

Bishop Wilton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held in Bishop Wilton Village Hall on the 25th October 2021 at 7:30pm – Meeting 10B/2021

Present: Cllrs Stewart Berry, Leo Hammond, Ingrid Haywood (Chairman), Iain Rickatson, Vicki Kress, Justine Sangwin, Roy Sumpner. The Clerk and three Members of the Public (MoP).

1. Chairman's Welcome and Apologies: Cllr Haywood welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Rigby and King.

2. Code of Conduct:

- Cllr Haywood declared that she has a prejudicial interest in item **9 a)** on the agenda due to her relationship with the applicant. She stated she would therefore, leave the room when that item is discussed and not take part in the decision.
- Cllr Hammond declared his usual abstention from debate on specific planning applications due to his role on the ERYC Planning Committees. He will however, offer generic planning advice if requested.

3. Clerk's Resignation:

The Clerk gave the Council notice of her resignation; stating that she felt it was time for her to leave, as she originally took the role with the intention to help make the Council fully functioning and productive, and she felt this had now happened.

The Clerk thanked councillors, members of the public, and in particular, the Chair, for their support to her during her tenure as Clerk to the Council.

Not wanting to leave the Council without a clerk, the Clerk offered to continue to fulfil her back office role until a new clerk is appointed.

With great sadness, the Council accepted the resignation of the Clerk and agreed that she would continue to fulfil back office duties, whilst Cllr Hammond fulfil the role of acting clerk during meetings, including the creation of agendas and minutes (including for this meeting), until a new clerk is appointed.

It was agreed that the Personnel Committee, with advice from the Clerk, now look to establish a process for the recruitment of a new clerk.

4. Open Forum: The meeting was suspended so MoPs could address the Council.

- One MoP addressed the Council in regards to item **9 a)** as the applicant, stating they had worked closely with ERYC Conservation officers to revise their plans to make them more in keeping with the conservation area. They also explained their reasons for the application, and expressed their devotion to the Parish.
- Two MoPs addressed the Council in regards to items **16** and **17**.
- The first raised their concerns that this issue was once again wasting Parish Council time and resources. They stated as a Parishioner they did not want and did not feel it fair for the Parish Council and therefore, parishioners to have to endure the financial burden of Worendale Quarry. They feel it is time to draw a line in the

sand on this issue so that the Parish Council can get on with the important work of serving the Parish.

They also questioned the petition presented to the Council at meeting **10A/2021**, raising concerns as to why it was not made available to all Parishioners, what information was presented with the petition, and why were no petitioners present when it was presented. They concluded stating that 49 petitioners do not represent the 500 parishioners of this parish, so the Parish Council should not spend any more time and resource on this matter.

- The second stated they had signed the petition because they believed the Parish Council did not have a right to give away parishioners rights of access to Worsendale Quarry and had a legal obligation to protect it and the key to the Quarry and therefore, firstly, wished to know why the Council did this, and Secondly, asked the Council to get the key back from Halifax Estates. Furtherly, they asked the Council to write to Halifax Estates requesting to know when they would make the land safe so that parishioners could access it.
- The Chair informed both MoPs that this issue would be discussed later on the agenda and they are welcome to observe.
- One MoP thanked the Clerk for her service and devotion to the Parish and stated their regret that she was leaving.

5. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th October 2021 were adopted as a true record.

6. Ward Councillor's Report: Cllr Hammond informed the Council that he had no additional report since the last meeting on the 11th October.

- Cllr Sumpner stated he had reported a broken Street light on Garrowby Road to ERYC and it had not yet been repaired. Cllr Hammond agreed to chase this.
- Cllr Sumpner reported crushed red bricks had been used to repair a section of Vicarage Lane. This is not a suitable material to use. Cllr Hammond agreed to take this up with ERYC PROW Team.
- Cllr Berry asked if it would be possible to have a barrier installed on sections of Garrowby Road to make it safer during winter. Cllr Hammond agreed to raise this with ERYC Highways.

7. Matter Arising: none raised.

8. Finance:

- a) Current bank balance noted as
- b) NS&I balance noted as
- c) Clerk inform Council that she had submitted the VAT reclaim form and if approved the Council should be refunded £599.88 in VAT for the period 2020/21.
- d) It was agreed a new laptop would now not be purchased until a new clerk is appointed.
- e) Agreed to hold a mid-year budget review in November for this year, but in future it is to be held in October.

9. Planning:

- a) Cllr Haywood left the room and Cllr Rickatson was elected acting chairman for this item.

21/03265/PLF - Erection of a manger's dwelling and associated works and infrastructure and relocation of a shepherd's hut, Wolds Edge Holiday Lodges Main Street Bishop Wilton East Riding of Yorkshire YO42 1RX – **Full planning Permission**. Agreed to support application as the applicant had taken into account the conservation area.

