

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LOWER WASHBURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2024 HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS AT LEATHLEY.

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

Also in attendance: The Clerk and 2 members of the public.

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 JULY 2024

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the parish meeting held on the 18 July 2024 circulated previously were a true record and were signed by the chair.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs. L. Woledge, Mr. N. Hull

3. CLERKS REPORT

a) Castley giant hogweed – North Yorkshire inspection

this was reported to North Yorkshire Council and they promptly sent someone to inspect and it was found to be harmless.

b) Leathley overgrown hedge – the property owner has been asked to cut the hedge back.

c) Otley Bridge footpath replacement

the footbridge adjoining the bridge over the river has been found to be defective and will have to be replaced. A temporary footbridge will be installed to the east of the road bridge linking it to Tittybottle park until the original footbridge has been replaced. There will be some road closures and diversions The temporary footbridge will be operational in Spring 2025 and access to the replacement by late summer 2025.

d) Otley introduction of a shared transport hub

The West Yorkshire Combined authority is looking to introduce a shared transport hub in Otley which would be a one stop shop for transport services {e.g. cycle hire, car clubs and public transport information} and are asking for the views of the public. Mrs Woledge wishes them to be aware of the needs of the Riverside estate residents.

RESOLVED that the West Yorkshire Combined Authority be made aware of our concerns.

e) Riffa Wood ownership?

It is believed that the woods are owned by Howarth Timber

f) Wood footbridge over the River Washburn – there are concerns over the safety of this bridge.

RESOLVED that the landowner (Farnley Estate) be made aware of our safety concerns.

4. OVERGROWN VERGES AND FOOTPATHS IN THE PARISH AREA.

Members have concerns that throughout the parish there are verges and hedges that are overgrown at times hindering the footpath use and creating dangerous road conditions where there is reduced visibility or trees overhang the road which vehicles may hit.

RESOLVED that North Yorkshire Highways staff be asked to meet with parish representatives to discuss these issues.

5. PARISH CARETAKER

Mr. Walsh worked 22 hours in July and 32 hours in August.

6. PLANNING

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

a) Carr Side Farm Clifton - Proposed oil tank and solar panel installation. The parish council had no objections.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

a) Mr. Jackson, Wharfedale House Castley - Proposed alterations and extension to existing dwelling and replacement garage. The development hereby permitted shall be begun on or before three years from the date of this permission. The rooflight(s) hereby permitted shall be of the conservation type with a black steel frame and central glazing bar, have recessed installation so that the rooflight sits flush with the roof covering and does not project above this line, be top

opening unless a side hung escape rooflight is required and the flashing of the opening shall be carried out in traditional leadwork planning. 1 All bats and their roosts are fully protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000) and are further protected under Regulation 41 (1) of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010. Should any bats or evidence of bats be found prior to or during development, work must stop immediately and in the first instance contact the National Bat Helpline on 0845 1300 228.

b) Carr Side Farm Clifton - Proposed oil tank and solar panel installation. The work must be started within 3 years.

c) M. Hawksworth, Fir Tree Farm, Dark Lane Stainburn - construction of a new agricultural access to farmland – prior approval for this action was not required.

APPLICATIONS REFUSED – nil

CORRESPONDENCE - nil

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a)

1.M. Walsh 22 hours worked in July plus materials	£340.00
2.M. Walsh 32 hours worked in August plus materials	£490.00
3. M. Elam imprest	£126.00

TOTAL £ 956.00

(Paid out of imprest:

1. Leathley Village Hall	£ 30.00
2. J. P Grange hedge cutting in Castley	<u>126.00</u>
	<u>156.00</u>

RESOLVED that these payments be noted

b) Precept – members feel that an increase on the current precept is needed to enable the parish continue to provide services and expand those provided in future years. Calculations using the North Yorkshire property bands are to be made available for the November meeting.

8. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

There is flooding on the road at Beckwithshaw and the site is to be identified and reported to north Yorkshire Highways.

9.MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

Parish members have previously expressed interest in promoting reduced speed limits in the parish It was agreed that the parish undertake a postal survey of the residents to determine their views on the introduction of reduced speed limits particularly the 20mph limit.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the parish will take place on 14 November 2024 commencing at 8.00pm in the Leathley village hall.

Signed.....

Chairman