

BYLAND WITH WASS AND OLSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

11TH December 2023 7.00 pm

1.0 Attendees/Apologies

Councillor Christine Bradley – Chair

Councillor John Williams

Councillor Charles Skeffington

Councillor Peter Williams

Councillor Stephen Cain

Mike Bradley – Parish Clerk

2.0 Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 18th September 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record.

3.0 Matters Arising

3.1 Parking/Lights in Wass

The originally proposed Solar Lights have proven to be not suitable as they have to be in direct sunlight all of the time to remain functional. Given that there were problems associated with programming the units we have decided to continue the search for more suitable lights.

Since we last investigated Solar Lights a number of other manufacturers are producing them.

Action: Councillor Bradley

3.2 Defibrillator training

Training to be arranged for Tuesday 30th January 2024 or Tuesday 6th February 2024 in Wass Village Hall.

Action: Councillor J Williams

3.3 Stolen Oldstead Village sign

Quotes have been received for replacement Cast Iron and Cast Aluminium signs both with reflective studs. Both appear to be comparable price. Decision on preferred manufacturer and costs of installation required.

Action: Councillor J Williams

4.0 Finance

4.1 Balance of accounts

Account balance as of 4th December 2024 stood at £6766.55 with £686.22 expenditure to date.

4.2 Parish Precept 2024/25

Forecast expenditure for financial year 2024/25 shows that the accounts will remain in surplus were we to retain the current Parish Precept of £2000.

It was agreed that in view of the formation of the new North Yorkshire Council and the potential for additional costs to be passed down to Parishes we should retain the Precept at its current level.

A review of whether to reduce the Precept will be undertaken next December when we are required to submit Parish Precept for 2025/26.

Action: Parish Clerk

4.3 Distribution of LINK to Oldstead residents

At the recent Local Parish Forum it was suggested that circulation of "The Link" be widened as it was seen as a useful monthly update on events in the area. Oldstead residents currently don't receive "The Link" which costs approximately £5 per household. It was agreed that in principle Oldstead residents should receive the monthly magazine, subject to the idea being agreed by the Church.

Funding of "The Link" for Byland and Wass residents to be investigated as it is not clear how it is funded currently.

Action: Councillor P Williams

5.0 Household Waste Centre Consultation

North Yorkshire Council are currently consulting about the future of Commercial Waste in the county. Continued charging for commercial waste is under review but this must be dealt with sensibly to prevent increases in Fly-Tipping.

6.0 20s Plenty campaign across North Yorkshire

Campaign groups have been formed across the county to lobby North Yorkshire Council to introduce the measure in towns and villages. Following discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would maintain a "watching brief" on the proposals.

9.0 Planning

9.1 North Yorkshire Local Plan

North Yorkshire Council are undertaking updates to local and environmental plans most of which will not be available until 2028. In the meantime district local plans remain valid. North Yorkshire Moors National Parks plans interface with the North Yorkshire Council plans.

The plans were raised at the Western Area Parish forum and North Yorkshire Council Webinar attended by Councillors Bradley and J Williams.

All plans recognised the need for a National Recovery Strategy and renewable energy which in turn feeds into water, air quality and climate change.

Elspeth Ingleby, Senior Ecologist NYM National Park, has been invited to speak at the Wass Village Annual meeting on 13th May 2024.

9.2 Planning Applications

NYM/2023/0776 Addition of Solar Panels and 3 Roof lights at Abbey House, Byland – No comment

NYM/2023/0804 Provision of small retaining wall at Abbey House, Oldstead – No comment

10.0 Date and Time of next meeting

Next meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on 18th March 2024 in Wass Village Hall.

The following dates for Parish Council meetings were also agreed:

13th May 2024

16th September 2024

9th December 2024

Councillor Bradley wished all of the committee a Merry Christmas.

Mike Bradley - Parish Clerk