

YEALND CONYERS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at 7.30pm, on 7 July 2021, in the Quaker Meeting House, Yealand Conyers.

Present : Cllr Hancock, Cllr Arthurs, Cllr Tyldesley, Cllr Metcalfe. Locum Clerk S Brown.

1762 Apologies for absence: City Cllr Duggan, County Cllr Williamson

1763 Minutes of the meeting held on May 24th 2021: The minutes were agreed as correct, proposed by Cllr Arthurs, seconded by Cllr Tyldesley and signed by Cllr Hancock.

1764 To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation : No residents were in attendance. Cllr Arthurs spoke about the proposed plans for taking down and rebuilding the conservatory at Leighton Hall. A useful space will be created, for small events and educational projects and exhibitions. Collaboration with the AONB, English Heritage, Lancaster Planning Dept, Conservation, Historical England is on the go, to ensure everything has been correctly thought about and there will also be access for the disabled. Once the planning application is in place, comments can be made, but she is happy for anyone to contact her to discuss this proposal. It is hoped the new area will be as green and sustainable as possible.

1765 Declaration of interests : Cllr Hancock, in respect of the planning application below, Cllr Arthurs, in respect of Leighton Hall future plans were also noted.

1766 Update on roads and speeding issues : Nothing has been heard yet from County regarding measures to address speeding issues . It was noted that the road by Rogersons on the A6 is still continuing to flood, Cllr Hancock will raise the matter again to County Highways, a suggestion that photos should be included in the email, as this may help.

Application to Small Parish Champions Grant has been made.

1767 Advertisement for joint Clerk update : Currently there have been 2 formal applications for the position, plus another interest expressed. Closing date is 16th July and a date for interviewing needs to be made. Suggested that a Councillor from each Parish, plus S Brown (clerk's representative) should be enough at interview.

1768 Position of Councillor in Yealand Conyers : There is still a vacancy for a Parish Councillor in Conyers. Cllr Hancock will approach a few residents to see if there is any take-up.

1769 Finance :

Paul Gorrill 4 hrs @£14/hr	£ 56.00	(Planter costs nil)
Sue Brown Locum Clerk	£ 61.44	
Gift for Mr Heaton	£ 20.00	
Design works	£324.20	[VAT £54]

Upcoming Payments :

Defib & batteries £108 inc vat plus £28.70 inc vat
One. Com Annual fee £107.00 approximately
ICO £35.00 (paid by Direct Debit)

Income : First responder surplus	£ 165.00
Balance at Bank	£ 4,501.71

Councillor Hancock had been contacted on her mobile by Santander , asking for updated personal details of the Account. Councillor Hancock declined to give details on the phone . She later ascertained that the Business Banking details needed further information but was unable to contact the Department to find out what information was required . Unsuccessful attempts to contact the Bank led to two formal letters of complaint.

The bank account had been blocked incorrectly. Eventually contact was made and the details updated. Councillor Hancock strongly feels that if a Bank wishes to update their systems, they should have put this request in writing . We are all advised to be wary of divulging information over the phone . They also need to include what information is required. They should also have sufficient staff to deal with upgrades. Her average wait time on the phone was over an hour . It was agreed that the complaint

should be followed through, and it is hoped there might be some financial recompense for this.

1770 VAT : The previous clerk's information was still held at the VAT Office. This has now been rectified and a new application for a refund has been made.

1771 Planning : 21/00789/Ful and 21/00790/LB . Erection of single storey rear extension . Mr and Mrs Hancock , 21 Yealand Road Yealand Conyers LA59SG . Note that Cllr Hancock declared an interest, Quoracy is 3 Councillors (in attendance). Resolved : No Objections

1772 Date of next meeting : joint meeting September 15th Village Hall (Cllr Metcalfe advised she would not be able to attend)

Meeting closed at 8.15pm