**Monday 4th December 2017**

Present: Councillors A McCormack (in the Chair), A Granville-Fall, F Wilson, C Dixon, J. Potts, G Humphries.

Clerk: Mrs S A Johns

The Parish Council met at the Community Hall, Wetwang. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

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| **Public Forum** | There were no members of the public attending the meeting. |
| **Police** | PC Jones has now moved to the Sergeants role in Bridlington and PC John Day has taken over as Community Beat Manager For Pocklington and Wolds Weighton, which includes Wetwang. |
| **147/17** | **Notice of meeting** – it was confirmed notice had been given in accordance with Schedule 12, Paragraph 10 of the Local Government Act 1972. |
| **148/17** | **Apologies** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Moss, Clark and Taylor. |
| **149/17** | **Declarations of interest** –C Dixon made a declarations of interest in item 9a Allotments. |
| **150/17** | **Correspondence**   1. It was noted the domain name had been renewed 2. It was noted that it is not possible to sponsor individuals by the Parish Council and could not therefor sponsor an individual scout to attend the World Scout Jamboree. 3. It was decided to forward the letter asking for support of the petition for a bypass road to be built at Stamford Bridge to all council members to consider further and make a decision at the next meeting. 4. The walkabout and VTF schedule were circulated and it was noted various potholes had been repaired already. The resurface of the pavement in Weaton Drive has been completed ahead of schedule.   Councillor Wilson noted that potholes on Thorndale Rd leading to Huggate Lane had not been included in the schedule.   1. Approval of a memorial stone wording requested by J Rotherham was given. 2. The Precept Demand form has been received from ERYC and signed based on the Budget agreed by the Parish Council on 2nd October. 3. External auditor may be required due to spending level of Parish Council. It depends level of total income and expenditure that the council has made at year-end |
| **151/17** | **Matters Arising**   1. Street name bank – a list of names already submitted was circulated and approved and a further submission of a map from the 1800s of field names was also met with approval. A final list will be submitted to the council by 18th December 2017 2. Speeding sign hire – cost was agreed as prohibitive at £500 for one-month hire as the village already had speed signs in place on the A166.   A scheme where civilians check speeds using equipment-community speed watch, may be extended to East Yorkshire and Wetwang have registered an interest.  Concerns relating to speeding through the village continue to be raised and it was agreed to go back to the traffic and parking department and request a further assessment |
| **152/17** | **Approval of Minutes** – Resolved. That the minutes of the Parish Council minutes held on Monday 6th November 2017 were approved as a true and accurate record.  Proposer: Councillor Granville-Paul  Seconded: Councillor Humphries |
| **153/17** | **Reports from Committees and Representatives**  Village Hall – The request for the Parish Council contribution to have use of the hall has been received.  Wetwang Primary School – The appointment of a permanent Head teacher is has been agreed. Peter Richardson has been appointed. He was formally Deputy Head of Ripon Cathedral School.  The draft plans for a building extension to the school to facilitate the inclusion of the pre-school have been produced and are to be submitted for planning approval. |
| **154/17** | **Planning Applications**  No new planning applications were received for comment.  Councillor McCormack has spoken to the Planning officer allocated to the Outline planning application for the new housing development in Wet 1 and Wet 2. The period for the applicant to respond to outstanding matters had been extended to 6Th December and it was likely a further extension may be required. The planning officer has agreed to contact Councillor McCormack in January with an update. |
| **155/17** | **Parish Council Facilities:**   1. Allotments – A review of rent based on the levels charged by other councils was undertaken. Wetwang Parish Council appears to charge less than those reviewed and it was agreed that the rent should rise for an individual allotment to £25 per annum. As the Parish Council are required to give allotment holders one years notice of a rent increase this will take effect from April 2019 but a formal notice of the change will be issued to allotment holders with the request for the rent for 2018/2019.   The appropriate rent for the field on the Driffield Road currently used to stable horses and the piece of consecrated ground at the rear of the burial ground will be considered at the next meeting.  Proposed Councillor McCormack.  Seconder Councillor Humphries   1. Pit Area – No issues. 2. Cemetery – No issues. 3. Play Area – Councillor McCormack has been in contact with the Rural Valuation and Estates Surveyor at ERYC to the discuss any options for the Parish Council to rent land in Wetwang , primarily for use as a play area if a grant can be obtained for equipment.. A site visit is proposed. 4. Bus Shelter – No issues. 5. Village Pond –Councillor Dixon and a colleague, who are ecologists, will undertake an assessment of the pond and hope to report back to the January/February 2018 meeting. She also plans to contact Natural England for volunteer assistance with the reeds and gravel etc. for works to be done during 2018. |
| **156/17** | **Finance**   1. Resolved. The payment schedule was approved.   Proposed: Councillor Potts  Seconded: Councillor Dixon |
| **157/17** | **Maintenance of the Village** –   1. Replacement noticeboard – Councillor McCormack will confirm the location on village hall porch wall with the Village Hall committee. It was agreed that the noticeboard would be ordered on the confirmation of agreement of site ad size. 2. The new road to the burial ground, cricket and bowls clubs will be completed in the next week. Remaining grant of £2000 will be claimed from East Riding Council and once the invoice has been settled with the contractor the VAT can also be reclaimed. It was also noted that the East Riding Council might have additional funds to assist with cost of the pin kerbs which has been met by the Parish Council budget and the Councillor McCormack agreed to contact Claire Watts at ERYC in this regard. |
| **158/17** | **Agenda for the next meeting**  No additional items were put forward. |
| **159/17** | **Date of the next meeting** –The next ordinary meeting of Wetwang Parish Council will take place on Monday 8th January 2018 at 7.30pm. |

The meeting closed at 8.52pm.

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