

MINUTES OF BYLAND WITH WASS AND OLDSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 21ST MAY 2018

1. Apologies

Cllr. Patrick Gibson (Vice chairman)

2. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record, proposed by Cllr. Statham and seconded by Cllr. Bradley.

3. Matters Arising

3.1. Dog fouling

Cllr. Statham informed the meeting that there have been no complaints lately. Cllr. Bradley has placed notices in the telephone kiosk and bags for the removal of dog excrement.

3.2. Car parking

Car parking in Wass continues to be problematic at times, particularly when cars are parked too close to the sharp bend. The public house, the Staplyeton Arms, has erected a sign in its car park, and Cllr. Statham informed the meeting that the NYCC Highways Authority is planning to paint white lines along road from Coxwold to Jerry Car Bank.

However, reducing parking along the road by encouraging visitors to use the village hall car park has not been successful, due mainly to the poor lighting and uneven surface from village hall to the public house.

Cllr. Bradley pointed out that the light in the village hall car park does not come on automatically.

4. Finance

4.1. Balance

The balance in the account on the 21st May was £4,994.21

4.2. Payment for hardcore to repair road from Byland to Oldstead.

Cllr. Metcalfe returned the cheque for £50.00 (cheque no. 100028) which was to pay for the hardcore – a resident of Oldstead has provided the material needed to repair the potholes in the road.

4.3. Annual Return

The annual return was circulated, agreed that it was accurate (proposed by Cllr. Bradley and seconded by Cllr. Metcalfe) and will be posted on the notice board and on the website.

5. Any Other Business

5.1. Election charges

Cllr. Gilruth outlined the new election charges which Ryedale DC are proposing to introduce. After considerable discussion, the meeting decided to resist this proposal. Cllr. Gilruth undertook to write to Cllr. Jim Bailey, the councillor for Ryedale DC, stating the objections of the Parish council to the proposed charges. This letter was sent on the 22nd May. Mrs. Clarke is to complete the online form, registering the Parish council's objections – this was completed and submitted on the 22nd May.

5.2. Speed signs in Wass

Signs which flash if motorists exceed the 30 m.p.h. speed limit have been offered to the village but the high cost of such signs (£4,000 - £5,000 + £500 for creating a socket) and the impracticality of locating the signs led to the conclusion that, for the moment, this offer would not be taken up.

However, Cllr. Bradley and Mr. John Marchant pointed out that such a sign be might be valuable on Wass Bank, as vehicles regularly exceed the speed limit there.

5.3. Parish council archives.

Information has been received about the storage of Parish Council archives from NYCC and an online questionnaire has been completed by Mrs. Clarke (clerk) identifying the importance of retaining such archives for future generations.

The North York Moors National Park Authority will keep planning applications in a digitised form with access for all in the future.

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Currently the minutes, bank statements and other information are held by the Parish clerk, but when the results of the online survey are collated, it is possible that parish minutes will be stored in a central location in Northallerton.

6. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 1st October at 7.30 p.m.

Jenny Clarke

Parish clerk