Cllr Haywood returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

- b) 21/02973/PLF - Erection of a dwelling and detached double garage, Land East Of The Old Joiners Shop Worsendale Road Bishop Wilton East Riding Of Yorkshire YO42 1ST – **Full planning Permission**. Agreed to object to the application on the grounds of overdevelopment of the plot, and overlooking and overshadowing of neighbouring property. The Council agreed to call this application into the ERYC Planning Committee.
- c) To consider 21/03937/TCA Stonewold Worsendale Road Bishop Wilton YO42 1ST Fell 2 no. Spruce trees due to overshadowing other existing trees: **Tree Works in Conservation Areas**. Agreed the Council is neutral on this application.

- 10. **To Consider Adoption of Shop Bench:** Clerk informed the Council that there would be no additional insurance (in terms of public liability) cost if the bench was to be adopted. The Council agreed to adopt ownership of the bench.
- 11. **Archives:** Cllr Sumpner returned the remaining archive material. The Chair thanked him for his work.
- 12. **Cutting of Village Green:** The Council agreed the Green would be cut three times a year with no cut in May. This decision was based off of the results of the Parish Council Newsletter survey, which indicated this is what the majority of parishioners want. Agreed Cllr Rigby to write scope for tender based off of decision above, and look to obtain three quotes for cutting with grass being picked up and three with just cutting.
- 13. **Parish Council Website Update:** Cllr Sangwin informed the Council that she has arranged a meeting with the MoP who has agreed to help create the website in November.
- 14. **Do it for East Yorkshire Community Grant:** Cllr Haywood updated the Council as follows. The money raised from the Street Party has now gone to all recipient organisations. The Church had written to the Council to thank both Bishop Wilton Parish Council and ERYC for organising and funding the event. ERYC has agreed in principle that we can use the remaining grant money to fund the face painter at the Street Party and a Christmas Tree for the Parish this winter. However, we must submit another application for this – agreed Cllr Haywood to do so.
- 15. **Christmas Tree:** The Council were presented with two quotes for a Christmas tree sought by Cllr King.
Garowby Estate £120
Roger Moore £140 to £250
It was agreed that the Council would purchase a tree from Halifax Estates and fund it if the Do it For East Yorkshire Community Grant is not secured.
- 16. **Worsendale Quarry:** A debate on the ownership of Worsedale Quarry took place. A further debate on the right of access of parishioners to take chalk from the quarry took place.

The Parish Council agreed, based on the evidence it has been presented with so far that, Worsendale Quarry is owned by Halifax Estates, not Bishop Wilton Parish Council; and that Bishop Wilton Parish Council is not responsible for the suggested right of access for parishioners to take chalk. No official documents have been presented which state otherwise.

The Council also agreed that it is not in the best interest of the Parish of Bishop Wilton to take on any responsibility for this land due to the significant management and liability costs it would inflict on parishioners.

The Council advises parishioners not to access the quarry for their own safety.

Cllr Sumpner claimed to have in his possession a copy of an advert of sale for the land (dated 1917) which shows there are conditions attached to the sale regarding right of access for parishioners and these were to be maintained by Pocklington District Council. Cllr Hammond advised ERYC replaced Pocklington District Council and its successors as the Local Authority, and therefore may have the same responsibility to uphold the conditions as stated in the bill of sale. Cllr Hammond offered as an East Riding Councillor to take up this with ERYC to seek clarity if Cllr Sumpner gives him the copy of the bill of sale.

17. Worsendale Quarry Letter: The Council agreed Cllr Hammond would re-draft the letter in line with the decision made above and present it for agreement at the next meeting. If agreed, it will be sent out to anyone concerned to clarify and explain the Council's position on Worsendale Quarry.

18. Winter Maintenance: The Council agreed to a budget of £150 to purchase salt for Parish Council Salt Bin in Gowthorpe.

It was agreed that a WhatsApp group be formed again to manage the use of the Parish Council gritters.

Cllr Haywood reported that all ERYC Grit Bins have been re-filled as requested as part of the Parish Walkabout.

19. To discuss monthly agenda size and meeting duration: a number of Cllrs raised concerns that meetings were lasting too long, and requested a priority based system be adopted for discussing issues to try and shorten them.

Cllr Hammond informed the Council that this can easily be done without missing any issues off of the agenda by agreeing to defer non-urgent items during meetings. It was agreed this would be carried out moving forward.

20. To discuss events schedule and budget implications: agreed to defer till budget setting meeting in February 2022.

21. Community Issues: Cllrs raised no issues.

22. To note correspondence: none to note.

23. Agenda Items for next meeting:

Booking of 'being a good councillor' training course.

Platinum Jubilee event.

Vote of no confidence in Cllr Sumpner as a parish councillor.

24. Date of Next Meeting: 22nd November 2021.

Meeting Closed: 9:26

