

# **Yealand Conyers Annual Assembly**

## **24 May 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Present : Chair of Yealand Conyers Parish Council Cllr D Hancock; Cllr L Arthurs; Cllr S Tyldesley; County Cllr P Williamson; 3 Members of the Public were also in attendance. Minutes taken by Locum Clerk S Brown.

21/1 Apologies were accepted from Cllr A Duggan and Cllr A Metcalfe.

21/2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 May 2019 : ( None held in 2020, due to COVID Lockdown ). Agreed and signed by Cllr D Hancock.

21/3 The Annual Report was read out by Cllr Hancock ( see attached for full details and information )

21/4 The Financial Report was read out by Cllr D Hancock ( see attached for Full details and explanations )

21/5 Open Forum :

A Member of the Public raised concerns about the speed of traffic along Dykes Lane; traders, lorries, delivery vehicles come along at such a speed an accident is sure to happen. Speeding occurs along Yealand Road too. Some drivers also appear to be on their phones.

There is a 50MPH speed limit, which is felt to be too high, it should be reduced to 30MPH. It is recognised that the SPiD camera outside the School does have an effect on slowing the traffic. Cllr Williamson said she would get in touch with the Speed Management Group at County and see if they can come out and see the traffic problem.

Another Member of the Public raised concerns about the flooding along the A6, near Rogersons; after a heavy rainfall, the puddle is over halfway across the carriageway, such that traffic must cross the white lines to drive safely. If the puddle is not seen at night, there could be an accident, can the drainage on the road be sorted out ?

## **Yealand Conyers Parish Council**

Chairman's Report for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2021.

We were not able to hold an Annual Parish Meeting in 2020 due to the restrictions of COVID. The Parish Councils were approached early in the Pandemic and asked to set up support groups for anyone living in the Parish. The Yealand Support WhatsApp group was initiated and enabled volunteers to help with shopping, collection of prescriptions or a friendly phone call. We worked with the New Inn /Longlands Hotel to distribute tasty lunches throughout the Yealands. Surplus donations were sent to the food bank. Thanks to everyone involved in this initiative.

There was good liaison between the Parish Council, the City Council and County Council, the Police and Hospital Services and information was dispersed by remote methods and notices to all local bodies. All normal business was kept to the minimum, but we considered any planning applications and ensured that all safety measures for communal buildings were put in place.

Our Clerk, Gill Mason, resigned in October and will be missed. At present I, as Chair, am dealing with administration with the valuable help from Sue Brown, The Clerk of Yealand Redmayne Parish Council. I am hopeful that this situation will not continue for much longer.

We employed Envirocare to tidy the village footpaths. We have now engaged a Lengthsman, Paul Gorrill, and hope that it will be much easier to ensure that maintenance is done on a regular basis. We are also working with the W.I and AONB on a rewilding project. The bank by the pond has recently been cleared and is ready for planting with native and local wildflowers.

The AONB have encouraged the Parish Councils to design and produce information boards about the area. Design works have now erected these boards and we hope they will be helpful.

Both Maggie Bridge and Julian Atkinson felt that they could not become full councillors during this time of lockdown. I thank you for your input into the meetings. We welcomed two new Parish Councillors, Angela Metcalfe, and Sue Tyldesley. We still have a vacancy for one councillor. We are also hoping to work jointly with Yealand Redmayne Parish Council to ensure that we can fulfil the needs of the Parishioners.

It has been noticeably clear over this 'COVID 'year that there is a lot of good will and hidden skills within the Community. I hope that we can build on this, so that this area remains a great place to live.

Dawn Hancock

### **Yealand Conyers Parish Council**

Financial Report For the Year Ended 31 March 21.

The total income for the financial year was £3,400. This included £500 towards from Lancashire County Council, a Public Rights of Way grant . We were not able to spend this money during 2020-21 due to COVID restrictions. It will be spent during the next financial year .

The expenditure was £2,504.15. This included staff costs, subscriptions and donations, insurance and general maintenance . The room hire fee was outstanding from the previous year. Expenditure was less than the forecasted budget due to our Clerk's resignation in October 2020.

Therefore the wages have been reduced because if a councillor acts as Clerk, no remuneration may be given. A payment has been made to Sue Brown for her help and guidance in meeting all the clerking requirements.

We paid £240.00 to Envirocare for clearance of vegetation, because no maintenance could be done during the months of lockdown .

The balance on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 was £2,302.48