Minutes of Byland with Wass and Oldstead Parish Council Meeting. January 16th 2017.

1. Attendees.

Cllr. Gilruth (Chairman). Cllr. Statham. Cllr. Gibson (Vice chairman). Cllr. Metcalfe. Cllr. Bradley. Mrs. J. Clarke (clerk). Mr. J. Marchant.

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on the 19th September 2016.

These minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by Cllr. Gilruth.

3. Matters Arising.

3.1. Defibrillator for Wass.

Although this is not a matter for the Parish council, Cllr. Statham confirmed that the defibrillator had been delivered to the Staplyton Arms public house in Wass and that it would be installed in the near future.

3.2. Drainage of road between Wass and Byland Abbey.

Cllr. Statham informed the Parish Councillors that the work by the Highways Department to improve the drainage of the road between Wass and Byland Abbey has been completed. Mr. and Mrs. Porritt at Byland House have dredged the stream which runs adjacent to the road and this will further aid drainage. Mr. and Mrs. Maynard will also maintain their part of the stream in future.

3.3. Superfast Broadband for Oldstead.

Cllr. Gibson said that BT Openreach have been working in Oldstead in preparation for the installation of superfast broadband but residents have received no information regarding the installation timetable.

4. Finance.

4.1. Balance.

Mrs. Clarke informed the Parish Council that the balance stood at £4488.17.

4.2. Annual Precept.

Cllr. Gilruth confirmed that the Precept agreed upon with Ryedale District Council would be £810 per annum.

5. Planning.

5.1. Wass.

No planning applications were received for Wass.

5.2. Oldstead.

One application was received for an upgrade to the forestry track in Scawling Wood. This was approved but with three observations relating to: (1) the location of the track which is on a blind summit (2) the proposed recess for the gate might become an unofficial parking place (3) badger setts and a rookery are in the vicinity.

6. Any Other Businness.

6.1. Light in Wass.

Cllr. Gilruth informed the Parish Council that an immediate decision had been required for the installation of a new lamp post and light after the original light had been accidentally disconnected whilst work was being carried out to underground electricity cables. The new lamp post has been installed and a bill will be forthcoming in due course.

7. Date and time of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 22nd May at 7.00 p.m.

Jenny Clarke (clerk).