

MINUTES OF BYLAND WITH WASS AND OLDSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8TH OCTOBER 2018

1. Attendees

Cllr. Gilruth (Chairman), Cllr. Gibson (Vice chairman), Cllr. Statham, Cllr. Metcalfe.

2. Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record and signed by Cllr. Gilruth.

3. Matters arising.

3.1. Car parking

Cllr. Statham informed the meeting that the Stapylton Arms (public house) has placed a 'No Parking' sign on the wall adjacent to the road and that road markings indicate areas where cars should not park.

3.2. Election charges

The Parish Council noted that election charges which had been proposed by RDC have been dropped.

3.3. Speed signs

Cllr. Statham informed the meeting that there will be support for villages which choose to erect signs but that the scope of that support has not been decided – essentially this is a financial matter since the cost of erecting such signs and their maintenance is not clear yet.

Cllr. Gibson suggested that a public meeting which focused solely on the matter of speed signs might be held when more information was available.

4. Finance

4.1. Precept

The Parish Council decided that, in January, a figure of £800 would be requested from Ryedale District Council, a decrease of £10.

4.2. Balance

Mrs Clarke (clerk) informed the Parish council that the balance stood at £4,628.83.

A discrepancy of £50 in the accounts was explained – Mrs. Clarke had torn up a cheque from Cllr. Metcalfe which should have been paid into the account (a reimbursement for payment for rubble to fill in potholes which was not needed). Cllr. Metcalfe will forward another cheque for £50 to Mrs Clarke.

5. Any Other Business

5.1. North Yorkshire Moors National Park Authority Local Plan

Prior to the meeting, Cllr. Statham circulated a letter written on behalf of the Parish Council which set out objections and anomalies in the plan.

In brief, these objections centre on the opaque nature of the consultation process which arises from frequent changes in terminology relating to the criteria for development spaces in villages. Cllr. Gibson pointed out that the public cannot participate in such a planning process.

Cllr. Gibson highlighted the importance of having clarity in the planning process as this may set a standard for all future planning applications.

Currently, Oldstead has been defined as ‘open countryside’ which will guarantee extra protection but the position of Byland with Wass is ambiguous.

Cllr. Statham stated that there was no longer any discussion or consultation on the areas nominated for development by residents.

It was agreed that Cllr. Statham should send the drafted letter to the NYMNPA. It will state clearly that the Parish council are mystified, confused and surprised at the disjointed and ad hoc way in which the Draft papers have been produced.

5.2. Parish Portal

Mrs. Clarke informed the meeting that she had registered that Parish on the Parish Portal website and was waiting for a confirmation email from the Highways department – when this email is received all the Parish councillors can be added to the register so that faults and photographs of faults can be immediately reported to the website.

5.3. Water treatment works, Oldstead

Cllr. Metcalfe raised the issue of the water treatment works between Becksides and the Black Swan public house in Oldstead. Initially erected to treat liquid effluent and water run-off, permission has now been given by Yorkshire Water for sewage to run into this treatment plant from a new development in the village.

In view of the problems which will arise, a letter is to be written to Yorkshire Water outlining the concern of the Parish Council.

5.3. Deliveries to the Black Swan

Residents of Oldstead have raised the matter of the disturbance which an early morning delivery causes. Typically a delivery van arrives every day between 6.00 – 7.00 a.m. This van is noisy and parks on the road, not in the car park.

A member of the Parish council will talk to the owner, Tom Banks, outlining the complaints received from residents.

6. Planning.

6.1. Brackenrigg, Wass

No objection was raised to the application for change of use.

7. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 21st January at 7.30 p.m. in Wass village hall.

Jenny Clarke

Parish clerk