**PARISH COUNCIL OF BISHOP WILTON**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 17th February 2020 at 19:30 hrs at the Bishop Wilton Village Hall.**

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Young and assisted by the clerk.

Present: Cllr Young, Wilson, Black, Hall, Sumpner and Rodmell. Ward Cllr Rudd and several members of the public were in attendance.

**OPEN FORUM**

Cllr Young read a statement from ERNLLCA as follows;

*“The council can consider repeated issues the same as if the issue was raised in writing. The Chair of the meeting needs to make clear that if the council has made a decision it cannot revisit the decision for a further six months, and that if a member of the public raises an issue that the council has previously dealt with the council will not reconsider the issue and that the time allocated is being wasted.”*

A resident asked if a topic was raised in a meeting where another resident was not present, could that absent resident raise the same topic in the next meeting. Cllr Young clarified that this could not happen, all decisions are minutted making residents aware of what has been discussed in each meeting.

There were no further comments made from the audience, so the open forum was closed.

**Meeting started at 19:33 hrs**

1. **Welcome and Apologies –** None.

It was agreed by the PC to move agenda item number 10 for discussion at this point so that a member of the audience could approach the PC.

A member of the Women’s Institute (W.I) introduced herself and informed the PC that the Bishop Wilton W.I is celebrating their centenary. They have been raising funds and asked the PC if there was anything that they could put their money towards, for example a bench on the playing fields or planting trees within the parish. A discussion was held, and all Cllrs were supportive of the tree planting idea and confirmed that the W.I should proceed with this. Cllr Black suggested that the W.I obtain a plaque to be erected by the trees informing the parish that they were planted in celebration of the W.I centenary.

Cllr Young thanked the resident for her time.

1. **Declarations of Interest –** None.
2. **Minutes from Previous Meeting**

These were signed as a true and accurate record.

1. **Ward Councillor Report**

Council tax will be increased for ERYC by 3.99% This is broken down to 2% for adult services and 1.99% inflation. The entire council tax will be set by the end of February and will include emergency services.

ERYC have launched a new website at humberisphn.nhs.uk detailing illnesses and how to treat them. A flyer was handed to the clerk to put on the notice boards and web site.

Shiptonthorpe roundabout will be completed by March 2020 at a cost of £3.9 million. £3.12 million of this has been funded by the Local Enterprise Partnership.

ERYC are in the process of planting greenery on roundabouts across East Riding. Buckthorn, Hawthorn and Blackthorn bushes will be planted to create hedges and encourage bee populations.

Pocklington leisure centre has won the ‘best performing leisure centre 2019’ award.

The Tour De Yorkshire commences on the 30th April at Beverley and continues North finishing in Leeds.

ERYC have been awarded top recycling for the third year in a row. The national figure is 45.1% and ERYC achieved 64.8% which is an increase of 0.3% from the previous year.

1. **Matters Arising**

**Hazardous footpath**

The clerk has reported the footpath from the Chestnuts to South Lane (i.d. # 1291403). ACTION: Clerk to check if this has been done before the next meeting.

**Pothole at bottom of Village Hall drive**

The clerk noted that she had reported this alongside the loose kerb stone back in October 2019 (i.d # 1096862) and asked Cllrs if this was a new pothole. ACTION: Clerk to find out from Cllrs if this needs reporting.

**Co-option of Councillor**

The clerk handed the declaration of acceptance form for Cllr Hall to sign. ACTION: Clerk to send a copy to ERYC.

**Cats eyes on A166**

The clerk has received confirmation from ERYC that this will be addressed in the next financial year.

**Outstanding issues**

The clerk confirmed that the potholes on Belthorpe Lane, Bolton Lane and Thistle Hill will be addressed by the end of February. ACTION: Clerk to get an update from the PC on this before the next meeting.

Cllr Wilson informed the PC that the verges on The Balk and Kirklands Lane have now been cut.

Ward Cllr Rudd noted that he had emailed the head of services on the 22nd January and is wating to hear back from them in regards to the other issues. ACTION: Clerk to send the revised list of the remaining issues to Ward Cllr Rudd to progress.

**School pictures for noticeboard**

Cllr Young has no update on this. ACTION: Cllr Young to provide an update at the next meeting.

**Steps near the Church**

The clerk has reported this to ERYC (i.d # 1315207) and has since spoken to ERYC who confirmed that they would pass this onto the relevant department. ACTION: Clerk to check the progress of this before the next meeting.

**Roundabout conversion**

Cllr Wilson has spoken to the contractor who confirmed that they would post a quote to him. ACTION: Cllr Wilson to bring this to the next meeting.

**Internet banking**

Cllr Black noted that he would attempt to progress this before the next meeting. ACTION: Cllr Black to provide an update at the March meeting.

**Allotment path**

Cllr Young reported that the footpath has now been removed and the Allotment Association have decided to let the area return to grass. No further action is required from the PC.

**West End of Main Street**

Cllr Sumpner confirmed prior to the meeting that the potholes had been filled in this area. The clerk noted that she had spoken to ERYC who stated that they do not have the resources to send a cleaner for country lanes.

