

YEALAND REDMAYNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held remotely on Monday 18 January 2021, at 4.00pm.

Present: YR PC Councillors: Mrs D Smith, Mrs G Moore, Mr M Macklin, Mrs L Marshall. Yealand Conyers Cllr Mrs A Metcalfe, Chair Mrs D Hancock & County Cllr Phillippa Williamson. Clerk, Mrs S Brown.

3030 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES : Cllr I Harbison, work commitments & City Cllr J Greenwell, previous commitment. Absences accepted.

3031. TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING & SIGN THEM. **Resolved** : The minutes were agreed, proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Macklin and will be signed by the Chair Cllr Smith in the next day or two.

3032. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION : No residents attended the meeting. A pilot scheme of cooked lunches to be delivered from Longlands, into the Yealands, Burton & Priest Hutton has been launched. There is a veggie or meat main course choice, with a suggested donation of £4.00. The finances are being dealt with by Kirby Lonsdale Cupboard. A full strength volunteer system is in place and the Food Handling/Safety issues are compliant. If it works successfully it is hoped it might continue until the end of March. The cartons are delivered to the Village Hall and distributed by the volunteer drivers.

Cllr Hancock expressed her concern at the lack of interest in people volunteering for the role of Councillors, in Conyers. There may have to be some consideration about how things may proceed in the future, if there is insufficient support for the Parish Council.

The Winter Gardens in Blackpool and Blackburn Cathedral are using their space for vaccination against the COVID virus. The nine groups will be vaccinated in order of priority, with over 50's hopefully done by end of March, then the second round of vaccinations will commence. There are some scammers, trying to sell Home Testing Kits, which are not accurate, they should not be bought.

3033 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST; To include Personal and Personal & Prejudicial Interests. (*Cllrs Macklin, Moore & Marshall, interest as on Village Hall Committee*); *Cllr Marshall, as parent of J Marshall, who is cutting the Meadows Play Area* .

3034 PLANNING APPLICATIONS & CONSULTATIONS :

- **20/0242/AD** : Prior Notification of Agricultural Determination for the construction of a silage clamp with roof and erection of roofs over yards at

Cinderbarrow Farm, Cinderbarrow Lane, LA5 9RL. **Decided** : Prior Approval not required.

- **20/O1366/FUL** : Erection of a single storey rear extension with balcony above, erection of a single storey side extension and erection of a first floor extension and replacement of existing balustrade, as Hazel Grove Cottage, Hazel Grove Farm, Milnthorpe Rd, Yealand Redmayne, LA5 9RW. **Resolved** : *No Objections*
- Consultation regarding the proposed 4.99% increase in the 2021-22 Community Charge : (**Feedback date 15 January**)
- Caravans at Pure Leisure – being vacated over Christmas Period : Because of COVID restrictions on movement, the normal vacation of caravans at this time of year was not considered to be the best thing and people were allowed to stay on site, to keep transmission of the virus to a minimum. (Info Only)
- A public consultation on the draft Homes Strategy 2020 – 2025 has just been launched, with local people being asked for their views to help shape the final document. A key focus of the consultation is a conference on social housing taking place on **Thursday 21 January 2021 between 10am and 1pm**. More details can be found on the council website: [Homes strategy consultation – Lancaster City Council](#). For further details contact Planning and Housing Strategy Team: planningpolicy@lancaster.gov.uk. **Resolved** : *Councillors : No Comments.*
- Concern over a property in Yealand Redmayne being altered without planning permission; following anonymous letter giving information was sent to a Parish Councillor. **Resolved** : *The Clerk would notify the Planning Department of the concerns raised and ask for someone from Enforcement to go out and check..*

3035 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS :

- Clerk's Fee Dec 2020 £ 177.50 (Already Paid)
- Clerk's Fee Jan 2020 £ 177.50 (Pay on 25th)
- Clerk's Expenses £ 93.55 (Chq 0424)
(Inc renewal for McAfee Internet Security, for fifteen months)
- G Rowlinson (Drover's Cut & Hedge) £ 155.00 (Chq 414)
- P Lees – Annual Electrical Pillar Inspection £ 45.00 (Chq 422)
- J H Barker – Xmas Tree & Delivery £ 95.00 (Chq 423)

The Deposit Account now has £ 5,151.34, The Current A/c has £ 857.65, after these payments have been made.. to be UPDATED

3036. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES : AONB : Cllr Macklin attended the remote meeting, which discussed the Local Government

reorganisation. Submissions for The Bay have been made, the outcome will be heard later in the Spring.

3037. TO CONSIDER THE MEADOWS & PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORT : The Play Area remains open, despite the Lockdown. Following the Annual Inspection Report, more repairs & cleaning of the rubber mats are needed. City Council have been asked to quote for the repairs and Cllr Moore will clean the matting.

The planters (replacing the bollard at the corner of the Green) can be made locally, once weather is better they can be put out, there are folk in the village happy to maintain them. The Clerk is finding out the costs for consideration.

3038. TO CONSIDER INFORMATION (AONB) NOTICE BOARDS : The final draft has been looked at and photos which enhanced the village had been added. *Resolved* : As both Parishes are in agreement, Clerk to contact Barbara and arrange for work to have the boards made.

