

Wath and Norton Conyers Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday 26 March 2018 at Samwaies Hall

1. **Present:** Cllr J Graham (Chairman), Cllr J Clarke,
Cllr G Peace, Cllr S Taylor, Cllr M English, Councillor B Bateman,
Cllr M Atkinson, S Hare (Clerk).

2. **Apologies:** None

3. **Declaration of interest in items in the agenda.** None

4. **Minutes of the meeting** held on 27 February 2018 were approved and signed. (Cllr Peace proposed and Cllr Taylor seconded).

5. **(a) Planning applications** received up to date of meeting:

18/00920/OUT Outline application for the erection of one dwelling with access considered to north east of 1 Norton Close, Wath. The planning application was discussed in detail and the PC decision:

B The Parish Council objects on the planning grounds below:

- (a) The impact on the neighbouring property at No 2 Norton Close
- (b) The visual impact from the conservation area
- (c) The loss of amenity of paddock land

Cllr Bateman agreed to The Clerk to notify Harrogate Borough Council. **(Action: Clerk)**

(b) Any other planning applications received after posting of agenda. None

6. **Planning decisions:** 17/05462/FUL Erection of single storey studio apartment at Police Garages, Bedale Lane was refused by Harrogate Borough Council. The PC expressed concern at the condition of the existing site and Cllr Bateman agreed to consult with Harrogate Borough Council re the future of this area.

7. **Planning appeals/withdrawn/enforcement:** None.

8. **Other planning matters:** Information has been circulated by HBC on training on planning matters to be held during the summer. Councillors expressed interest in attending the training. The Clerk to set up an email alert system designed tby HBC to be notified of any planning applications in the parish area. **(Action: Clerk)**

9. Village Enhancement:

- **Christmas Lights:** Cllr Peace to remove the remaining lights from Main Street..
(Action: Cllr Peace)
- **Benches:** The Clerk to contact John Burgess concerning re-varnishing the benches.
(Action: Clerk)
- **Flags:** Cllr Peace to order two new union flags, (size one and a half yards).
(Action: Cllr Peace)

10. Village in Bloom: Details on how to apply are shown on the Yorkshire in Bloom website. Cllr Peace to look at the information **(Action: Cllr Peace)**

11. WWI Beacons of Light: A resident has expressed interest on behalf of herself and her husband in helping with this event. Approval has been received for the beacon to be lit on Middleton Hill. An exhibition of WWI memorabilia in Samwales Hall for the weekend was discussed. Refreshments to be provided in the Hall in the evening. The Last Post to be sounded at 6.55pm. The bell ringers have been asked to ring the church bells at 7.05pm.

12. Footpaths: It is understood that now the weather is changing that the footpaths will be repaired by NYCC

Portable Gritting Machine: The insurance company had been approached for advice on the PC purchasing a gritting machine for use on the village footpaths in icy weather. The outcome being that the policy would not cover an adhoc service.

13. Highways: Cllr Taylor to check the NYCC website re the replacement street lighting.
(Action: Cllr Taylor)

The condition of the road from Melmerby to the A61 junction was discussed and both Cllr Bateman and Cllr Atkinson confirmed that they were aware of this and the number of other roads within North Yorkshire requiring maintenance work.

Village Speed Signs: NYCC has circulated an email re the local purchase of speed signs. It was discussed and felt this isn't a problem within the village. The Clerk to look at the questionnaire.
(Action: Clerk)

14 Accounts: The following cheques were raised:

- £171.60 to Vision ICT Ltd for Website and Email hosting May 2018 to April 2019
- £440.75 to S Hare for Quarter 4 salary and stationery expenses
- £45 to YLCA for GDPR Training course

15 Financial Report

The 2.8 percentage increase shown on Council Tax Statement for 2018/19 was raised. Although Wath and Norton Conyers PC had not requested an increase in the precept for the new year the increases for all the other parish councils is divided across the area!

16 PAYE: The final tax submission has been forwarded to the HMRC.

17 General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR): The new regulation comes into force in May 2018. The Clerk to attend a training course on 11 April at Fairfield Manor, York.
(Action: Clerk)

18 Parish Elections 2018: The completed forms were handed to the Clerk.
(Action: Clerk)

19 Correspondence: None

20 Items for next agenda: Standard items plus Village Enhancement, Highways, Footpaths, Village in Bloom, GDPR, WWI Beacons of Light.

21 Dates of next meetings Monday 23 April at 7pm
Monday 21 May (Annual Parish Meeting) 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 8 pm