



Wheldrake Parish Council

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**DUE TO COVID-19 PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES ARE RESTRICTED.
THE MEETING DID NOT TAKE PLACE AS USUAL IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

Minutes of Wheldrake Parish Council Meeting held via zoom video conference on Wednesday 24th February 2021

Part 1:

- 1 Welcome:**

The Chair welcomed all Cllrs, Clerk and visitors.
- 2 Apologies/Attendance:**
 - a. Attendees:**

Cllrs Nelson, Surtees, Southern, Buckle, Bell, Irwin, Wright, Myers, Marsh, Wilkinson, Clarke, Cranfield, Smith and the Clerk plus two residents.
 - b. Apologies:**

All thirteen Councillors were present.
 - c. Attendance Book:**

As this meeting took place via video conference, the record of attendance is noted above.
- 3 Interests:**

The Chair reminded members to make any declarations of interest in any agenda item(s).
No declarations made.
- 4 Minutes:**
 - a.** All members accepted the minutes from the previous meeting held on Wednesday 27th January 2021.
 - b.** Approval was granted and the Chairman will sign the minutes as a true record at the next meeting which is held following the coronavirus pandemic.
- 5 Council:**

The council received comments from the resident(s) present.

 - No comments received.
- 6 Correspondence received (details sent to each Cllr ahead of the meeting):**
 - A number of correspondences were received and each was discussed at the meeting. The Clerk will respond directly to each contact.
 - Playpark – the Clerk received correspondence directly, in addition to members of the Council being made aware of various comments made via social media: The closure of the Playpark was discussed at length and in full with all views heard, including that the park was being used as a meeting place for parents having a drink which is against current government regulations. The Council also discussed that there had been two police interventions when large numbers of young people were using the Playpark and were in breach of the rules of the National Lockdown. Following the second incident which led to the police issuing a dispersal order and the older child leaving the Playpark we had a situation in which five adults from multiple households were socialising without social distancing and in breach of the National rules. It was resolved to close the Playpark and review the closure inline with the easing of government restrictions.
- 7 Reports:**
 - a. Ward Councillor**

No report received ahead of the meeting

b. Police

Since the start of the year there have been 29 incidents in Wheldrake; six of the incidents are COVID breaches, based predominantly around the Woods area. There was damage to the Village Hall in January and about 8/9 issues reported to the Police that were closed as not really police matters. There was one report on 23rd January relating to a group of 20 people meeting, hugging etc and breaching COVID guidance.

c. Other (to include Clerks report)

- Nothing reported.

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Planning:

a. Applications:

None received/discussed at the time of the meeting.

b. Consultations/Other:

None

c. Decisions:

None

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Finance:

a. Payments to be made under delegated powers:

None.

b. Payments to be made:

None

c. Receipts:

None.

d. Other:

Clerk's salary at rate already confirmed, plus any receipted expenses.

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Reports from Committees and Working Groups:

Finance and Planning have not met as these matters are dealt with by the full Council (see agenda items 8 and 9). No meeting of other groups as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Rex Jordan:

The Cllrs discussed options for a suitable lasting memorial for Rex who was a much respected prominent figure within Wheldrake Parish Council. Various options were discussed and it was resolved for the PC to purchase a bench with a memorial plaque to be paid for through donations. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

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Village phone box:

The phone box on Main Street has now been shelved out to accommodate books for residents to borrow. Discussion also took place regarding installing a motion sensor light in the ceiling space.

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Playground Grant:

Information was sent to all Cllrs prior to the meeting and discussion took place as to what could be added to the Playpark. It was resolved to go ahead with the Little Green Tractor quote that Cllr Myers had received.

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Broad Highway:

Message received by Ward Cllr Vassie: CYC officers have agreed to explore whether there is a culvert beneath the road at the right angle bend, I spotted that the water level was 50cm lower in the ditch on the north side of the road. It is possible that there is a collapsed culvert. Officers have also undertaken to clear the gulleys to enable water to leave the road. The problem higher up, where they fields are also flooded is more complex. Following my chat with the director and with the IDB officers are discussing a way forwards.

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Wildlife Friendly Village Proposal:

This proposal, received from a resident was discussed and is in line with the plans Ward Cllr Vassie has been implementing in conjunction with City of York Council.

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Village potholes:

This problem will be further discussed with City of York Council. One option to be put forward is whether the Parish Council can pay someone privately to get these taken care of.

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Items for next agenda (Wednesday 24th February 2021):

- End of year accounts
- Playpark
- Ward Grant options
- Possibility of security camera looking in direction of bus stop

- **Footpaths around the village**
- **Speeding**

Closure of Part 1

Part 2:

18 Confidential business:
To be used only when discussing staff contracts, tenders, payments and subjects of litigation if/when needed.

Closure of Part 2

Meeting closed at 21.20

The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 31st March 2021 via online video communication** at 7pm.