



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 June 2020

Part 1:

- 1 Welcome:**
The Chair welcomed all Cllrs, Clerk and visitors.
- 2 Apologies/Attendance:**
 - a. Attendees:**
Cllrs Nelson, Surtees, Southern, Buckle, Bell, Urwin, Wright, Myers, Marsh and Cranfield plus Emma Mawer of Sharing Life, one resident and the Clerk.
 - b. Apologies:**
All 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 May 2020.
 - 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):**
Correspondence was discussed and will be answered accordingly.
It was resolved to include Café Valeria onto the Extraordinary meeting agenda to take place on 1st July as any decisions that may/may not take place need to be against an agenda item.
- 7 Reports:**
 - a. Ward Councillor**
The following report was received from Cllr Vassie and read out in full.
 - *Cycle track*
I am still busy working with a variety of different parties about identifying funding for our cycle link to Heslington. Today I have contacted the Forestry Commission to explore whether they might be up for creating that stretch of the cycle track that would be within Wheldrake Woods. A couple of weeks ago I contact Julian Sturdy's office to try to enlist his support with the scheme. I haven't yet heard back from Julian Sturdy. I also worked with the Civic Trust, the York Cycle Campaign and the city council to ensure that we are firmly on the vision statement for the future of cycling for the city. Lastly, I worked with Andy D'Agorne, the executive member for transport to ensure that the council submitted a worthy bid for the first tranche of cycling funding that the Ministry of Transport announced; that bid was submitted some 10 days ago. We still have a lot of work to do on this but residents and the Parish Councils in Wheldrake and Elvington can be proud that collectively we have ensured that the cycle track features strongly as a request on the safestreetsyork map.

- *Caffé Valeria*

I have had a meeting with the owners of Café Valeria regarding the troubles they have recently had from planning officers about their Fri/Sat evening pizza delivery service. I understand that they applied for a full evening opening until 10 or 11pm every night back in December and that this was rejected after objections from 5 residents.

That said, the council is very much committed to ensuring that small independent businesses do not go out of business during these very difficult times. My feeling and my advice to them is that if they apply for a more modest extension - until 8pm or 8.30pm on Fridays and Saturdays then the council may very well approve even if only on a temporary basis. I understand that many residents have been taking advantage of ordering local takeaway pizzas during the lockdown.

- *Road resurfacing*

I am annoyed that the city council has declined to trial a rubberised asphalt surface at the western entrance to the village. I have been pushing for a trial for 16 years and, in my view, it is pathetic that the council continue to fail to explore innovation in road surfaces that have been proven to save a fortune in road repairs in a number of countries, including Canada.

The rubberised surface incorporates rubber crumb from used tyres (making good recycling use of a waste product) and, by creating an impermeable layer prevents water ingress which in turn prevent surface cracking in winter when the road freezes. Most annoying of all is the fact that these surfaces which a proven to last between 40% and 50% longer than a standard asphalt are laid with exactly the same technology and kit as the standard surface and cost only 40p to 50p more per square metre. So the whole of the job they are doing in Wheldrake - at a cost of £23K I understand would only be £100 more expensive is they used rubberised asphalt! I am working with the head of highways to finally see some trials happen somewhere in York ASAP.

- *Pollinators and hedge cutting*

I have reported to the city council the cutting of several hundred metres of hedgerow that has taken place along the road from Wheldrake to Elvington in the last 10 days. This is illegal as it disturbs nesting birds. If anyone knows who organised it I would be pleased to pass the information on to the council.

b. Police

No report received.

c. Other (to include Clerks report)

Nothing to report which isn't covered in the minutes.

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Planning:

a. No planning applications received.

b. Consultations/Other:

None

c. Decisions:

20/00761/FUL – The NPD Group Travel Retail Ltd, Millfield Industrial Estate.

Change of use of outdoor area to play area in association with use of building as a nursery, including erection of 4 outdoor classrooms, perimeter fence and installation of 3 doors to south elevation.

Approved.

20/00851/FUL – Agricultural Storage Building, Broad Highway

Extension to existing steel portal framed agricultural storage building. **Approved.**

20/00846/FUL – 85 Back Lane South

Single storey side extension (revised scheme for 19/02341/FUL). **Approved.**

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Finance:

a. Payments to be made under delegated powers:

None.

b. Payments to be made:

Colour Options	£59.80
Colour Options	£170.77
HMRC PAYE	£311.60

c. Receipts:

None

d. Other:

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

- 10 Reports from Committees and Working Groups:**
Finance and Planning have not met as these matters are dealt with by the full Council (seen agenda items 8 and 9). No meeting of other groups as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- It was resolved to hold an extraordinary meeting on 1st July to discuss the Playpark reopening.
- 11 Village Maintenance and improvements:**
It was resolved to receive a quote to trim and shape the flowering plumb trees located on PC land outside The Manor.
Subsequent to the meeting a quote has been received for the amount of £150. The Lengthsman has been instructed to undertake this job.
- 12 Village Maintenance contract:**
The contract is due to renew at the end of June. It was resolved to extend the current contact. A proposal was made for 6 months and all were in favour of this.
- 13 Playground Inspection:**
All were in favour of this to go ahead. Due to the need to have the Playpark inspected prior to reopening due to the coronavirus pandemic, an operational inspection will take place in the interim. All were in favour.
- 14 Sharing Life update:**
Emma Mawer updated the full Council.
Following questionnaires being sent to all recipients, the food boxes were tailored to suit. The majority of recipients have contributed to the boxes. Recipients were either shielding or elderly and the social side of receiving these has been invaluable to some. The boxes did not contain food only, they had basic toiletries/medicines etc.
Week commencing 20th July – City of York Council will take over the delivery of the packages. This will enable Sharing Life to get back to their own core aim. CYC are only too happy to take over. CYC will contact each client to offer any further help/assistance where necessary.
Total income during the COVID 19 pandemic is £15,614.73 (£9500 from Parish Council and £6114.73 from donations).
- 15 Document Management Policy:**
This document was discussed and it was resolved to approve – all were in favour.
- 16 Items for next agenda:**
- **Recycling arrangements for the village**
 - **To consider another PC drop-in event to engage with the village**

Closure of Part 1

Part 2:

- 17 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 8.30pm

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 29th July via online video communication at 7pm.