

Danby Wiske with Lazenby Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 21st June 2018

at 8 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Chairman – Geoff Solomon

Councillors – Margaret Goldie, Alastair Wilkins, David Swall

Clerk – Jan Sanders

Visitor – Ian Parminter

1. **Apologies:** Councillor Jeannette Darwin

North Yorkshire County Councillor, Annabel Wilkinson

Hambleton District Councillor, Brian Phillips

2. **Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th May 2018**

Minutes of the above meeting, which had been circulated, were amended to remove the reference to an open meeting at item 6 because all Parish Council meetings are open. They were then agreed and signed as a true record.

3. **Matters arising - Heavy goods vehicles**

Ian read out Annabel's email response to the above 'Due to the area being one of agriculture, the heavy vehicles going through will no doubt be servicing the farms in the area. I am not sure there is anything we can do to stop the vehicles having access as it's their livelihood. We will raise the concern of the HGVs using the bridge with our bridges team though so they are aware for the next time they carry out their bridge inspection.'

4. **Appointments - Councillor & Clerk**

David Swall has been co-opted as a councillor to the parish council and signed the acceptance declaration in the presence of Geoff Solomon.

Jan Sanders has accepted the invitation to become Parish Clerk.

Margaret and Geoff agreed to be the two bank signatories for the council.

Geoff asked the Clerk to review the implications of changes to the banking regulations for parish councils, and to evaluate the benefits of membership of the Yorkshire Local Councils Association. Both matters are to be reported at the next meeting.

5. Insurance:

This is due for renewal on July 1st. Ian confirmed that the quote of £388.14 covers the playground and all liabilities. The council accepted the quote unanimously.

6. Children's Play Area:

The Clerk reported that the two warning signs have been installed within the last week.

Alastair agreed to contact Neil Aldridge in order to be trained by 'Streetscape' to carry out regular inspections of the play equipment. It was noted that the zip-wire does not 'zip' and this problem will be discussed at the training session.

Geoff reported that the Village Hall Committee did not wish to take responsibility for the Play Area. As Alastair is also a Village Hall Committee member he agreed to be the nominated representative of the Parish Council on that committee.

7. Footpath update:

David expressed his disappointment that he had not been consulted by the Parish Council when it proposed that the footpath running through his land should become the preferred 'Coast to Coast' path. The start of the footpath is on railway property. At present it is officially closed because the sleeper bridge across the stream awaits repair, planned for later in the year. Geoff apologized to David, on behalf of the council, for its lack of courtesy and suggested that the councillors should walk the path once the bridge had been repaired.

8. Digital speed warning signs:

Ian confirmed that, as yet, there was no report on the survey he had responded to in May.

9. Police Report:

No crime had been recorded in the parish. Alastair reported the same for Farm Watch.

10. Picnic tables on the Green:

Jean Norris has raised the question of putting picnic tables on the green. The idea met with approval provided that they were of good quality, fully portable and sited at the south end of the green. Geoff will report the decision to Jean who had indicated that the cost will be met by fund-raising.

It was also noted that the benches already installed on the green require cleaning. Mike Turner's advice will be sought.

11. Safety - cutting of verges:

Margaret confirmed that she has arranged for the cutting of the verges along the Coast to Coast route. It was suggested that the cutting be extended at Streetlam along the Whitwell Road to the bridge at Rawcar Farm. Margaret will pass on the request.

12. Family footpath walk:

Geoff outlined his idea for a family walk using local footpaths. It was supported in principle and a weekend in the first half of September was suggested as a suitable time. Geoff will discuss this with Jean as a joint venture with the Village Hall Committee.

13. Parish Plan review:

Geoff requested that all council members look at the Parish Plan of 2010 in preparation for a review beginning at the next meeting.

14. Any other business:

i) Ian had received two communications relating to planning: one for a site visit to Low Brockholme Farm with reference to a slurry pit; the second for a revised application for an extension at Inglenook. The council had no comments on either matter.

ii) Council members are invited on a bus tour to view Rural Exception Sites in the district on July 2nd with a related workshop on July 4th. The invitation was declined.

iii) There will be a temporary rolling road closure in the Streetlam/Scorton area on Saturday 7th July to allow passage of a cycle race.

iv) The Clerk was asked to write to Claire Hampson to thank her for the good work she has been doing in clearing litter from around the village.

v) Geoff thanked Ian on behalf of the Parish Council for his work as Parish Clerk.

15. Date of next meeting - Thursday 19th July 2018

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.30 pm.