

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LOWER WASHBURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 14 MARCH 2024 HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS AT LEATHLEY.

Present: Mr. J. Buxton, Mr. D. Holmes, Mr. N. Houseman, 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.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 11 JANUARY 2024

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish meeting held on the 11 January 2024 circulated
previously were a true record. The minutes were signed by the chair

3. CLERK'S REPORT

a) Telephone kiosk at Stainburn – Mr. Knockton at Stainburn hopes to start the refurbishment of
the kiosk in spring and one possible use would be for a defibrillator.

b) Castley – defibrillator – the parish have received the grant from North Yorkshire council and
thanks go to Councillor Hull for his assistance in obtaining the grant. A location has been agreed
for the defibrillator and one will be ordered soon.

c) Resolution of the caravan parked in Leathley – thanks to two residents the occupant of the
caravan has been given assistance and provided with suitable accommodation. The caravan and
vehicle have been removed.

4. PARISH CARETAKER

Mr. Walsh worked 18 hours in January and 13 hours in February 2024.

RESOLVED that this be noted

5. PLANNING

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED - nil

APPLICATIONS GRANTED - nil

APPLICATIONS REFUSED - nil

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Mr. Jackson, Wharfedale House Castley Lane Castley Otley North Yorkshire LS21 2PY -
erection of two storey extension with alterations to existing dwelling and erection of replacement
outbuilding. This application has been withdrawn

6. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

a) Highways issues following the winter weather.

There are several issues relating to the state of the highways within the parish and the damage
and the possible danger that flooding creates on some of the roads in winter.

b) Possible roundabout at the junction of the A658 Harrogate Road, B6161 Leathley and Castley
Lane to ease traffic congestion and long delays.

RESOLVED that North Yorkshire highway officers be invited to meet with parish councillors to
discuss the issues raised in a) and b).

7. FINANCIAL ITEMS

a) Review of parish banking accounts.

RESOLVED that an interest-bearing instant access community account be opened at Skipton
Building Society in Otley and the four authorised signatories be J Buxton, D Holmes, D Portlock
and J Smith any two to sign.

b) Accounts processed for online payment	
1. M. Walsh parish caretaker 18hrs + materials for January	278.00
2. Anne Hitch Charity Leathley grasscutting	157.50
3. M. Elam salary for January, February, and March	572.40
4. M. Elam Imprest	200.00
5. HMRC tax	129.60
6. M. Walsh parish caretaker 13 hours worked in February	<u>195.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>£ 1532.50</u>

RESOLVED that these payments be noted.

7.MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

a) Farnley Lane to Brogden – the hedge adjacent to the footpath which crossing a field on Mr. Stevenson’s farm is overgrown forcing walkers to seek an alternative route across the field.

RESOLVED that the landowner be contacted to enquire if the hedge could be cut back at the appropriate time.

b) Lindley Lodge Horses are breaking out of the field and there seems to be a permanent structure in the field that possible does not have planning permission.

RESOLVED that the planning authority be made aware.

c)Castley – broken drain at white House Farm

RESOLVED THAT Highways be made aware.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the parish will take place on 9 May 2024 commencing at 8.00pm in the Leathley village hall.

Signed.....
Chairman