

Parish Council of The Yealands

Minutes

15 May 2024

First meeting 15 May 2024, 7.30pm, Yealand Village Hall

Convened by Deborah Chambers of Lancaster City Council.

Present: Deborah Chambers, Dawn Hancock, Lucy Arthurs, John Smith, Phillippa Williamson, Alan Greenwell, Sue Tyldesley, Roger Dent, Gerry Moore, Rebecca Oaks

1. To appoint a chair and sign the declaration of acceptance form

Nominate Cllr Dawn Hancock, proposed Cllr Moore seconded Cllr Arthurs, Cllr Hancock appointed.

2. To appoint a vice chair and sign the dec of acceptance form

Nominate Cllr Gerry Moore, Proposed Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Arthurs, Cllr Moore appointed.

3. To appoint the clerk

Rebecca Oaks appointed.

Cllr Chambers left the meeting.

4. To accept apologies

Cllr Metcalfe who was unavoidably away.

5. To confirm minutes of previous meetings and sign them

Confirmed and signed

6. Reports of the County Councillor and City Councillors

Lancashire is the 4th largest County Councils in the country. There are lots of challenges and opportunities but in terms of overall performance in delivery of services, Oflog currently rank the county as 5th overall and higher in financial and adult social care. We are in a good position financially. We have a gross budget of £2 billion pounds per annum and around 65% of this is spent on Adults and Children's

Social Care. We continually do all we can to make efficiencies and savings without reducing the services delivered. The biggest concern for most people is the roads. We received around £28m per annum for their maintenance but this years we have already utilised the savings we have made to spend around £42m on this work and only this month releasing another £5m for potholes.

We have introduced a new scheme called 'Responsive Patching' to cover areas where there are multiple potholes. These will be up to 5x5m patches. We also have a separate fund called the Local Deterioration Fund for surface dressing even larger areas that can be completed in a day without the need for extensive traffic management. This treatment is intended to help preserve the road for a further 4 or so years.

We want to encourage people to use the Love Clean Streets App [Report It on the go with Love Clean Streets - Lancashire County Council](#) and report potholes but also lots of other different highways related issues. Reporting of any highways defects is important – do not be put off if a report has already been made for an area, it is important that all reports are logged.

A6070 (formerly the M601(M)) – The work will be underway for the next 12 months and is a £9.2m investment in the road which has been declassified as a motorway which means that from now on the County Council will be responsible for its maintenance and as it will no longer be a motorway, it is expected to deliver maintenance savings of around £35m over the next 10 + years. These savings will be used to support the wider highway network in the area.

The six bridges along the road are being refurbished. Work includes taking up the hard shoulder and making it grass verge, there will be laybys, barriers, new signage and lastly resurfacing. Consideration of a cycle lane/footpath along the road was made but the space under the bridges is not wide enough to accommodate this.

Buses – The County Council has created a Bus Service Improvement Plan and Fund to expand existing services and reduce fares. £1 fare after 7pm has increased

bus traffic by 1.5 million passenger journeys across the county. This is helping make the routes more viable.

Buses stopping on the A6 - this is not allowed as there is not the infrastructure to make it safe to stop. Cllr Tyldesley made enquiries following her appeal for comments on the Facebook page.

A draft timetable has been sent following the meeting with the County Council in Silverdale which Cllr Tyldesley and the Clerk attended. Adjustments have been made to improve the connectivity with the rail service. Feedback on this is requested.

Action Clerk to post the proposals on FB and WhatsApp

Action Cllr Williamson to enquire about buses stopping on the A6

Cllr Williamson noted that progress on the created of a Combined County Authority for Lancashire and devolution of more funding and powers from the government to Lancashire was progressing well. She confirmed that this will not involve the creation of a mayor or any local government reform i.e. the borough and city councils will continue to focus on the services they deliver, as will the around 300 Parish councils and meetings in the county. The combined county authority will focus on long term strategi economic development, adult education and skills and other issues where a county wide approach will be most beneficial to all residents and businesses.

Cllr Greenwell New mayor - Cllr Abi Mills and Cllr Hamish Mills (son) as deputy mayor.

Cllr Greenwell with Cllr Smith to discuss planning issues at Yealand Hall Farm. Meadows Close (5 bungalows), the guttering is hanging off at the back so Cllr Greenwell has set in motion the repair team from LCC.

One of the residents fell over the weather barrier at the door, this is not very good for accessibility. Handrails might make it safer. Could we act as a PC to offer support?

Action Clerk to devise a card with a contact number offering support.

7. To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation

None

8. To consider internal auditors report for the Redmayne and Conyers accounts for the year ended 31 march 2024, the annual governance forms and sign the exemption certificates.

