

**MINUTES OF WINTRINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER 2022 AT WINTRINGHAM COMMUNITY HALL**

Present:
Mr P Witty (Chair)
Mr N Waddington
Mr K Harvey
Mr M Grayston
Ms T Ireland
Mr P Clark (Clerk)
Councillor Janet Sanderson

1. The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone present. There were apologies from Jennifer Leefe and Annie Ali. Peter also thanked Councillor Janet Sanderson for attending. Annie Ali has been co-opted onto the Parish Council to replace Steve Spaven.

2. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting, 18th August 2022.

Proposed: Nick Waddington Seconded: Ken Harvey

Accepted unopposed.

3. Action Plan:

1. Choose location for new village signs. Peter said that these had been delivered to him. It was decided to hold an informal Sunday morning outdoor meeting to decide the locations at each end of the village. Peter to organise meeting.

2. Invite Councillor Janet Sanderson to a parish council meeting to discuss the issues around traffic in the village. Janet was present at the meeting and a discussion took place mainly about the volume of traffic particularly HGV's. The outcome was:

There are many such complains from villages around Ryedale. There is nothing that can be done, vehicles have the right to use the roads. If a weight limit (e.g. 7.5 tonnes) was imposed, who would enforce it? Janet said she had contacted North Yorkshire Highways prior to the meeting. They said there was nothing they could do as local access has to be provided. Restrictions can only be considered if there is a history of serious and/or fatal accidents.

3. War Memorial renovation. Peter said he could find no evidence who has historically been responsible for maintenance. He said it is most likely the parish council. Nick said that he has already cleaned the stone and can arrange for the missing lettering to be replaced by a specialist for approximately £100. This work would best be left until warmer weather in the spring. Nick to arrange.

4. A donation of £50 has been sent to Ryedale Citizen's advice bureau.

5. Jennifer Leefe was not at the meeting due to ill health but there was a discussion about Tree Preservation Orders. It is thought that there is no connection between a preservation order being obtained for a tree and whether or not it is in a conservation area. It was decided to keep an eye on future tree felling in the village then consider contacting the Tree Preservation officer.

Janet Sanderson said she would ask colleagues at North Yorkshire County Council whether a Tree Preservation Order can be put on a tree when there is no immediate threat to it.

6. The required equipment has been purchased for the Wintringham Community Speed watch and is now in use.

4. Correspondence. There was an update from Ben Jenkinson about Friends of St. Peter's Church, Wintringham. This detailed the recent work on cleaning the church interior and clearing and tidying the church yard. It also gave details of the work of the Churches Conservation Trust including bat surveys.

5. Parish Precept 2023/24. The amount required needed to be decided and submitted the Ryedale District Council by December 31st.

The Clerk said that the Parish Council has excessive reserves in the bank (approximately £10,000). At annual return time, any reserves greater than twice the precept needs to be explained. Current liabilities were about £4000 so this would leave about £6000. It was decided to reduce the precept for the coming year from £2250 to £1500.

6. Community Speed watch. Mike showed data from the speed watch to the Parish Councillors. Amongst other things it showed that speeding of HGV's was not a problem. Nick thanked Mike and the team. "keep it up!"

7. Any Other Business:

Ken suggested installing electric car charging at the Community Hall (in part to reduce the high reserves). It was felt that there was not yet enough demand for this yet but to be considered again in the future.

Mike asked Janet Sanderson about the change to the new North Yorkshire County Council in 2023. She said this should be 'seamless' from 1st April.

Six pilot schemes across the county will take place for town and parish councils to take on tasks and duties and be funded.

Peter said that NYCC highways had been digging drainage 'grips' on the road past Linton Mill. Nick said that he had noticed that this has exposed a substantial amount of road surface at each side that has gradually been grown over. If the overgrowth were cut back it would make the road considerably wider. Janet Sanderson said she would ask NYCC Highways how to go about asking for this work to be done.

Peter said he has purchased two rowan trees as requested for the Millenium Pond area. He will plant these and give the receipt to the Clerk.

Peter closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

