

Wath and Norton Conyers Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00pm on
Monday 22 February 2016 at Samwaies Hall**

1. **Present:** Cllr J Graham (Chairman) Cllr J Clarke (Vice Chairman), Cllr A Blake
Cllr G Peace, Cllr S Taylor and S Hare (Clerk).
2. **Apologies:** None
3. **Declaration of interest in items in the agenda.** None
4. **Minutes of the meeting** held on 18 January 2016 were approved and signed. (Cllr Clarke proposed and Cllr Blake seconded).
5. **(a) Planning applications:**
6.13.22.D.FUL 16/00295/FUL Erection of replacement single storey and two storey extensions, alterations to fenestration, installation of roof light and demolition of outbuilding at Church Cottage, Main Street Wath. The planning application was considered and the Clerk to notify the Planning Department of the Parish Council's decision :

D The Parish Council supports the application. **(Action: Clerk)**

(b) **Any other planning applications** received after the posting of the agenda:
None
6. **Planning decisions:** None
7. **Planning appeals/withdrawn/enforcement:** None
8. **Other planning matters:**
 - An email was circulated from the YLCA re a petition to give local councils the right to appeal planning decisions.
 - Leylandi trees planted in the paddock at 1 Norton Close was noted.
9. **Village Enhancement**
 - **Lime Trees:** Arbortech advised that the trees require pollarding every 3 – 5 years. It was agreed that this would be considered in 2017. They also advised that there is nothing available to put on the tree trunks to stop rain damage.

- **Traffic Flow:** As a result of correspondence with HECK regarding their delivery vehicles using the village an informal meeting took place with Mrs Keeble. The history of the traffic situation involving the Greyfriars site was discussed and HECK acted quickly in providing route instructions for drivers leaving their site to avoid using Wath village. Correspondence was received from John Smith, the owner of the Greyfriars site. His email was acknowledged by stating that the PC were dealing with HECK directly.
- **Buses:** The school bus companies have been approached to ask their drivers to take particular care when using Bedale Lane. The Clerk to contact them for a response. **(Action: Clerk)**
- **Cherry Trees:** Attention had been drawn to the damage to a number of cherry trees on Middleton Lane. This is thought to have been caused by hedge cutting of the adjacent field. The trees to be checked and decision if any to be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr Graham to respond to the complainant. **(Action: Cllr Graham)**

10 **The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations** The Pageantmaster has been notified of the PC's intention to light a beacon on 21 April. The Clerk to clarify the exact time to light the beacon. The Clerk to contact John Foster and request permission to site the beacon on his field off Middleton Lane. The Clerk to notify Village Life of the lighting of the beacon followed by light refreshments at Samwaies Hall. The Clerk to book the hall. **(Action: Clerk)**

11 **Dog Fouling:** Nothing to report.

12 **Highways**

- **Gullies:** The gullies were inspected on 25 January and an order raised by Highways.

13 **Parish Council Elections:** Candidates Guide and Nomination Papers were circulated to all councillors. Completed paperwork to be brought to the next meeting. **(Action: All)**

14 **Accounts:** No cheques were issued.

15 Financial Report:

- The Bank Reconciliation and bank statement dated 1 February 2016 was circulated.
- **External Audit for Smaller Authorities:** The Audit Commission ceased to exist on 1 April 2015 and a new company called Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Ltd has been created to take over the appointment of external auditors and to deal with the setting of audit fees for smaller authorities from 2017. A decision to opt in or out of the new Sector Led Body has to be made by 31 March 2016. After discussion it was agreed to remain opted in.

16 PAYE: The monthly Employer Payment Summary has been forwarded to the HMRC.

17 Correspondence:

The following correspondence was circulated:

Combined Authorities Briefing Paper

Invitation to the induction of the Revd Steven Gamble

Harrogate Borough Council

Strategic Housing and Economic land Availability

Assessment

Electoral Review

YLCA

Minutes of meetings 18 July 2015 and 5 October 2015

White Rose update January 2016

Rural Action Yorkshire

Warm and Well in North Yorkshire

18 Items for next agenda: Standard items plus Village Enhancement, Highways, Dog Fouling, Queens 90th Birthday, Parish Council Elections.

19 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 21 March at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.