

Washburn Parish Council

Meeting:	Full Council
Date:	8 th January 2024
Venue:	Norwood Social Hall, Norwood
Commenced:	7.31 pm
Concluded:	9.16 pm
Members Present	Cllr G Hebblethwaite (Chair) Cllrs H Barker, J Davison, P Green, G Knox, S Ryder, K Wilson
In Attendance:	Dr J Knowles (Parish Clerk)

66. Apologies

Received from: Cllr A Campbell, A Johnson, N Hull

67. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest, of any nature, were received.

68. Minutes for approval

Resolved: the minutes of Full Council held on 6th November 2023 were approved for accuracy by Cllr J Davison and seconded by Cllr G Knox, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chair

69. Ongoing issues

69.1 BOAT Applications – The Clerk outlined there has been no contact since the last meeting

Resolved: that the report be noted

69.2 Kex Gill – Cllr N Hull sent the following update received from the Executive Member for Highways with regards to questions raised at the meeting held in November. The heavy earthworks will take place outside of winter. Some works are taking place taking the opportunity during breaks in the weather. There are costs pressures, but at this time we are not suggesting that the scheme cannot be delivered within budget. It also remains the case that the contractor will remove the old road at the end of the project.

Resolved: that the report be noted

69.3 Highways Issues – Cllr H Barker has had no response to two emails.

Resolved: that the report be noted and that the Clerk be instructed to send a chase up email

69.4 Electric Transformer, Timble – No update and the transformer is still not operational

Resolved: that the Clerk to send an email to Northern Powergrid for an update on progress with the Transformer at Timble and the underground cables at Fewston

69.5 Interpretation Boards

Resolved: Wording agreed: Planted by Washburn Residents to mark the Millennium in 2000

70. County Matters

No Update

71. Police Matters

The September and October crime data reports no incidents.

72. Plans considered since last meeting

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

Resolved: that the comments be noted

73. Planning Application Decisions

23/03557/FUL Erection of Garden room, to form flexible domestic ancillary accommodation

The Smithy, Bland Hill Cottages, Norwood

Approved with Conditions

23/03587/TPO Fell 2 no. Ash (877/878) under TPO 44/2008 W1, Pollart at 7m to 1 no. Beech (875) under TPOI 11/2005 W1, Removal of Ash and Holly on embankment that is below 7cm dia. Under TPO 44/2008 W1

Scaife Hall Farm, Blubberhouses

Approved with Conditions

23/03759/DVCON Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Drawings) of planning permission 22/01730/FUL Erection of detached garage and store

Tabucca 3 Brame Hall Farm, Norwood

Approved with Conditions

23/03677/FUL Erection of canopy to rear of dwelling

Tabucca 3 Brame Hall Farm, Norwood

Refused

23/03801/FUL Erection of garage building

Brown Bank Farm, Watson's Lane, Norwood

Approved with Conditions

- 23/02633/FUL Creation of two wildlife ponds
Field 80M North East of Junction
Approved with Conditions
- 23/04151/FUL Erection of Garden room, to form flexible domestic ancillary accommodation
The Smithy, Bland Hill Cottages, Norwood
Approved with Conditions
- 23/03903/CLEUD Conversion works undertaken to an agricultural building in order to create a dwelling and the occupation of the building, following its conversion, for more than 4 years
Low Wood Farm, Timble
Approved

74. Correspondence Received

The following correspondence was received (01.11.23 – 22.12.23)

1. North Yorkshire Council – Local Nature Recovery Strategy Webinar
2. North Yorkshire Council – Draft Statement on Community Involvement
3. Yorkshire Water – Washburn Valley reservoirs car parking charges
4. North Yorkshire Council – Local Plan: Briefing for Parish Councils
5. North Yorkshire Council – Household Waste Recycling Centre Consultation
6. North Yorkshire Council – Road Closure Notification – Norwood Bottom Road 19-20 December
7. Menwith Hill – Delay to the opening of Menwith Hill Road
8. Nidderdale Plus – News from Nidderdale Christmas 2023
9. North Yorkshire Council – Updates and Bulletins
10. YLCA – White Rose Update

Signed

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75. Highways Issues

No Highways issues to report.

The Chair will report a couple of issues just outside the Parish boundary. The Clerk was instructed to request a Highways Officer to attend a drive around the Parish to discuss a few issues.

76. Maintenance

No Maintenance issues to report.

Maintenance works remain outstanding at North Lane, Hall Lane, The Grange in Fewston to the Church and Top Lane in Norwood.

Resolved:

77. Commuted Sums

Cllr G Hebblethwaite has met with the Commuted Sums Officer to clarify some concerns and confirmed that works to the verge can be transferred across the Parish. Cllr G Knox confirmed that Fewston Parochial Hall are in the planning stage of accessing commuted sums to support two schemes.

78. Internal Audit Appointment

Resolved: Yorkshire Internal Audit Services be appointed internal auditor for 2024/2025

79. Human Resources

Resolved: to increase the Spinal Column Point scale (part-time) of the Parish Clerk to SCP25 – effective from 1st April 2024

80. Budget 2024/25

Resolved: the Council approves the budget of £11,382 for 2024-2025, proposed by Cllr P Green and seconded by Cllr G Knox, agreed unanimously

The Council instructs the Clerk to notify North Yorkshire Council that the precept requirements for 2024/25 will be £8,000

81. Finance

81.1 Accounts for Payment

To: All Members of the Parish Council		From: Parish Clerk		
Accounts Paid				
General Accounts		Jan-24		
DETAIL				
		GROSS	VAT	NETT
LAPTOP ANTI-VIRUS SOFTWARE		12.99	2.17	10.82
CLERKS SALARY		814.95	0	814.95
CLERKS EXPENSES		63	0	63
HMRC TAX		203.6	0	203.6
MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION		14	0	14
FEWSTON PAROCHIAL HALL		250	0	250
IAN EGGLESTON CONTRACTING - VERGE & HEDGE		705.6	117.6	588
UNITY BANK CHARGES (SEPT-NOV)		18	0	18
TOTAL		2082.14	119.77	1962.37

Resolved: that the accounts paid be approved to 8th January 2024

Signed

Date

81.2 Bank Reconciliation

Resolved: to approve the bank reconciliation statement and budget comparison to 31st December 2023, showing a cash balance of £16,561.51

82. Next Meeting

82.1 Any items for inclusion on the next agenda to be informed to the Clerk by 16th February

82.2 Date of next meeting: Monday 4th March @ 7.30pm at Norwood Social Hall

Signed

Date