

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LOWER WASHBURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2023 HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS AT LEATHLEY.

Present: Mr. J. Buxton, Mr. D. Holmes, Mr. N. Houseman,
Mr. J. Liddle, Mr. D. Portlock, Mrs. L. Woledge,

Also in attendance:
The Clerk and 3 members of the public.

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. A. Wood, Mrs. Armstrong, Mr. Keighley, Mr. Smith, Councillor Hull

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 13 JULY 2023

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish meeting held on the 13 July 2023 circulated previously were a true record. The minutes were signed by the chair.

3. CLERK'S REPORT

a) Phone box at Braythorne the clerk met with a solicitor at Savage and Crangle in Skipton for advice on whether the telephone kiosk could be sold. BT only sold the parish the phone box and not the land on which it stands. The solicitor advises that the box can be sold.

Mr. T. Knockton attended the meeting representing Braythorne residents and reported that they wished to retain the telephone kiosk. The refurbishment of the kiosk would be carried out by residents and would carry out the maintenance with a request for some funding from the parish. Mr. Arnold the landowner where the kiosk is situated would also support the retention of the kiosk.

RESOLVED that Mr. Knockton would discuss the project with the residents and liaise with the chair Mr. Buxton.

4. LINDLEY - Installation of gate on the track

The Farnley estate manager Julie Middlebrook attended the meeting to explain the situation. The track was meant to only be used by walkers and service vehicles but off-road vehicles had been using it and causing damage. In liaison with the senior footpath officer a gate had been fitted which would only let walkers to access the track via a gate in the middle but a raised part would prevent access by off road bikes. Following a complaint by a member of the public that disabled access had been affected by the gate installation one of the other footpath officers had asked the gate be removed.

Discussions are ongoing to reach a resolution on this issue.

RESOLVED the parish supports the action taken.

5. LEATHLEY VILLAGE HALL - feasibility of additional car parking

This item is to be discussed at a later meeting.

6. OFF ROAD VEHICLES IN THE PARISH AREA.

Off road vehicles had been observed using other tracks in the parish area causing erosion and damage. This is a regular issue in the countryside and needs to be monitored.

7. NORTH YORKSHIRE – 20mph application strategy

Following the parishes statement of support for the 20mph campaign there is a wish to go forward and meet with North Yorkshire officers and Councillor Hull to explore how this could be achieved.

RESOLVED that a meeting be arranged for this issue to be moved forward.

8. CASTLEY - Provision of a defibrillator

At the May meeting the parish agreed to provide £300 funding towards the purchase of a defibrillator for Castley with additional funding being made available by Councillor Hull.

RESOLVED that Councillor Hull be made aware of our offer.

9. PARISH CARETAKER

Mr. Walsh worked 16.5 hours in July and 17.5 hours in August.

RESOLVED that this be noted

10. PLANNING

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

a) Mrs. A. Goldthorpe, 2A Castley Lane, Leathley – single storey bungalow, extension to existing garage and single storey rear extension with flat roof. The parish council had no objections.

b) Mr. J. Houseman, Prospect House Farm Lindley – demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of 2 storey side extension. (Mr. Houseman was not involved in the decision relating to this application.) The parish council had no objections to this application.

APPLICATIONS GRANTED

a) Mrs. A. Goldthorpe, 2a Castley Lane, Single storey bungalow - extension to existing converted garage and single storey rear extension with a flat roof. Re render Reroof New windows. Work to have been started within 3 years.

APPLICATIONS REFUSED - nil

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Braythorne Fold Barn, Church Lane – non compliance

North Yorkshire planning services does not believe that there has been a non-compliance with approved plans at this location. However, a resident feels that this is not the case and is frustrated with the lack of response from the planning officer the residents e mails.

RESOLVED that this be noted.

11. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

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12. FINANCIAL ITEMS

a) Accounts paid online

1. M. Walsh parish caretaker 16.5 hours plus materials for July
291.46
2. M. Walsh parish caretaker 17.5 hours plus materials for August
276.66
3. Anne Hitch almshouse grass cutting in Leathley
175.00
4. J T. Atkinson – tarmacadam
32.26
5. Savage Crangle solicitors – legal advice regarding telephone kiosk
126.00

901.38

RESOLVED that these sums be approved

b) Commuted sums

Following planning developments three sums of money are available for use in the parish.

1. Leathley verges £771.95
2. Verge opposite Pear tree Farm £351.95
3. All Saints churchyard £281.14

RESOLVED that these be looked at to establish how they can be most effectively used.

13. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

- a) Castley – water running off causing some flooding to nearby property.
- b) Overgrown rose bush at Farnley causing difficulties seeing approaching traffic.

14. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the parish will take place on 9 November 2023 commencing at 8.00pm in the Leathley village hall.

Signed.....
Chairman