

Washburn Parish Council

Meeting:	Full Council
Date:	4 th March 2024
Venue:	Norwood Social Hall, Norwood
Commenced:	7.31 pm
Concluded:	9.01 pm
Members Present	Cllr J Davison (Chair) Cllrs H Barker, A Campbell, P Green, A Johnson, G Knox, S Ryder, F Walkinshaw, K Wilson
In Attendance:	Dr J Knowles (Parish Clerk), Cllr N Hull (North Yorkshire Council), 10 residents

83. Apologies

Received from: Cllr G Hebblethwaite

84. Declarations of Interest

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

85. Minutes for approval

Resolved: the minutes of Full Council held on 8th January 2024 were approved for accuracy by Cllr G Knox and seconded by Cllr P Green, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chair

86. Agroforestry Scheme

Dr Vincent Walsh provided a presentation of the agroforestry scheme underway at Ings Farm investigating the use of more sustainable farming methods in a challenging landscape. The contract is for 30 years and the activities have been agreed with Yorkshire Water, Forestry Commission, Nidderdale AONB and Natural England. The project commenced four years ago and Dr Walsh accepted that the communication with local residents needs to be better. Dr Walsh agreed to facilitate a public meeting and offer site visits.

87. Ongoing issues

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

Resolved: that the report be noted

87.2 Kex Gill – Cllr N Hull stated that he is concerned about the A59 road closure at Kex Gill and the impact it is having on local businesses. He agreed to contact Julian Smith MP and North Yorkshire Highways to request a public meeting on this issue.

Resolved: that the report be noted

87.3 Highways Issues – Cllr H Barker stated that Highways had not been in touch.

Resolved: that the report be noted and Cllr N Hull to contact Highways on behalf of the Parish Council

87.4 Electric Transformer, Timble – Cllr J Davison restated that 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

87.5 Interpretation Boards – Cllr H Barker outlined that three signs would cost £60

Resolved: that Cllr H Barker proceed with the purchase of the three signs

88. County Matters

Cllr N Hull provided the following update on County Matters. The Council now have a 24/7 Resilience Officer in post. Households can pay for their garden waste to be removed with every area now paying for this service. 90% of children in the county are now getting their first preference for schools. There is to be a further consultation on the future of the Harrogate Convention Centre given the estimated refurbishment costs. Crime statistics are down for the area although it excludes online fraud. Full Council met recently and agreed a Council Tax increase of 4.99% (2.99% for services and 2% on adult social care). The Council is facing a budget deficit but with good reserves and some cost-saving measures that will not affect frontline services, it should be manageable.

89. Police Matters

The November crime data records two incidents: one Violence and Sexual Offence at Broad Dubb Road under investigation, and one Drugs offence at Cobby Syke Road under investigation.

The December crime data records one incident of Burglary at Watson's Lane, with the investigation complete as no suspect has been identified.

90. Plans considered since last meeting

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

Resolved: that the comments be noted

91. Planning Application Decisions

23/04241/DVCON Application of variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 21/05115/FUL: Erection of single storey

Signed

Date

garage/home office and glazed link extensions to include formation of solar panels on existing roof

Norwood Hall Barn, Norwood

Approved with Conditions

23/04282/FUL

Demolition of existing conservatory and rear extension. Erection of replacement garden room and rear extension

Rues Farm, Timble

Approved with Conditions

23/02996/FUL

Conversion of barn to holiday bunk barn and installation of package treatment plant

Myers Lair, Hall Lane, Blubberhouses

Approved with Conditions

23/02997/LB

Listed Building Application for the conversion of barn to holiday bunk barn and installation of package treatment plant

Myers Lair, Hall Lane, Blubberhouses

Approved with Conditions

23/03942/FUL

Conversion of barn to form additional living accommodation; garage to replace modern agricultural shed; associated external works to boundary wall; installation of replacement timber windows and doors; replacement roof to bar and outbuildings; replacement package treatment plant (Revised Scheme)

Nether Timble Farm, Timble

Approved with Conditions

23/03943/LB

Listed building consent for conversion of barn to form additional living accommodation; garage to replace modern agricultural shed; associated external works to boundary wall; installation of replacement timber windows and doors;

replacement roof to bar and outbuildings; replacement package treatment plant (Revised Scheme)

Nether Timble Farm, Timble

Approved with Conditions

92. Correspondence Received

The following correspondence was received (22.12.23 – 25.02.24)

1. Resident Email – Concern over Fewston Parking issues at Christmas and New Year
2. North Yorkshire Council – A59 Road Closure
3. RAF Menwith Hill – Spring Reception Invitation
4. North Yorkshire Council – Garden Waste Service
5. Email – Asbestos Fly Tipping
6. North Yorkshire Council – Updates and Bulletins
7. YLCA – White Rose Update

93. Highways Issues

No Highways issues to report.

94. Maintenance

The following maintenance issues were reported:

- 1) To clean and refurbish the Parish noticeboards

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

95. Urban Highways Grass Cutting

Cllr J Davison informed Council of an invitation for the Parish to take on the arrangements for urban highway grass cutting across the Parish from North Yorkshire County Council for the coming year.

Resolved: that the Parish Council decline this opportunity for 2024-2025

96. Litter Pick

Resolved: Parish litter picking day on Saturday 13th April 2024 subject to agreement with North Yorkshire Council. Start time of 10.00am in Timble, Fewston and Norwood. Further details from Cllr A Campbell.

97. Meeting Schedule

Resolved: that the Meeting Schedule for 2024-2025 be accepted

98. Business Continuity Plan

Resolved: to adopt the Business Continuity Plan

99. Finance

99.1 Accounts for Payment

To: All Members of the Parish Council		From: Parish Clerk		
Accounts Paid				
General Accounts		March - '2024		
DETAIL		GROSS	VAT	NETT
TP JONES PAYROLL		84.48	14.08	70.40
CLERKS SALARY		814.75	0.00	814.75
CLERKS EXPENSES		117.00	0.00	117.00
HMRC TAX		203.80	0.00	203.80
TOTAL		1220.03	14.08	1205.95

Resolved: that the accounts paid be approved to 4th March 2024

99.2 Bank Reconciliation

Resolved: to approve the bank reconciliation statement and budget comparison to 29th February 2024, showing a cash balance of **£14,713.10**

100. Next Meeting

100.1 Any items for inclusion on the next agenda to be informed to the Clerk by 30th April

100.2 Date of next meeting: Monday 20th May @ 7.15pm at Norwood Social Hall

Signed

Date