

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LOWER WASHBURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 13 MARCH 2025 HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS AT LEATHLEY.

Present: Mr. J. Buxton, Mr. D. Holmes, Mr. N. Houseman, Mr. W. Keighley, Mr. J. Liddle, Mr. J. Smith, Mrs. L. Woledge, Mr. A. Wood

Also in attendance: the Clerk and 1 member of the public.

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2025

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Mr. Holmes and seconded by Mr. Smith and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the parish meeting held on the 9 January 2025 circulated previously were a true record and were signed by the chair.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs. K. Templeton, Mr. D. Portlock

3. CLERKS REPORT

a) Castley - damage to the verge and road edge - The highway officer is monitoring the area, but he has noted the contractors are parking hard up against the wall and the remaining carriageway space is sufficient for vehicles to pass, but it is noted some vehicles are driving over the verge and thus causing the damage as per your photos. The officer will continue to monitor the area to ensure the contractors keep as close to the wall as is possible.

b) Land for potential development in N Yorks between Otley and Copmanroyd North Yorkshire council are preparing a new local plan and in 2024 they issued a "call for sites" where landowners, site promoters and developers were asked to submit sites for consideration. This item of suggested development came via Mrs. 'Woledge. North Yorkshire to be contacted on why the parish were not informed directly of this issue.

c) Flytipping of asbestos sheets on Cinder Lane and Pillwhite Lane - this issue was reported via North Yorkshires web site by the clerk and independently by residents and has still not been cleared. This item to also be reported to the Environmental Agency.

4. Town and Parish Council Survey

For North Yorkshire Council Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) 2024/25. Government issued has a revised planning policy for traveller sites. Each planning authority has to set targets for pitches for Gypsies and travellers and plots for travelling showpeople. The views of both the travelling communities and local communities are sought and authorities are asked to complete an online form and their views are treated in strictest confidence.

5. VEHICLE SPEEDS IN THE PARISH AREA.

This issue continues to develop and will remain on the agenda for future meetings.

6. PARISH CARETAKER

Mr. Walsh worked 14.5 hours in January and 32 Hours in February.

RESOLVED that this be noted

7. PLANNING.

a) BT consultation on the proposed removal of public payphone services and lock the kiosks. at Stainburn Lane Leathley North Yorkshire. Local residents are to be consulted on the future of the telephone kiosk.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

a) K. A. Liddle and Partners, East Beck Barn, Low Lane, Stainburn Proposed porch extension above, The conditions to which the permission is subject are as follows: The development hereby permitted shall be begun on or before three years from the date of this permission.

b) Mr. Mrs. Senyk, Gardens House, Farnley Lane, Farnley. Alterations to existing dwelling and associated landscaping including demolition of existing conservatory, new second storey extension over existing side extension, redesign of front porch, new side porch.

APPLICATIONS REFUSED - nil

CORRESPONDENCE - nil

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Accounts processed for online payments:

1. J. Atkinson, Building Merchants, materials	£22.82
2. M. Walsh 14 hours plus materials in December	£242.97
3. Anne Hitch Almshouses – grasscutting in Leathley	£36.00
4. M. Walsh 14.5 hours in January	£221.50
5. J. Atkinson, Building materials	£38.04
6. M. Walsh, 32 hours plus materials	£485.00
7. M. Elam salary for January, February and March 2025	£572.40
8. HMRC tax payment	<u>£129.60</u>
	<u>£1748.33</u>

TOTAL

Paid out of imprest

1. Hire of village hall in January	£30.00
2. Go Daddy - Domain name renewal for 3 years	<u>£38.97</u>
	<u>£68.97</u>

RESOLVED that these payments be noted

b) Review of the rates of pay for the Parish Clerk and Parish Caretaker.

The Clerk and Caretaker left the meeting during the discussion.

RESOLVED that the rate of pay for Mr. Elam be raised to £15 per hour and for Mr. Walsh to be raised to £18 per hour. The two rates of pay to be effective from the 1 April 2025.

9. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

10. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

a) Riverside estate – no grit in the bins.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the parish will take place on 8 May 2025 commencing at 8.00pm in Leathley village hall.

Signed.....

Chairman