



**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th
December 2024 at 7.00pm.
Venue: Church Cottage, Main Street, Wheldrake**

Present: Cllr White (Chairman), Cllr Batchelor, Cllr, Surtees, Cllr Reed, Cllr Brown, Cllr Wood, Cllr Elsey-Jeffree, Cllr Nelson, Cllr Southern and the Clerk.
1 member of the public

The meeting opened at 7.00pm

MINUTES

135.	Welcome
136.	Apologies To receive apologies and consider accepting the reasons for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr Cranfield, Cllr Myers and Cllr Urwin. Resolution: To accept the reasons for absence.
137.	Declarations of interest a. To receive and consider any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's code of conduct or member's register of disclosable pecuniary interests. None b. To receive and consider upon any applications for dispensations. None
138.	Minutes To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 27 th November 2024 as a true and accurate record. Resolution: To approve the minutes as a true and accurate record.
139.	Public participation Any resident may speak for up to 3 minutes on any matter on the agenda with the session lasting no longer than 20 minutes. <i>Cllr Sneesby arrived at the meeting.</i> A resident explained additional details in relation to a grant application.
140.	Reports To receive reports from the following: a. Chair The Chair provided an update. b. Proper Officer The proper officer provided a report that included the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• VAS Signs: A site visit with CYC will be scheduled for January.• LGPS: Further details have been requested.• Double Taxation: The request will be submitted alongside the precept request.• Wildflower Planting: Details have been confirmed with CYC.• Winter Planting: Follow-up has been made regarding the unplanted planters.• Parking Restrictions on Church Lane: A letter has been sent to CYC. Action: The proper officer will follow up with the mayor regarding attendance at a council meeting. c. Ward Councillor Not in attendance.

	<p>d. Community Police Officer, including monthly crime statistics report No officer was in attendance. One reported incident was noted.</p>																
141.	<p>Groups and Committees To receive and consider for decision reports and recommendations from:</p> <p>a. Playpark – To consider a quote to repair the fencing. The recent playpark inspection was discussed. The requirement for a second gate and suggestion to replace with fencing instead was discussed. Resolution: to replace the missing section with a fence rather than a gate. Cllr Southern will instruct the village lengthsman.</p> <p>b. Village Maintenance Repairs to the Christmas tree following the storm were noted. It was noted that new Christmas lights will be needed for next year, and the possibility of installing lamppost sockets should be considered. Resolution: The Clerk to add Christmas lighting requirements to the next agenda.</p> <p>c. Defibrillators It was noted that the defibrillators are in working order. Training session arrangements are ongoing.</p> <p>d. Community speed watch. An update was provided that NYP has agreed the two Church Lane sites can be used immediately. The last session was at the end of November. The darker days and weather in December have posed challenges. New session dates are being arranged, with Church Lane given priority. In the future, NYP may consider additional sites</p> <p>e. Staffing The Council received a staffing update.</p>																
142.	<p>Planning</p> <p>a. To consider and decide upon the following planning applications:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Status</th> <th>Reference</th> <th>Location</th> <th>Description</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>b. To note the following planning decisions:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Status</th> <th>Reference</th> <th>Location</th> <th>Description</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>c. To consider the following planning enforcement matters: Resolution: To include the Bramblewood development on future agendas due to construction traffic not following the approved route within the construction management plan</p>	Status	Reference	Location	Description					Status	Reference	Location	Description				
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143.	<p>Policy & Procedure To review the grievance and disciplinary policies. Resolution: To approve the current policies with no amendments required. Staffing committee to review future employment policies.</p>																
144.	<p>Ongoing matters To receive information on the following ongoing matters and decide further action where necessary:</p> <p>a. Wildflower planting Cllr Southern provided an update and will look into arrangements to cordon off the area for protection.</p> <p>b. VAS signs Resolution: A site visit will be arranged with CYC for the 14th January 2025.</p>																
145.	<p>Resolution: To exclude the press and public from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.</p> <p>Grants To consider any grant requests from village organisations. Resolution: To approve a grant of £1000 to the nursing home residents’ group for sports and recreation use.</p>																

	To reject a grant request for £17,000 to create equality, diversity and inclusion training sessions due to the lack of lawful power to enable the Parish Council to proceed.										
146.	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>a. To receive and note the bank reconciliation for November 2024 and current bank balances. The Council received the bank reconciliation and noted the net bank balance on the 23rd November 2024 as £53,501.92</p> <p>b. To approve the payments presented for authorisation up to the 5th December 2024 and any other invoices that come in prior to the meeting:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Description</th> <th>Expenditure</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Salaries</td> <td>£629.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC Paye</td> <td>£161.32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stationery</td> <td>£14.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Total</td> <td>£805.30</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Resolution: To approve the payments presented for authorisation and note the transfer of £500.00 between Council bank accounts.</p> <p>c. To consider and agree the budget for 2025/26 Resolution: To approve the draft budget</p> <p>d. To determine the precept amount for 2025/26, including the Chairman's signature on the request. To approve the precept request for 2025/26 at £40,874.00</p>	Description	Expenditure	Salaries	£629.00	HMRC Paye	£161.32	Stationery	£14.98	Total	£805.30
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147.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>To consider correspondence received. The following correspondence was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A19 traffic issues and subsequent impact on bus services. • Request for streetlight improvements on Main Street. • Parking issues around WRA. • Bramblewood development – construction traffic not using approved route. • The tennis club wishing to attend a council meeting. • CYC review of polling districts and places. • The mayor’s consultation on funding for police and fire services. 										
148.	<p>To note any agenda items for the next meeting. The following agenda items were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurance renewal • Bus service contribution • Adequate pedestrian access and streetlighting for the new development • Report from VAS meeting • Communication – village newsletter 										
149.	<p>Date of the next meeting 26th February 2025 at 7.00pm</p>										

The meeting closed at 8.43pm

Signed

Cllr J White, Chairman
26th February 2025