

Parish Council of The Yealands

Minutes of the meeting 4 Sept 2024 at Yealand Village Hall 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Alan Greenwell, Cllr Sue Tyldesley, Cllr Gerry Moore, Joanne Wheeler, Cllr John Smith, Chris Bone, Anne Prescott, Cllr Lucy Arthurs, Cllr Dawn Hancock (Chair) Rebecca Oaks (Clerk)

34. To accept apologies

Cllr Roger Dent, Cllr Phillippa Williamson

35. To confirm minutes of previous meeting and sign them
Cllr Greenwell was present at the previous meeting.

Agreed and signed

36. Reports of the County Councillor and City Councillors

Cllr Greenwell - Meadows Close, gutters done, Daniel Gee from the City council has looked at the fence that had caused trouble and said it could not be moved. The hedges on the approach are overgrown again and will need trimming soon to allow free access.

Digital divide, 8% of population are not digitally connected. Parking at Carnforth Station, many people can't cope with the App that you have to use to park. Ashtrees Surgery expect people to access repeat prescriptions online. However they do say to call them if this is a problem. What can we do? Keep an eye out for our neighbours who may be struggling with online issues. Set up a 'Log on and learn' session at the Coffee Stop?

Action Cllr Greenwell to write something for the Yealand News

Action Cllr Moore to consult with the VH committee and see if something could be set up in the VH in the afternoon.

Cllr Tyldesley - Two labour councillors have resigned, Greens the biggest party at the moment, a by-election will be needed.

Transport - Funding has been secured for a study to develop sustainable transport for Silverdale.

How do people get about the National Landscape when they arrive on the Train? Discussion about the options, improve the present bus service or provide a completely separate service with electric vehicles.

37. To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation

Chris Bone – From Yealand House, runs an outdoor company called Adventure Solos with events in Scotland, the Lake District and the Peak district. He has set up a community interest company (CIC) called Green Pathway Outdoors. Applying for funding, addressing issues like social isolation and economic exclusion. Hoping to take school kids from Morecambe out into the hills, or socially isolated older people out for a farm walk. Bespoke to what people want, looking for ideas for local activities.

Existing provision of this nature in the area would be 'Walking your way to health' historic NHS programme. A/S National Landscape run dementia walks, and engage with Stomping Ground for children. Forest School from the Primary school. Silverdale United Trust have funding in this area too.

Anne Prescott - Helicopter Flights fly over my house, 6 mile flight.

From 10am to 6pm. Discussion of the correspondence from 2022 with Anne Parry from Tewitfields Leisure Ltd @Greenlands Farm Village.

Action Clerk to write to AP with concerns about them not varying the route enough and keeping to the licenced height.

Anyone heard from the local MP? She has not yet been responding to emails. Probably inundated, but time she engaged with the locality.

Car boot sale on the A6, they leave the signs out for weeks and weeks whether there is a boot sale on or not. This is a Highways issue but perhaps we could contact the operators.

Action Clerk to write to the operators The Big Car Boot, Morecambe, to ask them to remove the signs between events.

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

None.

39. To consider planning applications and consultations:

REFORMS TO THE NATIONAL PLANNING SYSTEM – NATIONAL CONSULTATION

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-reforms-to-the-national-planning-policy-framework-and-other-changes-to-the-planning-system>

By 24 Sept 2024

New government is looking for the City Council to build 450 to 700 new houses per year. In Yealand we are protected by the National Landscape

Doubling of householder fees to £500 and listed buildings fees which is free at present there will be a fee. Very onerous on the numerous people in this area with listed buildings.

Are we able to respond to the consultation as a parish? It may be beyond our capacity.

Greenbelt – A lot of change coming on this but we have longer to do a local plan

Action Cllr Tyldesley is actively involved with the City Councils's response.

Planning

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

24/00012/REFLB Planning Appeal

Appeal in progres

24/00167/LB Appeal refused 15 July 2024

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

Fell 1 x Dead tree (unknown species)

Permitted

24/0122/TCA 21 Yealand Road Felling of a Rowan

Permitted

24/0120/TCA Greenfold, Yealand Redmayne, Fell leylandii

Permitted

24/0105/TCA Holmere Lodge, Yew tree fell

Permitted

24/00624/FUL Demolition of existing bird hide building and erection of a replacement bird hide building with veranda, platform and access ramp

Awaiting decision

Clerk wrote to the RSPB to express our concern about the tendering process.

40. To approve payments and finance

Clerk Fee Sept, Oct 2024	£789.36 SO
Clerks Nest Pension Sept, Oct 2024	£60.06 DD
Clerks expenses Microsoft 365	£66
Joanne Wheeler Pedi Pads	£168
Village Hall Hire	£10
Allotments Association	£67
Contribution to a water storage tank at allot	£10

Agreed

Income: Vat reclaim £774.98, Interest £31.69

Bank balance: 27 August 2024 Business account £14,551.36

Treasurers account £188.19

41. To consider policy documents on the website.

Action Clerk to look into what is required by statute and update the website.

42. To consider potholes and road issues.

The verge near the St John's church being eroded by the bin lorry, when there are cars parked along the road.

Action Clerk to contact Highways to ask for more action.

43. To consider PROW clearance

The Drivers road from the Nineteen acre to the A6 needs completing the lengthsman has had a family bereavement and has not yet finished that section.

Signs at the Village approaches from Warton and from Dykes Lane both corroded. Storrs sign at knee height and bent again. Jagged post left where a new zig zag bend sign has been erected (way up high above the eyeline of most drivers) in YR near the top of Eight acre lane. Two chevrons on the A6 damaged near Pure leisure and further along.

Action All to report on Love Clean Streets when they can, as will the Clerk.

44. To receive reports from the outside groups-

National Landscape

Trowbarrow Trust Roger Dent has been to site visit.

Mansergh Trust Clerk attended to June meeting.

Village Hall Committee, Cllr Moore, Cllr Hancock - Met yesterday good programme of events into 2025 organised.

Allotment Group. Clerk 7 plots taken now, The PC has joined the Allotment Association.

The Archbishop Hutton Sole Trustee Company Ltd Cllr Hancock.

Action Clerk to upload report onto the website.

Dr Sherlock's Charity Cllr Arthurs/Cllr Smith

The money has been accessed finally and the distribution can begin Cllr Smith will continue to sit on this board.

Canal - Check the buoyancy aid - Cllr Moore

45. To consider the MUGA refurbishment

We were unsuccessful with the LEF funding and the Awards for All.

It was felt it was more of a sporting facility and we were unable to convince them of community enthusiasm, also very oversubscribed.

Lancs Culture and Sports Fund are accessible through Spacehive, Crowdfund Lancashire but this would need 50% raised through crowdfunding, which feels like an uphill struggle unless we can get people enthused about the MUGA.

Action A MUGA subcommittee meeting to be called to discuss a way forward which might involve getting support from local firms to reduce the cost of retarmacking.

46. To consider the boardwalk at the pond, at the end of Well Lane

Done, By the NL team very good job, thanks to Dougie and the team.

47. To consider items for the newsletter

Apples needed by Leighton Hall for an event, Orchards Tale, with 850 children.

48. John Smith tendered his resignation as he has moved from Yealand Storrs. Many thanks to John for his time on the PC. His championing of Yealand Storrs and his diligence concerning the roads and road safety was noted and thanked.

Joanne Wheeler has offered to stand within the Warton B ward and Anne Prescott offered to attend meetings to observe with a mind to join in due course, she is in the Silv B ward.

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

Nov 12th Village Hall 7.45pm Jan 8th, March 19th.