**Monday 8th January 2018**

Present: Councillors A McCormack (in the Chair), B Taylor, F Wilson, J. Potts, L Clerk, B Moss

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. Lynn Curtin attended as a prospective Parish Councillor |
| **Police** | A newsletter had been received and circulated |
| **1/18** | **Notice of meeting** – it was confirmed notice had been given in accordance with Schedule 12, Paragraph 10 of the Local Government Act 1972. |
| **2/18** | **Apologies** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Granville-Fall, Humphries and Dixon. |
| **3/18** | **Declarations of interest** – No declarations of interest were declared |
| **4/18** | **Correspondence**   1. The mobile Library agenda had been received and circulated 2. An invitation to a meeting with Alborough Parish Council had been received to discuss ERYC planning procedures 3. Councillor Bob Moss had forwarded a letter of resignation to the Parish Council. Councillor McCormack thanked Councillor Moss for his service to the Parish Council and the village. |
| **5/18** | **Matters Arising**   1. A resident of Stamford Bridge request to promote a petition – decision deferred. 2. Notice Board – a decision was made to purchase subject to Village Hall Trustees agreeing on the colour 3. Speeding – a reply to the Parish Councils request for a further assessment was received ERYC Traffic and Parking Team. As the previous assessment from 2016 was still valid a further assessment was not granted at this time. |
| **6/18** | **Approval of Minutes** – Resolved. That the minutes of the Parish Council minutes held on Monday 3rd December 2017 were approved as a true and accurate record.  Proposer: Councillor Wilson  Seconded: Councillor Potts |
| **7/18** | **Reports from Committees and Representatives**  Village Hall – The Village Show will be organised by the Village Hall committee. A sub committee will be formed from Village Hall committee members and other members of the village to organise the show.  Wetwang Primary School – The new Head teacher Peter Richardson began his duties today. 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 submitted for planning approval. |
| **8/18** | **Planning Applications**   1. Erection of Residential Development (means of access to be considered) | Land South Of Southfield Farmhouse 17 Pulham Lane Wetwang East Riding Of Yorkshire YO25 9XT – The Highways department at ERYC had submitted nine questions regarding the proposed road layout in March 2017. The applicants’ agent submitted answers in response in December 2017. The Highways department responded again requesting clarification of certain points on 3rd January. As a consultee the parish Council resolved to respond noting the Highway department concerns but mainly to reiterate that the principle objection to the road layout is that access should be constructed primarily from Beverley Road as noted in the response made in April 2017.Councillor McCormack will draft comments and circulate to Councillors before submitting the Parish Councils response formally to the planning officer by 16th January. 2. Erection of a single storey extension | Wetwang C Of E VC Primary School Pulham Lane Wetwang East Riding Of Yorkshire YO25 9XT - no objections 3. Proposition from Medical Centre to place a planter next to the bench opposite the surgery in recognition of over 50 years’ service to the NHS by a member of staff. Councillor McCormack suggested a contribution to total cost of £850. A sum of £300 was agreed. |
| **9/18** | **Parish Council Facilities:**   1. Allotments – At the previous meeting it had been agreed to raise the rent from April 2019 to £25 a year per allotment. The Driffield road site that is currently used for horses and is approximately the size of six allotments rent is to be set at £150 per annum from April 2019. 2. Pit Area – No issues. 3. Cemetery – An issue was raised of flooding on the new road at the access point from the A166. Councillor McCormack will contact the contractors and agree a resolution before payment is made. 4. Play Area – Councillor McCormack will contact Sledmere Estates to discuss the lease renewal. As the current proposal from Sledmere Estate is for five year extension 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 additional land in Wetwang on a longer term lease. This would allow the Parish Council to apply for grants to acquire new play equipment as such grants are normally given to sites with a lease of twenty years or more. A site visit is proposed. 5. Bus Shelter – No issues. 6. Village Pond –Councillor Dixon and a colleague, who are ecologists, will undertake an assessment of the pond. |
| **10/18** | **Finance**   1. Resolved. The payment schedule was approved.   Proposed: Councillor Wilson  Seconded: Councillor Moss |
| **11/18** | **Maintenance of the Village** –  It was noted that the bollards positioned on the slip road and opposite the chip shop required maintenance and highways are to be contacted.  A hedge had been cut alongside the A166 York Road and a significant amount of the cuttings had been left. The owners of the paddock who maintain the hedge or the contractor responsible are to be contacted by Councillor Wilson. |
| **12/18** | **Agenda for the next meeting**  No additional items were put forward. |
| **13/18** | Prospective new councillor Lynn Curtin gave a summery outlining why she wished to be a councillor. She will attend the next meeting to be formally co-opted to the council. |
| **14/18** | **Date of the next meeting** –The next ordinary meeting of Wetwang Parish Council will take place on Monday 5th February 2018 at 7.30pm. |

The meeting closed at 9pm.

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