3039. TO CONSIDER PROVISION OF ALLOTMENTS : The Clerk had contacted the Charity whose land is adjacent to the proposed area. They thought it was not possible have allotments there as the drainage is poor and land liable to flooding. Suggestion of raised beds was made. The Clerk will contact the interested parties and ask them to meet with Cllr Macklin, at the site (distanced) for further talks.

3040. TO CONSIDER ANNUAL BUDGET : After consideration of the budget, amounts held in reserve for repairs and contingency, it was *Resolved* that the Precept remain at the same figure of £5,950 as last year and not be increased.:

3027 CLERK'S REPORT : (Info Only) (should be Para 3041)

3028. ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER : (Should be Para 3042) Boardwalk at Well Lane Is unsafe and is to be tied off, do not go there as unsafe, repairs to follow soon. Item on Facebook and Website too. After careful consideration of the Budget for 2021-22, Precept will remain at £5,950, as this year; AONB Boards agreed by joint working of Parish Councils.

3029 TO NOTE THE DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING : (Should be Para 3043) Monday 15th March 2021 at 4.30pm, be held remotely. Councillors from Yealand Conyers will also attend, as an exercise in commonality and joint working.

Clerk's Report for 18 January 2021

Thank You letters should go to Helen Denton & Partner, plus the neighbour who spent time checking them and erecting the tree. Name needed please ? I'll do the letters and

drop off when I next come through – likely Tues /Wed next week, for cheque signing, if that's OK, Mike & Di ?

The Play Area still needs attention, It has been left open, despite being under second Lockdown again. There some notices to be displayed, I have asked City for them, but not had them through yet. Also the Report has a lot of repair work to be seen to, I am trying to arrange a time when Mark can come out and see to it all. There is a provision of £100 repairs at City, plus £300 contingency in the budget.

AONB Notice Boards : Barbara has sent out the final draft of the board, there were a couple things that were amended, I trust you have all looked at it now and are happy for it to start being printed ? Conyers I think have now formally OK'd it at their meeting..

Bollards on The Meadows – City have said they can be removed, but we need quotes for any planters to be made, Darren has said he can do them, so has anyone any ideas please about the size and shape needed ? Should we ask locals first before we proceed ?

Drovers and the hedge were cut OK, By Gary Rowlinson. I need to get a quote for next year, but have put similar amount in the Budget.

Provision of Allotments : City Council have no spare land, Mike offered his land at Tarn Lane, and asked me to contact the Charity who owns the land adjacent. She is of the opinion it is totally unsuitable as it floods frequently, as it is in a dip and water cannot be pumped upwards. The Charity looked at donating it some years ago and realised it wasn't viable. Do you wish me to proceed further, to see if there is any land available, from another local landowner ?

The Green bin demand has arrived today, It's for £40, the same as last year. I will apply for it to be renewed next year, pay on my card and claim back in March, if that's OK ?

LALC subs demand for next year will be out in March, usually pay first week of April.

Precept calcs and budget have been circulated to all, if you need any explanation, before meeting on Monday, please let me know – best to phone as I am not at laptop for more than an hour a day, for work purposes.

A Parish Council is not allowed to have a large amount of savings, unless for specifics; the amount held in Deposit is for Contingency and will likely be needed in the next couple of years.

McAfee renewal – they do not do a 2 year plan now, but I got a good deal at £39.99 for 15 months, paid on my card, claimed this month, thanks I looked at a couple of the others, but to be honest, because McAfee was already set up, it was easier to go with them, in terms of times taken.

I am currently taking minutes for Yealand Conyers, as you know, as they have not had much success at employing a clerk. Adrian Duggan, City Councillor was at last meeting and thinks the way forward is to merge the Parishes. I have sent you info under separate cover, but it has to go out to consultation, with a proper budget to give residents a full picture of the impact. (Likely that YC 's share would go up, YR's go down ?).

My salary is normally reviewed about now, it had previously been agreed that I would just move up the NALC spine each year. Conyers is offering a higher pay rate in the advert (indeed paying me for my time at that rate too) and I wonder if the PC might consider putting me on the same rate please ? I have never pushed for a massive salary, but it is a tad unsettling to be paid more, for doing the same job, elsewhere ! It's only 84p per hour, I work 208 hours minimum a year, so an increase of £175 a year would be a rough guide.

I am assuming that if they get a clerk by May, the going rate would be increased in line with NALC figures, that usually come out in September, so another small increment / back pay might apply ? (My back pay last year was £24.22, just to give you an idea of the figures involved.) Thanks for your consideration. Any adjustment would have to go onto the March Agenda and be formally minuted, as does an appraisal, to keep in line with Audit Regs. Thanks.

Bob Bailey (Carnforth Clerk) sent me some email over Xmas time, about caravans at Pure Leisure, I have to expand them, but then couldn't read the print – it seemed to have something to do with the normal vacating them for a short time, think it was waived, due to COVID ? I' trying to get in touch with him to confirm if there is any action needed from us.

The anonymous letter about possible building work, without Planning Permission, is difficult, what are your thoughts please ? It's on the Agenda for discussion, I did wonder if I could put a small note on the Yealand FB page, asking folk to contact me, rather than Councillors, if they have a problem ? I don't want to go down the route of having to check FB everyday for comments really, would rather a proper trail is kept by email.

Finally, just to remind you that the Councillors from YC and Cllr Duggan will also be at our March meeting, to try and set communality for the future !

Thanks All, please stay safe and well, see you Monday 18th, at 4.00pm.