- E Website**
Proposals for a new website postponed to next meeting.
- F Broadband/Wifi/mobile phone signal strength**
Deferred to next meeting
- G Queen’s Jubilee celebrations**
Cllr Henshall reported that the newly planted Jubilee tree on the Village Green had now been registered on the Queen’s Green Canopy website.
It was agreed that any Jubilee celebration in June be organised by a village committee Rather than the parish council.
- H Jubilee Tree for Crockey Hill**
Quotations had been received for an oak tree but a suitable site had yet to be found.

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DOCUMENTS AND POLICIES

The following resolutions were made:-

- Standing Orders were confirmed as fit for purpose
- Financial Regulations were confirmed as fit for purpose
- Risk Assessment was confirmed.
- “Equal Opportunities Policy” was confirmed
- Model Privacy Policy was adopted
- Model Record Management Policy was adopted

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CORRESPONDENCE

- A Training Programme – YLCA. Information was distributed.
- B Leeds East Airport – Cllr Brack gave a brief update on current position.
- C Virtual meeting with Zoe Metcalfe, North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner on 26 May 6.30-7.45pm. – information distributed.

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Audit

It was resolved to appoint YLCA as Internal Auditor for 2021/22

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Items for Next Agenda

- Protocol for dealing with planning applications between meetings.
- Neighbourhood Plan
- Website
- Broadband
- Parking issues
- VAS sign for Wheldrake Lane

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Date of next meeting – 9th May 2022

This will be the Annual meeting of the Council preceded by the Annual Parish meeting

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.10pm