

Wath and Norton Conyers Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00pm on
Tuesday 24 February 2015 at Samwaies Hall**

1. **Present:** Cllr Mrs J Graham (Chairman) Cllr Mrs J Clarke (Vice Chairman),
Cllr A Blake Cllr S Taylor, Cllr G Peace S Hare (Clerk).
2. **Apologies:** None
3. **Declaration of interest in items in the agenda.** None
4. **Minutes of the meeting** held on 20 January 2015 and 27 January 2015 were approved and signed. (Cllr Peace proposed and Cllr Blake seconded).
5. **(a) Planning applications:** None

(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 **Planning appeals/withdrawn/enforcement:** None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:** A number of residents have expressed concern to Harrogate Borough Council regarding the planning application for the conversion of a double garage to a dwelling on Bedale Lane. The Planning Department confirmed that the names of all persons registering comments will be made available on the planning website. A decision on the planning application is due on Tuesday 3 March.
9. **Village Enhancement**
 - **Xmas Decorations:** The Chair read out a letter received from Mr and Mrs Cliffe thanking the PC for the Christmas lights display in the village
 - **Maintenance Contract:** A contract was signed by Mr Taylor and by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the PC for the grass cutting contract from April 2015.
10. **Dog fouling:** Cllr Blake to speak with a resident who has a problem of dogs fouling on the front of his property. He is to be advised that the PC support him in trying to establish the identity of the culprit so that the Dog Warden can be notified but that any hazard placed on a public footpath is a health and safety issue. It was agreed

that the next time the dogs from the rectory run loose that the Dog Warden is contacted
(Action: Cllr Blake/All)

11. Highways

- **Obstruction:** The hedge at the junction of Tanfield Lane and Main Street is overgrown. The Chair to contact Mr Wesson and ask for it to be attended to.
(Action: Cllr Graham)
- **Car Parking:** Cars parking on the pavement on Tanfield Lane and outside the Court House on Main Street are again causing an obstruction to pedestrians. The Clerk to notify North Yorkshire Police.
(Action: Clerk)
- **Greyfriars Site:** The site has been let on a two year lease to Heck sausages. The Chair has visited the site and spoken with one of the Directors about the problem with HGVs driving through the village. There are currently 3 deliveries per week but concern was raised that this may increase should production expand. The Clerk to write a letter to Mr and Mrs Keeble drawing their attention to the major problems in the past with Greyfriars and the alternative route to the site via the A6055.
(Action: Clerk)
- **Potholes on Bedale Lane:** Highways inspected the area on 26 January and an order has been raised.
- **Gullies:** Highways inspected the blocked gullies on 26 January and an order to have the gulley cleaned and the line jetted has been raised.
- **Salt:** As Tanfield Lane is classed as a minor road Highways do not include it in there gritting and salt provision schedule. Cllr Taylor to speak to Mr Abel to clarify if he would store salt provided by the PC and distribute it on the road surface when necessary.
(Action: Cllr Taylor)

12. **Accounts:** The following payments were raised:

- £81.00 to Eric Campbell for checking the Christmas lights installation
- £20.00 to Samwaies Hall for the use of the facilities January/February.

13. **Financial Report:** The bank statement and reconciliation dated 1 February 2015 was circulated.

- **Transparency Code for small authorities:** It was agreed to await further guidance on this Code. Agenda item at the next meeting.

