

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LOWER WASHBURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2023 HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS AT LEATHLEY.

Present: Mr. D. Holmes, Mr. N. Houseman, Mr. W. Keighley, Mr. J. Liddle, Mr. D. Portlock, Mrs. K. Templeton, Mr. J. Smith

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. J. Buxton, Mrs. L. Woledge, Mrs. P. Armstrong, Mr. A. Wood

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 14 SEPTEMBER 2023

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish meeting held on the 14 September 2023 circulated previously were a true record. The minutes were signed by the chair Mr. D Holmes

3. CLERK'S REPORT

a) Phone box at Braythorne

It is suggested that the parish makes a one-off payment of £800 towards the cost of refurbishing the telephone kiosk.

RESOLVED that the parish make a one-off payment of £800 towards the cost of the telephone kiosk refurbishment at Braythorne.

b) North Yorkshire – 20mph application – North Yorkshire Council have received many requests for the introduction of 20mph speed limits which will be considered following a revision of the speed limits in the council area with reference to hot spots within the highway network.

c) Castley – provision of a defibrillator – there are no further updates on this issue.

d) Overhanging bush on Farnley Lane – the Farnley estate asked the tenant to cut back the bush and this has now been done.

4. RECHARGING FOR PARISH COUNCIL BY ELECTIONS

North Yorkshire have informed the parish that if a by election must be held the parish would have to bear the cost and suggest that the parish prepare for this in preparing their precept.

RESOLVED that there would be no increase in the current precept to cover this issue. If the parish was required to pay the costs these would be paid for out of parish reserves with a subsequent adjustment of the precept to restore the reserves.

5. PARISH CARETAKER

Mr. Walsh worked 17 hours in September and 13.5 hours in October.

RESOLVED that this be noted

6. PLANNING

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

a) Mr. D. Newett – Jubilee Farm, Wescoe Hill Lane, Weeton -Demolition of existing buildings including existing farmhouse, and erection of new house (self-build) and associated ancillary buildings, including annexe lodge, and outbuildings together with new landscaping and associated biodiversity enhancements. As this property is on the boundary with Weeton we were asked for our comments. The parish had no objections.

b) Mr. M. Dobson, The Barn House, Leathley Lane, Leathley – erection of single storey rear extension. The parish council had no objections.

c) Mr. Mrs. Houseman, Prospect House Farm, Lindley, Conversion of redundant barns to form 1 no bed dwelling with agricultural workers restriction. The parish council had no objections. (Mr. Houseman was not involved in the decision-making process for this application.)

d) Mrs. A. Goldthorp, 2A Castley Lane Leathley - demolition and re-build of existing garage and porch area, re-render, re-roof, and new windows. The parish council had no objections.

APPLICATIONS GRANTED

a) Mr. J. Houseman, Prospect house Farm Lindley - Demolition of existing outbuildings & Erection of two storey side extension. To be started within 3 years

APPLICATIONS REFUSED - nil

CORRESPONDENCE - nil

7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

a) Leathley – the hedges up to Mill House have been cut making it easier to walk on the footpath.

8. FINANCIAL ITEMS

a) Appointment of a new auditor

Following the retirement of the previous auditor I have approached Clare Smith who is a CICLA qualified Clerk who currently carries out internal audits for Grassington PC, Kettlewell with Starbotton PC, Linton PC and Mid Wharfedale PC.

RESOLVED that the appointment of Clare Smith to carry out the internal audit for year ending 2023-2024 be approved.

a) Accounts processed for online payment

1. M. Walsh parish caretaker 17 hours plus materials for September	324.73
2. M. Elam Salary for July August and September	572.40
3. HMRC	129.60
4. R. Dearing computer support	<u>80.00</u>

TOTAL £1106.73

The payments were confirmed by the parish members.

b) Setting a precept for 2024-2025 – members have been supplied with a financial forecast for 2024-2025.

RESOLVED that the precept for 2024-2025 be set at \$9750.

9. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

a) Rubbish has been left by the bridge in Castley.

b) Blocked drains are causing a large area of water to form on Farnley

Resolved that North Yorkshire be made aware of the two issue above.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the parish will take place on 11 January 2024 commencing at 8.00pm in the Leathley village hall.

Signed.....
Chairman