

BYLAND WITH WASS AND OLDSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

16 January 2023, 7pm

Attendees

Councillor Christine Bradley – Chair

Councillor John Williams

Councillor Peter Williams

Councillor Charles Skeffington

Observer

John Marchant

Apologies:

Councillor Stephen Cain

Minutes

Confirmation of Michael Bradley as Parish Clerk

Michael Bradley was unanimously voted in as the new Parish Clerk.

Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting – 26th September 2022

Minutes were approved.

Matters arising

- Oldstead Defibrillator
 - John Williams stated that the Oldstead Defibrillator had been installed on an outside wall of the Black Swan and that they had kindly agreed to fund the installation and the electricity to power the unit. He unit now needs to be registered on the national database, “the circuit”. – **ACTION: Mike Bradley**
- Slow signs on Wass Bank
 - Christine Bradley reported that she had made several attempts to contact Highways Maintenance based at Kirby Mispeton regarding the Slow signs on Wass Bank along with the subject of Grit Bins paid for by the Parish. Despite several Emails and telephone calls to the Highways Team no contact could be established. Peter Williams suggested we contact the Community Link Officer. **ACTION: Christine Bradley to contact Community Link Officer Jonathon Hields and seek his assistance.**
 - Charles Scaffington has spoken to local farmers in an attempt to restrict both speed and access on Wass Bank
- Parking/Lights in Wass
 - Christine Bradley has spoken to “Dark Skies” co-ordinator Mike Houghton about the provision of suitable lights from the Car Park to the Cross Roads. It is estimated that 3 LED Lights would be required and that a grant could be made available to assist with the purchase and installation of them. **ACTION: Christine Bradley to make**

further contact to establish whether the grant would fully or partially fund the purchase and installation of the lights

- 20s Plenty Campaign
 - Peter Williams reported that Mike King the leader of the Conservative majority party at NYCC was discussing funding for the scheme as 140 Towns and Parishes were in favour of implementing it across North Yorkshire.
- Local Council Parish Forum – Coxwold 16th November 2022
 - John Williams and Stephen Cain attended the meeting and reported that the attempt to benchmark costs of services/insurance and Precepts across the local parishes had been extremely useful. The next meeting in approximately 6 months' time will be held in Wass Village Hall. Christine Bradley also confirmed that the next meeting of the Western Area Forum would also take place in Wass Village Hall.

Finance

- Balance of Account
 - Mike Bradley reported that the Balance of Account stood at £5486.77.
 - Hannah Plowman, the previous Parish Clerk, has requested that the Honorarium of £200 should be used for a charitable or environmental activity in the Parish
- Agreement on Precept
 - The proposed Precept for the Parish was unanimously agreed at £2000 for 2023/24 financial year. This is an increase on last year's precept of £1500 due largely to the impact of inflation and a small deficit during the current year.

Planning

- Planning Application for Pond in field opposite Rose Cottage – NYM/2022/0917
 - The Council unanimously agreed that the pond would reduce flooding in the field and on the road and agreed to support the planning application.

Any Other Business

- Agree dates for Parish Council Meetings 2023
 - It was agreed that Parish Council Meetings would be held on the following dates during 2023:
 - 20th March
 - 15th May
 - 18th September
 - 11th December

Date for the next meeting

20th March 2023, 7:00pm

Mike Bradley – Parish Clerk