

## **Minutes of Byland with Wass and Oldstead Parish Council Meeting.**

**19<sup>th</sup> September 2017.**

### **1. Attendees**

Cllr. Gilruth (Chairman). Cllr. Gibson (Vice chairman). Cllr. Statham. Cllr. Metcalfe. Mrs. Clarke (clerk). Mr. A. Dale. Mrs. J. Marchant.

### **2. Apologies.**

Cllr. Bradley

### **3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017.**

These minutes were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. Statham, seconded by Cllr. Metcalfe and signed by Cllr. Gilruth (chairman).

## **4. Finance**

### **4.i. Balance**

The balance of the account is £4579.57.

### **4.ii. Annual return**

As in the past three years, the auditors commented by email that the balance of the account was rather high. Mrs. Clarke (clerk) explained that, in view of recent cuts to services provided and because of the likelihood of further reductions, a healthy balance was maintained to finance unexpected future bills. There were no written adverse comments when the documentation was returned to Mrs. Clarke (clerk). The Council took note.

#### **4.iii. Precept**

The level of the precept to be requested from Ryedale District Council was discussed. In view of possible financial outlay in the future, Cllr. Gibson proposed that the precept should remain at its current level of £810 per annum. This was seconded by Cllr. Statham. Passed.

### **5. Any other business**

#### **5.i. Dog fouling in Wass**

This matter was raised by Cllr. Statham. In recent months dog fouling has occurred on the pavements in Wass, particularly in Hambledon Lane and outside the New Row Terrace. Cllr. Statham informed the meeting that, according to Ryedale District Council policy, it is a requirement that dog owners clear up the dog excrement.

Cllr. Statham is to contact Ryedale DC regarding the provision of bins for dog excrement, the cost of such bins, the way in which the bins would be emptied, and charges for such a service.

Appropriate signs asking dog owners to remove dog excrement from pavements were also considered. Cllr. Gibson has such a sign in Kilburn Church which could be reproduced if necessary.

#### **5.ii. Car parking in Wass.**

Cllr. Gilruth drew attention to the many cars parked illegally in Wass on white lines and on pavements which are a hazard to other drivers and to pedestrians. Those cars, which park close to the junction with Hambledon Lane and Wass Bank, make the sharp bend particularly dangerous.

This has partly occurred as a result of the popularity of the excellent public house. Cllr. Statham will therefore talk to the owner of the pub, Mr. R. Thompson, to suggest that a sign might be displayed in the pub car park asking customers to park their vehicles in the village hall car park. Although this will not provide a complete solution, it would ease congestion.

Cllr. Statham will also contact Ryedale District Council Highways department (Graham Ward) to see if there any other solutions – for example, marking the white lines in the road more clearly and signage.

#### **6. Date and time of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Jenny Clarke (clerk)