



Wheldrake Parish Council

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Minutes of Wheldrake Parish Council Meeting held at 7pm in the Village Hall on Wednesday 29th January 2020

Part 1:

- 1 **Welcome:**
The Chair welcomed all Cllrs, Clerk and public to the meeting
- 2 **Apologies/Attendance:**
 - a. **Attendees:**
Cllrs Nelson, Surtees, Southern, Buckle, Bell, Urwin, Ward, Cranfield, Myers, Marsh plus the Clerk and eight members of the public.
 - b. **Apologies:**
N/A – all Cllrs were present
 - c. **Attendance Book:**
This was passed around and signed in accordance with Parish Council guidelines
- 3 **Interests:**
The Chair reminded members to make any declarations of interest in any agenda item(s).
- 4 **Minutes:**
 - a. All members accepted the minutes from the previous budget meeting held on Wednesday 11th December 2019.
 - b. Approval was granted and the Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.
- 5 **Council:**
The council received comments from the resident(s) present. This included the use of social media within the village. It was suggested that the Parish Council should have more of a presence on sites such as Wheldrakians and/or the PC Facebook page.
Whilst the Council recognises how useful groups on sites such as Facebook are, social media of any sort is not the platform for Parish Council business, and no individual Councillor can comment on social media on behalf of the Council. All queries, comments and questions etc should be directed through the clerk via email. A mobile phone number has been suggested for residents to contact the clerk and this will be resolved at the next meeting.
Also, a point was raised regarding knowing the Cllr names at a meeting. For this reason, the Cllrs will now have a named placecard on the table in front of them at each meeting.
- 6 **Correspondence received (details sent to each Cllr ahead of the meeting):**
Correspondence from a resident was discussed in full. It was resolved to respond via email/letter outlining the discussions taken place.
- 7 **Reports:**
 - a. **Ward Councillor**
The ward councillor was not present at the meeting and therefore was unable to give a report. It was resolved to invite Cllr Vassie again, outlining the residents that were present at the meeting were disappointed at the lack of attendance.
 - b. **Police**
November
No incidents
December
5th – anti-social behaviour. A number of beer cans and what looks like drugs paraphernalia outside the village hall near the nursery. Concerned that issues which happened over the summer are starting again. CCTV keeps images for 7 days before being overwritten.

27th – Theft. Illuminated reindeer taken from garden in Derwent Drive overnight. First time in 19 years this has happened. Nothing seen or heard and no CCTV.

c. Other (to include Clerks report)

- WRA – Cllr Marsh is the treasurer and the budget going forwards the WRA is to break even. A programme of re-decoration is in place for 2020. A local decorator has volunteered to re-paint areas in the village hall etc. As a 3-5 year project - Whelfest is going to raise funds to go towards the planned MUGA (multi-use games area) on the old bowling green.
- Litter pick dates are the first Saturday of every month. The Chairman has agreed to discuss with the Ward Cllr, Cllr Vassie, the issue of litter following the visit to the village of the recycling wagon.
- Grant applications
 - an application was received for help towards the VE celebration taking place on 9th May in the Village Hall. All were in favour of the PC granting £500 for this event.
 - a further application was received by Wheldrake Youth Club for £600. All were in favour of this request.

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Planning:

a. 19/02735/FUL – Hagwood Farm, Broad Highway

Demolition of existing dwelling, garage and outbuildings and construction of a replacement dwelling, garden shed and associated soft landscaping. **No objections**

19/00619/FUL – 93 Back Lane South

Erection of detached garage and workshop. **No objections**

20/00036/TCA – Station Farm, 14 Main Street

Reduce silver birch tree by 50% in a conservation area. **No objections**

19/02664/TCA – 16 Main Street

Reduce plum tree by 1/3 in a conservation area. **No objections**

19/02682/TCA – Salamanca, North Lane

Fell judas tree in a conservation area – decision made not to make a tree preservation order.

No objections

b. Consultations/Other:

None

c. Decisions:

19/02613/ABC3 – Wheldrake Hall Farm, Church Lane. **Approved**

19/00330/FUL – 3A Main Street. **Refused** (owner attended this meeting asking for help. She is going to appeal)

20/00036/TCA – Station Farm, 14 Main Street. **Decision was not to make a Tree Preservation Order**

19/00619/FUL – 93 Back Lane South. **Approved**

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Finance:

a. Payments to be made under delegated powers:

None

b. Payments to be made:

WRA – room hire	£80.00
Toby Johnson	£900.00
Toby Johnson	£102.00
Toby Johnson	£864.60
Playscheme	£426.00

c. Receipts:

City of York Council (DT claim 19/20) £372.95

d. Other:

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

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Reports from Committees and Working Groups:

No reports.

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Reserves Policy:

The Council discussed and resolved to implement the proposed policy. All were in favour.

- 12 YLCA Branch Meeting:**
Member councils were invited to submit a question to be answered by the Corporate Director of Economy and Place from CYC. Meeting took place on 6th February at 7pm. The question submitted was what is the model answer of how ward Cllrs should engage with parish Cllrs.
- 13 VE Day commemorations:**
The Council discussed this forthcoming event and it was resolved to lay a wreath on the memorial stone to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.
- 14 Request to purchase publications:**
The clerk requested to order The Local Council Administration book (£129.99 from amazon) and three copies of The Good Councillor (£3.49 each plus p&p from YLCA). Both publications are recommended by YLCA. It was resolved to order both publications.
- 15 Picnic benches:**
The quote received was £949.00 plus VAT. This is for three picnic benches made from high quality heavy duty recycled plastic. The price includes delivery fully assembled.
It was resolved to order these for the village.
- 16 New Councillors:**
Welcome proposed new Cllrs.
The Council welcomed Sam Shaw and Ian Wright
- 17 Speeding in the village:**
The Council discussed options for a portable speeding device and possible extension of speeding restriction. Possibilities included;
Rumble strips ? on the 30mph approach
Elvington Road – bring 30mph zone forward?
Walker Lane ? one way
This is an ongoing project and will be updated and discussed accordingly.
- 18 Items for next agenda:**
- Great British Spring Clean
 - Mobile phone contact
 - Cycle path
 - Snickets (ask Toby to sort the one discussed with Aidan)
 - Drainage
 - Asset register
 - Emergency Plan

Closure of Part 1

Part 2:

- 19 Confidential business:**
Nothing discussed.

Closure of Part 2

Meeting closed at 9pm