

## **MINUTES OF THE BYLAND WITH WASS AND OLDSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021**

### **1. ATTENDEES.**

Cllr. R. Statham (Chair). Cllr. P. Gilruth. Cllr. C. Bradley. Cllr. S. Cain. Cllr.J. Williams.

Three residents sat in on the meeting. Mr. J. Marchant. Mr. M. Tew. Mr. P. Williams.

### **2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020.**

These were held to be a true record of this meeting. Proposed by Cllr. J. Williams and seconded by Cllr. C. Bradley.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING.**

#### **3.1. ROUNDELS AT OLDSTEAD.**

It was confirmed in September 2020 that a sum of £1500 would be available from NYCC Locality Fund for the repair of the roundels at Oldstead.

However the form to claim this amount has yet to be submitted. Mrs. Clarke, parish clerk, will contact Louise Marwood who is dealing with this as a matter of urgency.

With regard to companies who will carry out the repairs, Cllr. Cain and Cllr. Williams will confer and contact the appropriate companies in the next few weeks with a view to getting quotes for the work.

#### **3.2. LITTER BINS**

Mrs. Clarke confirmed that an email has been sent to Historic England with regard to placing a litter bin in the car park at Byland Abbey.

A follow-up email to be sent if Historic England do not reply.

#### **3.3. RE-ORGANISATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**

Cllr. Statham informed that meeting that no firm decisions had been communicated to parish councils about the way in which the local government reorganization will be carried out. The lack of information makes it impossible for the parish council to come to any clear consensus with regard to this matter.

### **3.4. TRAFFIC THROUGH WASS**

With regard to Wass Bank, Cllr. Statham informed the meeting that Forestry England had completed a survey of Wass Bank on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020. It concluded that, for the moment, Wass Bank was secure. Forestry England acknowledged that damage to the walls on Wass Bank, for which they are responsible, was probably caused by agricultural vehicles. Nonetheless these vehicles are permitted to travel up and down Wass Bank.

Cllr. Bradley pointed out that the weight and length of these vehicles was of major concern. However, weight and length restrictions which might apply to other vehicles do not apply to agricultural vehicles.

Traffic calming matters were discussed, including signage and the possibility of writing 'SLOW' across the road which might reduce the speed of these vehicles.

Cllr. Statham is to contact the Highways Department to discuss measures to slow the speed of vehicles going up and down Wass Bank.

## **4. FINANCE.**

### **4.1. BALANCE**

Mrs. Clarke informed the meeting that the balance stands at £5,182.46

### **4.2 HSBC SAFEGUARDING MEASURES**

HSBC have, since last May, been carrying out a safeguarding exercise designed to protect against fraud. Names, addresses and dates of birth have been given to HSBC with details of the main financial commitments (insurance, lighting, clerk's stipend).

The parish council has successfully completed this exercise and a email confirming this is in the 'finance' file held by the parish clerk.

## **5. PLANNING**

### **5.1. OLDSTEAD**

**EDEN COTTAGE.** Planning application for a variation of a condition. No objections.

**5.2. WASS.** Planning application for Rose Cottage. Construction of porch. No objections.

## **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **6.1. GRASS CUTTING. BYLAND TO OLDSTEAD.**

Cllr. Statham confirmed that the parish council is committed to paying for the cutting of verges.

Cllr. Williams will follow this through by contacting the person who cut the verges in 2020.

### **6.2. POTHOLES ON THE ROAD BETWEEN KILBURN AND OLDSTEAD**

The potholes on road between Kilburn and Oldstead are of serious concern. It was suggested that these potholes be reported using the Ryedale DC. website which has a dedicated section for reporting Highway faults.

### **6.3. TRAFFIC THROUGH VILLAGES DURING THE CLOSURE OF SUTTON BANK**

The clerk from Ampleforth parish, Louise Pink, is contacting all parishes which experience an increased flow of traffic during the annual closure of Sutton Bank for maintenance. At the moment she is canvassing opinions on whether the traffic is a nuisance to villages. Mrs. Clarke informed Louise Pink that in 2020 particularly heavy traffic had been diverted through Wass and residents had complained about this.

Louise Pink will keep us informed of any developments or ideas for strategies to improve the situation.

## **7. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.**

The next parish council meeting will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00 p.m. It will be followed by the Wass annual village meeting. Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, these meetings may be Zoom meetings. To be confirmed nearer the date.

Jenny Clarke.

Parish clerk