Signed

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

None

10. To consider planning applications and consultations:

24/00167/LB The Old Post House 28 - 30 Yealand Road Listed building application for the installation of replacement roof tiles to the east elevation and replacement of gutters/waste water pipes
Application refused

23/00422/FUL The Old Post House 28 - 30 Yealand Road

23/00399/LB The Old Post House 28 - 30 Yealand Road Erection of a single storey rear extension
Awaiting decision

24/00211/FUL

Demolition of existing garage and side extension, erection of a replacement single storey side extension to form garage and erection of a porch to the front
Application permitted

24/0059/TCA 23 Yealand Road, 1 x Larch - Fell 1 x Holly - Fell 1 x Pinus - Fell 2 x Conifer – Fell
Application permitted

24/0050/TCA 15, The Meadows,
Common Beech (T1) Remove, Goat Willow (T2) Remove
Application permitted

24/00350/FUL 20, The Meadows, Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of a single storey rear extension

Awaiting decision

24/00239/FUL, Yealand Hall Farm,
Erection of a roof over existing yard

Awaiting decision

24/00238/FUL Yealand Hall Farm
Erection of agricultural store building

Awaiting decision

24/0066/TCA - 20 The Meadows Fell 1 x Black Pine

Fell 1 x Dead tree (unknown species)

Awaiting decision

24/00428/FUL 1 Silverdale Road, Yealand Redmayne

Erection of a porch to the rear (South) elevation

Awaiting decision

24/00448/LB Leighton Hall Listed building application for works to the Victorian stair tower.

Awaiting decision

11. To approve payments and finance

Clerk Fee May, June 2024	£789.36 SO
Clerks Nest Pension May, June 2024	£68.64 DD
Clerks expenses/overtime	£198
Auditors fee (YC & YR)	£60
Sovereign Play Monkey Bars (amended from March minutes)	£1,043.93 + VAT
Gifts C J Spirits Ltd	£70

Approved

Zurich insurance quote of £630.32 meeting agreed to accept this. Income: Precept: £9902, Parish Champions Grant £900, Interest 6.11 **Total £10,808.11**

Transfer from Santander £2910.82 Repaid clerk fee for Conyers £201.50

Since March meeting YR £1600 from Bio grant and Local delivery x 2

Bank balance: 03 May 2024 Business account £19554.65 Treasurers account £378.41

Add a person or two to the Online bank account

Action Cllr Hancock to be added.

To discuss the Budget for the year

Local delivery money needs spending on PROW work, this is the year where we have money from Conyers and Redmayne so a big budget to make improvements to our paths network.

£8655k in reserve. Some spending needed on playground and perhaps the MUGA.

We could look to sponsor some of the finger posts on the PROW.

Action All to review all the paths and look at stiles and signs and vegetation that needs cutting back. Get a What three words reference and send to clerk to collate the work needed.

Work at Storrs Wood reinstating the hedge following the tree work last year, issues with drainage from the spring, is there a culvert?

Action Clerk to investigate,

12. To consider the issues raised at the Annual Parish Assembly including, potholes, and speeding.

Covered under item 6.

Three signs damaged, Yealand Storrs at Silverdale end, Warning sign near Nineteen acre lane. Conyers towards Meadows sharp bend and slow sign on road non-existing. One in Conyers too. Grit bins split and damaged Peters Hill one particularly bad. The grit bins are all empty at the moment. Vegetation on the bad bend by the Meadows.

Action All to report issues noted on the [Love Clean Streets - Lancashire County Council](#)

Speeding on Dykes Lane, noted but no solution apparent.

13. To consider the joint risk assessment and approve it.

Approved

14. To appoint councillor representatives and receive reports from the outside groups-

AONB Cllr Metcalfe - meeting on 22 May Cllr Tyldesley will attend
Trowbarrow Trust Cllr Dent, thanks to him for stepping up for this.

Mansergh Trust Clerk Meeting on the 29th May.

Village Hall Committee, Cllr Moore, Cllr Hancock,

Allotment Group. Clerk

Action Clerk to set up a working party to weed the Community Orchard.

The Archbishop Hutton Sole Trustee Company Ltd Cllr Hancock. Re-elected in 2022 and would be on until 2025. But if Cllr Hancock is re-elected under the new PC then that would be for a further three years.

Cllr Hancock was elected unanimously to represent The Yealands on this trust.

Dr Sherlock's Charity Cllr Arthurs/Cllr Smith

Getting there now, new trustees in place, accepted changes and the bank is almost sorted, rents brought up to date. Grants to support groups for community benefit.

Also individuals deemed in need. School trips/residentials.

Canal - Check the buoyancy aid - Cllr Moore Still there!

15. To consider the Playground extension

Dec Construction due on site on the 22/23 May to install the Monkey Bars and rectify the issues with the grass mats.

16. To consider the MUGA refurbishment

Met with LEF and they are meeting in June and the decision will be made in July. We were asked to re advertise the contract locally.

Larkspur went for FIPL funding and intend to re-establish Apple Day.

17. To consider items for the newsletter

Love Clean Streets

Welcome pack

Mansergh Trust

MUGA tender (or July issue)

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

First Wed of the month - July 3, Sept 4th, Nov 6th, Jan 8th, March 5th.