

Parish Council of The Yealands

Minutes

8 January 2025, 7.30pm, Yealand Village Hall

Present: Cllr Dawn Hancock, Cllr Gerry Moore, Cllr Sue Tyldesley, Cllr Roger Dent, Clerk Rebecca Oaks, Anne Prescott, Cllr Lucy Arthurs

60. To accept apologies

Joanne Wheeler, Cllr Alan Greenwell, Cllr Phillippa Williamson

61. To confirm minutes of previous meeting and sign them

Accepted

62. To co-opt Anne Prescott to the Parish Council.

Proposed Cllr Moore, Seconded Cllr Tyldesley, Unanimous vote agreed.

Joanne Wheeler to be co-opted at the next meeting.

63. To receive reports of the County Councillor and City Councillors

Report by Cllr. Alan Greenwell

1) The Meadows & Meadows Close

There have been issues at Meadows Close with disturbance from the builders working on the extension behind 20 The Meadows. The access to the back garden is via the Close. No action needed.

2) Lancaster District Council Leadership Change + unitaries

Until recently the District Council has been run successfully by a coalition of Labour, Greens and LibDems. After a by-election, Greens

became the largest party and now have the leadership. Negotiations failed and Labour withdrew from the coalition.

We have a new coalition of Greens, LibDems and MBIs, a new Leader -- Cllr Caroline Jackson -- and a new cabinet (including Sue).

Looking perhaps 3 years ahead, Lancaster District Council is likely to go out of existence as it becomes part of a larger Unitary authority, as has happened in Cumbria. One of the many consequences of this is that parish councils will become even more significant.

Report by Cllr Tyldesley

I have been asked to represent planning on the Council Cabinet. There is a big planning bill being put through at present. Housing targets imposed from central government will be hard to achieve. The Council are working on a new local plan.

Unitary authorities of 500,000 people, are what we are supposed to be working towards in the next 3 years. We are not in the first tranche, and there will be County Council elections this year. No evidence that this will save money.

We might be with Wyre, Fylde and Blackpool or alternatively Preston. As a Parish Council we may have to take on extra responsibilities. We will have to wait and see. Business and usual!

63. To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation

There were piles of leaves on Yealand Road, left by recent storm, we think the Council Street cleaner took some, Gary Rawlinson also took some down to the allotments for composting.

Action Clerk to ask Gary to trim the hedge along Yealand Road.

PCO Crime statistics – should we have a standing item on the agenda on crime figures Cllr Dent to check the data and provide a report.

Agreed

64. To receive declarations of interest; to include personal and personal and prejudicial interests.

None

65. To consider planning applications and consultations:

24/0195/TCA 37 Silverdale Road Ash tree fell and ivy remove
Permitted 7 November 2024

24/00987/FUL Holmere Hall Erection of a timber storage building including a carport
Permitted 20 November 2024

24/0223/TCA Red Bank Barn – Birch Tree Fell
Permitted 18 Dec 2024

24/0237/TCA Acer Davidii (Snakebark Maple)- removal of dead and dying old growth to ground level to allow new growth from the base
Permitted 6 January 2025

66. To approve payments and finance

Clerk Fee January, February 2025	£789.36 SO
Clerks Nest Pension Jan, Feb 2025	£60.06 DD
Gary Rowlinson	£255
Christmas Tree	£100
NL donation	£300

Approved

Income: Interest £21.61

Bank balance: 31 December 2024 Business account £12,007.15

Treasurers account £95.09

67. To agree the budget and precept for 2024/25 including a pay rise for the Clerk and the need to budget for Employers NI.

Nalc rates for 24/25 are 22/23 - £17.10 up from £16.50

Agreed

68. To consider road issues. Speeding concerns and Love Clean Streets reports.

Action Remind people to report any speed issues. The Love Clean Streets does work. Grit bins have been filled, but have since been used.

Action Cllr Hancock to report the grit bins in Conyers

69. To consider issues relating to the meeting in Silverdale of the Community Energy Fund Stage 1 Project

Action Clerk to attend the meeting on 14 Jan.

70. To consider litter picking and in particular the schedule for cleaning the A6 for the coming year.

Cllr Tyldesley has asked for the A6 to be done as a matter of urgency

Community Litter pick on the 15TH March

71. To consider the new path to the Forest Schools site.

FIPL grant meeting 22nd Jan

Action Clerk To obtain quotes and to check with Tonia about the FIPL timing

72. To consider the playground – Trampoline update
Inspection report.

We have had word from Mark Henry the LCC play inspector that we should use Flexilon which is a non toxic polyurethane rubber tile adhesive. Simon Lewis to do this when the weather improves.

Action Clerk to email to enquire whether the play inspection has been done?

73. To consider the MUGA refurbishment – Meeting feedback and questionnaire. PC contribution to fund raising.

Solicitor was Jobling and Knape – Cllr Moore contacting to see about the legal arrangement between PC and School etc. The PC gave permission to the School governors to use it.

Action Clerk to look into Crowd Funding through the County Council

Action Clerk to put in a bid to the Walney Extension Community Fund

Action Cllr Arthurs to consider the Dr Sherlock Fund

Parish Council to contribute £2000

Agreed

74. To consider the risk assessments for events in particular safe guarding issues around use of photos.

Important to get permission from all people before using photos in publicity

75. To receive reports from the outside groups-

National Landscape Not met

Trowbarrow Trust Cllr Dent Nothing to report

Mansergh Trust Clerk. Met in November and money distributed to apprentices.

Village Hall Committee, Cllr Moore, Cllr Hancock Next event - Burns night Ceilidh

Allotment Group. Clerk - We need to get the paperwork sorted for the PC Community orchard.

The Archbishop Hutton Sole Trustee Company Ltd Cllr Hancock. We need another representative from the PC to attend as an observer Cllr Prescott volunteered. Many thanks

Dr Sherlock's Charity Cllr Arthurs/John Smith – Managed to take some leaps forward, access to the funds and commissioned a process to collect rent arrears and rent increases. Reserves need to be spent on some legal fees. Sent Warton and Yealand Schools an invitation to apply for funds. Maximum £500 per grant. Bank is Furness BS and not online, so may need to be changed in due course. PC will need to appoint someone to replace John Smith at some point.

Canal - Check the buoyancy aid - Cllr Moore

Storrs Wood (Storrs Watering Place) Clerk

Action Clerk to look into costings for renovating the hedge.

The Pound (Public Watering Place) Clerk

Action Cllr Dent to check the old picnic bench to see if it needs removing.

76. To consider items for the newsletter

Now to be done by Amanda Bingley contact

77. To note the date and time of next meeting.

First Wed of the month - March 19th Village Hall