



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 28th October 2020

Part 1:

- 1 Welcome:**

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

Cllrs Nelson, Surtees, Southern, Buckle, Urwin, Wright, Myers, Marsh, Cranfield, Wilkinson and the Clerk plus one resident.
 - b. Apologies:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Bell.
 - 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).

 - Cllr Buckle declared an interest in planning application 20/0188/TCA.
- 4 Minutes:**
 - a.** All members accepted the minutes from the previous meeting held on Wednesday 30th September.
 - 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):**
 - Nothing received that isn't covered in the Clerk's report.
- 7 Reports:**
 - a. Ward Councillor**

No report received.
 - b. Police**

At the last meeting it was highlighted that the PC had not received the regular updates from the police since March. The Clerk contacted the police regarding this matter and it was explained that the volunteer that usually produces the village reports is not currently able to work due to coronavirus restrictions. Lee Poynton from the community police has confirmed his attendance at the next meeting scheduled for November to provide information and answer questions.
 - c. Other (to include Clerks report)**
 - Speed signs – Subsequent to emails with City of York Council regarding the erection of posts for the speed signs that the PC were hoping to purchase, it transpired that the PC are not able to purchase the speed signs due to the data collected by CYC deems that the village does not require any such signs. It was resolved to pay to collect our own data at a cost of between £150-£200 per site. The Clerk will contact CYC to get this organised.
 - Bus timing point - Following email correspondence regarding the possibility of moving the timing point for the bus through the village, East Yorkshire Buses have confirmed that they

do not think this is viable. It was decided, as the final decision is with City of York Council, to engage with the contacts there to see if this was still an option.

- Playpark inspection – Following the last meeting, I contacted a local company who has recommended someone to carry out an independent Playpark inspection. It was resolved to contact the individual recommended to the Clerk. Following the advice from YLCA, Cllrs can be trained to carry out appropriate visual inspections.
- One item was deemed appropriate to move to the second part of the meeting.

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Planning:

a. Applications:

20/01778/FUL – Station House, 4 Main Street

Single and two storey side extension – **no objections, to make comment that it is a large extension and could impose surrounding dwelling(s)**

20/0188/TCA – Woodhouse Main Street

Fell 1 Ash and 1 Hawthorn tree in conservation area – **no objections**

19/01973/FUL – 8 Derwent Park

Revised scheme to 19/02013/FUL to alter patio window and bi-fold doors to the rear and change master bedroom window at rear to full length – **no objections**

b. Consultations/Other:

None

c. Decisions:

20/01543/FUL – The Ings, Church Lane

Increase height of boundary wall from 1.25m to 1.8m – **approved**

20/01369/FUL – Somerset Nursing Home, 1 Church Lane

Two storey and single storey extensions to residential care home and new car parking layout following demolition of existing conservatory and accommodation building (resubmission) – **approved with conditions**

20/01715/TCA – Tamarisk, North Lane

Various tree pruning works in a conservation area – **decision was made not to make a TPO**

20/01701/TCA – Willsford, North Lane

Crown reduce by 30% and thin tree in a conservation area – **decision was made not to make a TPO**

20/01713/TCA – The Manor, Church Lane

Crown reduce and shape 2 flowering plum trees by 30% in a conservation area – **decision was made not to make a TPO**

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Finance:

The Clerk updated the Cllrs on the financial position of the Parish Council and provided a detailed financial statement for the first six months of the financial year. Bank balance as at end of September stands at £36,240.90.

a. Payments to be made under delegated powers:

None.

b. Payments to be made:

Autela Payroll Services Ltd	£58.91
Playscheme MUGA gates	£2160.00
Playscheme	£474.00
Zoom x 1	£14.39
Colour Options	£185.10
British Legion	£17.00
Amtech UK	£105.00

c. Receipts:

2nd instalment of precept - £20,000

d. Other:

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

It was resolved to approve the increase in pay scale in line with the National Association of Local Council pay award for 2020-2021 (to be backdated to April 2020).

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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.

- 11 Playpark inspection report:**
The latest inspection report received from Playscheme was discussed. It was resolved to get an independent inspection and compare the two before commencing any immediate works. It was resolved to purchase a hand sanitiser dispenser for the Playpark – the Clerk was instructed to purchase this.
- 12 No Cold Calling Zone:**
It was resolved to organise a poll of the village which will form part of the next Parish Council NEWS.
- 13 Bulbs and wild flower planting:**
It was resolved to make a firm plan for planting such bulbs for the year ahead. The Clerk will discuss options with the Lengthsman including possible locations. Also, one of the Cllrs will speak to the school to see if they have any ideas on how to involve the children in planting etc.
- 14 Fogging machine:**
Following a discussion, it was resolved to purchase a fogging machine for the village whereby residents will be able to use the machine to sanitise their business premises/homes etc. Further details will follow once the machine has been purchased.
- 15 Dog fouling:**
Stickers have been obtained from City of York Council to place on lamp posts. It was suggested that the PC could purchase some poo-bag dispensers. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.
- 16 Village remembrance service:**
It was resolved for this service to go ahead, albeit with very limited representation. The service will be broadcast on zoom by the Church and will be led by the Reverend. It will include the laying of a wreath along with the playing of the last post.
- 17 Christmas 2020**
It was resolved to discuss the Christmas trees for the village with the Lengthsman. All were agreement that ideally the trees should be 12ft and that a target date for decorating the trees would be 1st December.
- 18 Items for next agenda:**
- **Preparation for budget meeting in December**

Closure of Part 1 – 20.24

Part 2:

Confidential business:

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

This item was used to discuss the previously discussed vexatious incident(s) following advice received. It was resolved to write to the individual and Cllrs were informed to block the email address.

Closure of Part 2

Meeting closed at 20.26

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 25th November via online video communication at 7pm.