

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

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

Also in attendance: councillor Mr. N. Hull, the Clerk and 1 member of the public.

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2024

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Councillor Mr. D. Portlock and seconded by Mr. W. Keighley and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the parish meeting held on the 12 September 2024 circulated previously were a true record and were signed by the chair.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. J. Buxton, Mr. A. Wood.

3. CLERKS REPORT

a) Wooden footbridge over the River Washburn – Mr. Walsh has inspected the footbridge and noted that up to 12 treads need replacing which he is able to do. However, there is some rot to the timbers spanning the river which are shown on a sketch which has been distributed. The responsibility for the bridge will now have passed to North Yorkshire council Mr. Wood makes a good point that if we report our concerns to NY, they will likely say they do not have the money for a new one and close it.

RESOLVED that we provide councillor Mr. Hull with the relevant facts for him to liaise with the appropriate NY official.

4. VEHICLE SPEEDS IN THE PARISH AREA.

A speed analysis of the traffic passing through Leathley shows an average speed of 44/42 and 85 percentile of 51/48. The injury accident data does not indicate any speed related accidents within the last three years. North Yorkshire Police have been made aware of these issues and if a suitable site is located enforcement will be undertaken at times identified by the data.

RESOLVED that no action be taken in pursuit of reducing speed limits within the parish area until the results of the questionnaire.

5. PARISH CARETAKER

Mr. Walsh worked 9 hours in September and 22 hours in October.

RESOLVED that his be n noted

6. PLANNING

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

a) Mr. A. Thompson, Woodbridge House, Leathley Lane – felling of a cherry tree, and crown thinning of 3 beech trees. The parish council objected to this application.

RESOLVED that this be noted.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

a) The Old Rectory, Stainburn – tree preservation order confirmed.

APPLICATIONS REFUSED – nil

CORRESPONDENCE - nil

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Setting the precept for 2025/2026

an analysis of parish expenditure (actual and proposed) had been circulated and it was agreed that there would be an increase in the precept.

RESOLVED that the precept for 2025/2026 be £10,500. In addition, it was agreed that £3000 be transferred from the Barclays current account to the Skipton account.

b) Accounts processed for online payments:

	£
1. Mr. R. Dearing computer support	80.00
2. Anne Hitch Charity Leathley grasscutting	252.00
3. WelMedical replacement defibrillator pads for Riverside	74.28
4. M. Walsh hours worked in September and October	480.00
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TOTAL	<u>£886.28</u>

RESOLVED that these payments be noted

8. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

a) Farnley – faded road markings

a resident has complained that the white lining on the road from Farnley Hall to the Leeds boundary sign is either too faded or non-existent to be of use to road users. Several times he has been in a near collision with vehicles being over the middle of the road. He reported this to NY in August being initially told that it was not in North Yorkshire. He was then told that it would be looked at. He raised it again in October but nothing had been done.

RESOLVED that North Yorkshire Highways be made aware of our concerns.

9. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

Councillor Hull reported that he had met with Matt Scott (an associate of the MP Julian Smith) regarding speed limits and they had visited areas of concern in particular North Rigton crossroads where there was an urgent need for action. They had also driven through Lower Washburn. He hoped that Julian /smith would visit our parish area to hold local meetings.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the parish will take place on 9 January 2025 commencing at 8.00pm in the Leathley village hall.

Signed.....

Chairman