

Washburn Parish Council

Meeting: Full Council

Date: 2nd September 2024

Venue: The Robinson Library, Timble

Commenced: 7.30 pm
Concluded: 8.50 pm

Members Present Cllr G Hebblethwaite (Chair)
Cllrs H Barker, J Davison, P Green, A Johnson, G Knox,
S Ryder, K Wilson

In Attendance: Dr J Knowles (Parish Clerk), Cllr N Hull (North Yorkshire Council)

39. Apologies

Received from: Cllr F Walkinshaw

40. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were received

41. Minutes for approval

Resolved: the minutes of Full Council held on 1st July 2024 were approved for accuracy by Cllr A Johnson and seconded by Cllr G Knox, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chair

42. Ongoing issues

41.1 Kex Gill – Cllr N Hull confirmed that there are no updates as work progresses on time.

Resolved: that the report be noted

41.2 Norwood Edge – Cllr G Hebblethwaite reported that he had met with the Forestry Commission – they have identified some drainage works needed to stop the water flow over the road – it is intended this will be done by November.

Resolved: that the report be noted

41.3 Electronic Transformer and Lines – Cllr J Davison reported the works in Timble have been completed. It is unknown whether the works in Fewston are completed. Cllr J Davison will contact Northern Powergrid for an update.

Resolved: that the report be noted

41.4 Wydra Common Land Field No.65 – the Clerk outlined the communication from North Yorkshire Council to declassify part of Field No.65.

Resolved: that the report be noted

41.5 Commuted Sums – the Chair outlined that Yorkshire Water have been contacted regarding the land at Fewston Woods – we await a response.

Resolved: that the report be noted

41.6 Council Website – the Clerk informed Council that the new .gov.uk website has been set up and that a new email address will be set up soon.

Resolved: that the report be noted

42. County Matters

Cllr N Hull stated there have been no Council meetings during August. There are two Highways issues. He is in contact with Julian Smith MP with regards to various

road blackspots, including Dangerous Corner. There are major works planned at Otley Bridge which may impact on traffic in the future.

43. Police Matters

The May crime data records 4 incidents: one criminal damage and arson offence at Top Lane where the investigation is complete with no suspect identified. There were 3 reported anti-social behavior incidents at Broad Dubb Road, Kex Gill Road and Swinsty Reservoir car park. In June there was 1 report of anti-social behavior at Broad Dubb Road.

44. Plans considered since last meeting

The list of plans considered since the last meeting is attached.

Resolved: that the comments be noted

45. Planning Application Decisions

24/01819/FUL Single storey side extension and standalone garage
Fewston Barn, Back Lane, Fewston

Approved with Conditions

24/02071/FUL Proposed porch extension
Salt Pie Farm, Jack Hill Lane, Norwood

Approved with Conditions

46. Correspondence Received

The following correspondence was received (25.06.24 – 22.08.24)

1. Email – Blubberhouses to Thruscross Reservoir Himalayan balsam
2. North Yorkshire Council – Community Awards 2024

3. North Yorkshire Council – Keep North Yorkshire Clean – new anti-littering campaign
4. North Yorkshire Council – Local Plan Update
5. RAF Menwith Hill – Upcoming Road Closures
6. North Yorkshire Council – Updates and Bulletins
7. YLCA – White Rose Update

47. Highways Issues

Issues to report:

1. Bottom of Norwood Edge – Culvert to clear

48. Maintenance

The following issues have been dealt with:

1. Fewston Reservoir Car Park – cut back saplings and strim around oak tree
2. Blubberhouses noticeboard – strimming and fit new door handle
3. Back Lane – cut and strim verges
4. Wydra Lane – cut and strim verges and cut back saplings

The following issues were reported:

1. Overgrown verges requiring cutting back at Jack Hill, Smithson Lane, Watson Lane, Broad Dubb Lane, North Lane, Hardisty Hill, Meagill Lane junction with A59

49. Timble Woodland Proposal

Resolved: to provide a letter of support for this proposal

50. Auditors Report

The Clerk presented the External audit report findings

Resolved: that the report be noted

51. Finance

51.1 Accounts for Payment

To: All Members of the Parish Council		From: Parish Clerk		
Accounts Paid				
General Accounts		Sep-24		
<u>DETAIL</u>		<u>GROSS</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>NETT</u>
CLERK EXPENSES		78.00	0.00	78.00
CARETAKER - MAINTENANCE		345.00	0.00	345.00
PKF LITTLEJOHN - EXTERNAL AUDIT		252.00	42.00	210.00
ROBINSON LIBRARY		80.00	0.00	80.00
UNITY BANK CHARGES (JUNE-AUGUST)		18.00	0.00	18.00
TOTAL		773.00	42.00	731.00

Resolved: that the accounts paid be approved to 2nd September 2024

51.2 Bank Reconciliation

Resolved: to approve the bank reconciliation statement and budget comparison to 30th August 2024

52. Next Meeting

51.1 Any items for inclusion on the next agenda to be informed to the Clerk by 14th October

52.2 Date of next meeting: Monday 4th November @ 7.30pm at the Robinson Library

Signed

Date