

MINUTES OF THE BYLAND WITH WASS AND OLDSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10 JANUARY 2022 7.30pm by Zoom

ATTENDEES

Cllr. Statham (Chair), Cllr. Williams (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Gilruth, Cllr. Cain, Ms Plowman (Clerk).

1. CONFIRMATION OF PARISH CLERK

Ms Plowman was elected as Parish Clerk, proposed by Cllr. Statham and seconded by Cllr. Williams, and supported by the meeting.

Mrs Clarke – A heartfelt thank you was expressed to Mrs Clarke for her outstanding ten-year contribution to the community.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Bradley

3. MINUTES OF THE BYLAND WITH WASS AND OLDSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2021 were approved as a true and fair copy. Proposed by Cllr. Williams and seconded Cllr. Gilruth and agreed by the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 ROUNDELS AT OLDSTEAD

Following satisfactory completion of the roundels repairs as documented in the 13 September meeting minutes, there is residual funding of £528 (£1,500 less £972). North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) have authorised the funding to be spent on alternative projects. Cllr. Williams proposed this be spent and in discussion with Cllr. Cain requested that the Parish Council consider the funds contributing to the purchase of a defibrillator to be situated in Oldstead. Additional funding would be provided via a resident and the Oldstead Millennium Fund. A location is yet to be agreed.

Cllr. Gilruth advised that the running cost of a defibrillator is between £50 and £60 per year. And Cllr Bradley had also submitted invoices for new batteries and pads for the Wass defibrillator. Following a further discussion Cllr. Statham proposed that the Parish Council would cover the running costs of the two defibrillators in Wass and Oldstead, Cllr. Williams seconded and this was supported by the meeting.

4.2 TRAFFIC THROUGH WASS

Two emails were received in relation to traffic in Wass in relation to Sutton Bank closures and the weight of traffic travelling through the village. The issues have been referred to Highways England previously.

It was noted that the Parish Clerk has an ongoing role in representing the village at meetings with Ampleforth and other villages to discuss traffic issues when Sutton Bank is closed.

Cllr. Gilruth requested that Highways be contacted to install equipment to measure the vibration in the road to detect whether this is within tolerances. Action to be taken forward by the Chair and Clerk.

4.3 PARKING IN WASS

The Parish Council requested that the white line outside the Stapylton Arms be re-painted to improve visibility. The road has now been swept and Highways view the white line as sufficiently visible without it being repainted.

The Parish Council requested signs at the bottom of Wass Bank to direct traffic to the Village Hall. This has been approved and will be carried out by NYCC.

A quote from a local electrician to install additional lighting in the village hall car park Lighting has been requested. The cost would be met by the Village Hall Committee.

5. FINANCE

5.1 BALANCE OF THE ACCOUNT

The balance as at 27 December 2021 the balance stood at £5,947.17.

5.2 AD-HOC EXPENDITURE

A Zoom account has been set up in Parish Clerk name. Cllr. Statham requested authorisation of payment for £144. The account is available for use on all Parish Council business.

Two further items were needed by the Clerk, a fireproof cabinet and a hard disc drive to store the Parish Archive. Cllr. Statham proposed the purchase of these items and Cllr. Cain seconded. The meeting agreed.

6. PLANNING

Future planning application responses will be submitted online by the Parish Councillors.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 COMMUNICATIONS

The Parish Council is legally obliged to put the minutes on Ryedale DC site and on the noticeboards. Informally minutes have also been shared via email in Wass. The meeting discussed a PC email distribution that would include the whole Parish area. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk will send out an introduction email to available email addresses providing an opportunity to opt into the system. The approach was approved by the Councillors present.

7.2 TREE PLANTING

Oldstead were considering planting a tree for the Queen's Jubilee They would contact RDC about their free tree scheme. Cllr has matters in hand for Wass.

7.3 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Terms of office would normally finish in 2023 but will now finish in 2022, as a result of Local Government reorganisation in N. Yorkshire. Cllr. Statham highlighted that existing Councillors would need to be nominated again if they would like to remain on the Parish Council.

Depending on interest there may need for an election in May which would be alongside other Local Authority elections. Ryedale District Council send out formal notifications (election notices will appear on noticeboards).

8. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would normally in May. There is a formal requirement to have a meeting two weeks after the May 2022 election. This would also include village open meetings. It was agreed that a provisional date of the 28 March 2022 should be held for a short meeting.