**Streetlight**

The clerk reported the faulty light next to the Vicarage on Garrowby Road (i.d. # 1291537). The PC confirmed that this had not been fixed. ACTION: Clerk to chase this with ERYC.

**Garrowby Road.**

The clerk has spoken to ERYC about the part of the road that has eroded (i.d no. 1315133) and they advised that they will monitor the area as they carry out regular inspections of this road. ACTION: Clerk to check the progress of this before the next meeting.

1. **Accounts**

The bank statements and accounts reconciliation were signed.

The schedule of payments was approved and signed by Cllr Young and Wilson.

Payments were made by cheque and signed by Cllr Black and Wilson for the following;

Samantha O’Connor - cheque no. 000067 (expenses)

Samantha O’Connor – cheque no. 000068 (salary)

The clerk noted that she had received advice from ERNLLCA stating that she could request to amend her contract to state that she is to be paid monthly rather than quarterly. All were happy for this change to be made. ACTION: Clerk to bring amended contract to the next meeting for signing off.

1. **Planning Applications**

20/00254/PLF Erection of canopy (retrospective application). Location: Country Gardens and Water Centre, Gowthorpe Lane, Gowthorpe, YO41 5QL

Cllr Black wished to abstain from the vote on this application as he felt that the recent developments had put a mockery on the whole planning process. He went on to say that developments had started before approval was confirmed and he felt that the Cllrs who conducted the original site visit had wasted their time.

Cllr Wilson felt that the development would have a positive impact on the parish but felt frustrated that this structure was not mentioned in the original site visit. Cllr Wilson proposed to submit a ‘neutral’ decision to ERYC, Cllr Sumpner seconded this, and all agreed with the exception of Cllr Black who abstained. ACTION: Clerk to respond accordingly to the application.

1. **Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Black reported that the Police Commissioner elections are coming up. The current commissioner, Keith Hunter, has reported that Humberside have been voted the most improved police force. He has also stated that he intends to keep Pocklington Police Station.

Cllr Black attended the recent Crime Prevention Meeting where Farmwatch was discussed. There are some concerns that this service is becoming insular and that vital links to other crime prevention bodies are not be utilised.

Cllr Black informed the PC that he has been invited to attend the rural safety conference and will report back on this.

The clerk handed out two flyers for the noticeboards informing parishioners of the newly set up Wolds against Rural Crime group and a chance to meet Craig Ulliott who is standing for Police Commissioner.

1. **Sites of Special Scientific Interest**

It was confirmed that Bishop Wilton parish has two of these sites at Deep Dale and the centre field of Poor Lands.

1. **WI Village Project**

This was discussed earlier.

1. **Public Meeting: Village Green Initiative**

Cllr Wilson informed the PC that he attended the recent meadows meeting which was chaired by the owner of Escrick Estates. One of the suggestions to come out of the meeting was to hold a public meeting on the village green in Summer to show parishioners the exact site of potential conservation development. He suggested that he could organise experts to come and discuss the project with parishioners. All agreed that this was a good idea. ACTION: Clerk to agenda this as a standing agenda item.

1. **Red Telephone Box**

The clerk had circulated a guide on restoring red telephone boxes to all Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllr Young noted that given that the asset is grade two listed and the presence of the current lead-based paint, that it would be more suitable for a specialist company to restore. ACTION: Clerk to obtain three quotes for restoration. ACTION: Contact Bolton and East Cottingham PC to ask who they used to restore their phone box.

1. **Correspondence**

Cllr Young informed the PC that Cllr Wilson has resigned from the Poor Lands Trust. Cllr Wilson confirmed that there was no obligation for the PC to provide a representative to sit on the Trust.

The clerk had received an email from a resident regarding the grass cutting down the off shoot of South Lane. This was discussed and it was confirmed that no one owns this, and it is therefore not the responsibility of the PC. The resident also asked if the bench at the bus stop could be moved back to accommodate prams. A discussion was held, and it was agreed that this bench as well as the bench opposite the bus stop be moved back by one metre. ACTION: Clerk to speak to ERYC regarding this.

The same resident reported that the grass verges outside 40 Main Street and no. 4/5 Wilton Barns Close were damaged due to the increased number of staff vehicles to the business in this vicinity. Cllr Young stated that the owner is currently looking to relocate the business. ACTION: Cllr Young to approach the business owner and ask him to suggest that his staff park elsewhere.

1. **Community Issues**

Cllr Hall has been approached by a resident regarding the difficulty that the bin lorry is having accessing Vale Crescent. The lorry is churning up the grass and has damaged a kerb as it is struggling to get past parked cars. Cllr Young suggested approaching residents to ask that they park more considerately on bin days. ACTION: Cllr Hall to approach residents and report back.

The clerk had circulated an email to Cllrs prior to the meeting regarding Operation London Bridge and how the PC would commemorate this. Cllr Young thought that this would fall to the Church to provide a condolence book. Ward Cllr Rudd suggested that there would be a formal letter issued to PCs by the Lord lieutenant instructing them in this instance. ACTION: Clerk to write to the PCC and inform them of this.

1. **Date of Next Meeting –** 16th March 2020 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:57 hrs.

Signed as a true and correct record  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**