

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF LOWER WASHBURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 9 MAY 2024 held in the parish rooms at Leathley.

Present: Mr. J. Buxton, Mr. D. Holmes, Mr. W. Keighley, Mr. J. Liddle, Mr. D. Portlock, Mr. J. Smith, Mrs K. Templeton Mrs. L. Woledge, Mr. A. Wood.

Also in attendance: Councillor Mr. N. Hull
The Clerk and 1 member of the public.

1 ELECTION OF CHAIR

The nomination for chair was Mr. John Buxton who was proposed by Councillor Mr. Portlock and seconded by Councillor Mr. Holmes. The motion was carried unanimously. RESOLVED that Councillor M. J. Buxton be elected chair for the forthcoming year.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

The nomination for vice chair was Mr. David Holmes who was proposed by Councillor Mr. Portlock and seconded by Councillor Mr. Keighley. The motion was carried unanimously. RESOLVED that Councillor Mr. D. Holmes be elected chair for the forthcoming year.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

4. FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

It was agreed that the present arrangement of six meetings a year be continued with the meeting date normally being the second Thursday in each month except for July to allow for the Great Yorkshire Show

2024

18 July (to allow for members to attend the Great Yorkshire show)

12 September

14 November

2025

9 January

13 March (including the annual parish meeting)

8 May ((including the annual general meeting)

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 MARCH 2024

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Councillor Mr. Portlock and seconded by Councillor Mrs Woledge and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the parish meeting held on the 14 March 2024 circulated previously were a true record and were signed by the chair.

6. CLERKS REPORT

a) Leathley – a new noticeboard has been installed

b) Castley – the new defibrillator has now been installed. A special thank you to all those involved with the financing and installation of the defibrillator.

c) Changeover to a gov.uk e mail address – there is a recommendation that local councils and councillors change to gov.uk e mail addresses and website. However, this is only advisory and does come with an initial cost of approximately £500 and an annual cost of £250+.

RESOLVED that at this time the parish continues with the present e mail address for the parish and using members personal e. mail addresses.

7. PARISH CARETAKER

Mr. Walsh has worked 17 hours in March and 40 hours in April.

RESOLVED that this be noted.

8. PLANNING

APPLICATION RECEIVED

a) Environment Bank High Braythorne Farm, Church Lane Stainburn – creation of 3 ponds the parish. The parish did not have any objections.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

a) Environment Bank, High Braythorne Farm, Church Lane Stainburn - Creation of 3no. ponds. APPROVAL GRANTED subject to the development being carried out within 5 years of the date of this letter and in accordance with the agreed details

APPLICATIONS REFUSED

a) Mr. M. Dobson, Field 2067 Leathley Lane, Leathley - Removal of a field shed and erection of agricultural barn with altered access LOCATION: Land Comprising OS Field 2067 Leathley Lane Leathley.

REFUSE PLANNING PERMISSION The reasons for the decision are as follows: 1 By virtue of the location, scale, design and materials of the building and associated landscaping and fencing, the scheme would be an incongruous and visually prominent/dominating feature in the context of its rural landscape, which makes no positive contribution to the quality of the local environment when viewed from the public right of way or the other public vantage points along Leathley Lane. The proposal is therefore contrary to the guidance within the NPPF, and Local Plan policies HP3 and NE4. 2 Insufficient convincing justification and evidence has been provided to ascertain that the proposal would meet the agricultural exception set out within the NPPF Green Belt policy. It is therefore considered contrary to paragraph 154 of the NPPF and Local Plan policy GS4. 3 Insufficient details have been provided to ascertain that satisfactory visibility splays can be provided on the site, and no technical evidence to support the proposed visibility splays has been provided. Nor is it considered that satisfactory turning and parking space is provided between the access point and the proposed TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 NOTICE OF DECISION ON PLANNING APPLICATION Decision No ZC23/04459/FUL YOUR RIGHTS OF APPEAL ARE AVAILABLE AT www.northyorks.gov.uk/planning/dcrefulz Page 2 of 4 building to accommodate safe entry and exit from the site. Therefore, it is considered that the proposal is contrary to NPPF paragraph 115 in relation to highways safety. 4 Insufficient evidences have been presented to demonstrate that the need and benefits of the scheme would not have an unacceptable environmental impact on local biodiversity or ecology, such as bats or birds which may be present within the existing field shed which would require demolition to accommodate the building. The proposal would therefore be contrary to the provisions of the NPPF and Local Plan policy NE3. You can see the officer's report on the application at www.northyorks.gov.uk/plan

9. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Tree preservation order – the Old Rectory, Stainburn Lane, Stainburn – 3 trees specified for protection – two sycamore and a pear tree have been given a temporary TPO. RESOLVED that enquiry be made concerning the imposing of the TPO.

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) The interest bearing account has now been opened at the Skipton Building Society.
b) Accounts processed for online payment.

1. WEL Medical - Defibrillator	1318.80
2. Clare Smith - audit	50.00
3. J. Atkinson materials	17.10
4. ZURICH insurance	633.99
5. J. Atkinson – materials	23.38
6. M. Elam – imprest	241.31
7. M. Elam	63.00
8. J M B Electrics wiring defibrillator	313.40
9. M. Walsh parish caretaker – 17 hours in March 40.5 hours in April	862.50
10. J. Atkinson – materials	75.31

TOTAL

£ 3598.79

(Paid out of imprest:	£
1. Printer Ink	21.31
2. Data protection fee	40.00
Total	<u>61.31</u>

RESOLVED that these payments be noted

c) Final account for 2023/2024 – a financial statement showing the year end accounts has been circulated to members.

RESOLVED that this be noted and the accounts were signed by the chair.

d) Parish Audit – documents relating to the audit had been circulated to members

1. Annual governance statement 2023/2024

2. Accounting statements 2023/2024

RESOLVED that the annual governance and accounting statements for the parish be approved and signed by the chair.

11. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

a) The cast iron grate covers at Lindley Bridge have been stolen and cones have been placed there by NY Highways to make motorists aware.

b) The repairs to the road at Kex Gill will be completed by the end of June 2024 and have cost £1.8m. This money is separate to the allotment of monies for the new road which will be completed in 2025.

c) Members are concerned about the lack of response from the NY Highways. Correspondence is at first acknowledged automatically with no further response sent. Councillor Hull confirmed that this also a problem for the NY councillors

12. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

a) B6161 – there are deep gulleys just short of Leathley Bank.

b) Castley – deep potholes on Castley Lane

c) Farnley School corner – there is a culvert that is caving in.

d) Clifton with Newall – several road signs are missing.

13. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the parish will take place on 18 July 2024 commencing at 8.00pm in the Leathley village hall.

Signed.....

Chairman