

BYLAND WITH WASS AND OLSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

18th March 2024 7.00 pm

1.0 Attendees/Apologies

Councillor Christine Bradley – Chair

Councillor John Williams - Apologies

Councillor Charles Skeffington - Apologies

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 11th December 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record.

3.0 Matters Arising

3.1 Parking/Lights in Wass

New Solar Light technology is being developed all the time so it was decided to continue to review requirements. The originally selected location for the lights also needs to be reviewed as the right hand side of the road travelling up Wass bank lies mostly in the shade during winter. The left hand side of the road appears more suitable but NY Highways need to be consulted before any installation could occur.

Preliminary discussion with NY Highways required.

Action: Parish Clerk

3.2 Defibrillator training

Training arranged for Tuesday 2nd April 2024 in Wass Village Hall at 7.00pm. Invitation sent out to include Wass residents as well as Oldstead residents. 7 Wass residents currently interested.

3.3 Stolen Oldstead Village sign

New sign ordered at cost of £435 including installation. Security fixings requested which are not currently included in the cost so small increase in overall cost anticipated. Quote forwarded to Insurance Company who have accepted claim. Parish responsible for £100 excess.

Action: Councillor J Williams

3.4 Distribution of Link to Oldstead residents

No further action as this was started by Coxwold PC at Village Forum. May be discussions with Vicar in future.

4.0 Finance

4.1 Balance of accounts

Account balance as of 4th March 2024 stood at £6751.55 with £710.22 expenditure to date. The Parish Clerk stated that the £200 Honorarium will be donated to Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

5.0 North Yorkshire changes to online storage of Parish documents

North Yorkshire Council have given notice that they will no longer support the online storage of Parish documents. On further investigation only 11 Parishes across North Yorkshire used the system, Byland with Wass and Oldstead being one of the 11. North Yorkshire Council to be contacted to determine what happens to the existing documents stored on their system.

Action: Parish Clerk

The Parish Council are still bound by government transparency rules to provide residents with online access to view Parish documents such as Agendas, Minutes and financial accounts. Consequently online storage in some form is required.

Wass Village Hall have recently obtained a grant to develop a website for the Village Hall and following discussions they have kindly offered to work in Partnership with the Parish Council to expand this into a Village/Parish website enabling the Parish Council to fulfil its requirement for online access to residents for Parish documents. The Parish Council decided to accept the Village Hall's offer, subject to the Village Hall Committee approving the move. Failing this further investigations will be required.

The commitment on the Parish will be to pay 50% of the annual service charge in 2026 and beyond (currently approx. £150).

6.0 Planning

No actions this month

7.0 Date and Time of next meeting

Next meeting is the AGM which will be held at 7.00 pm on 13th May 2024 in Wass Village Hall.. This will be followed by the Village Meeting at 7.30pm. Guest speaker will be Elspeth Ingleby, Senior Ecologist for North Yorkshire Moors National Park.

The Parish Council meeting scheduled for 9th December 2024 will now take place on 18th December 2024.

FOR INFORMATION

ANY ISSUES WITH BLOCKED GULLEYS OR POTHOLES IN THE PARISH YOU SHOULD DRAW IT TO THE ATTENTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS OR THE PARISH CLERK WHO ARE REGISTERED ON THE NORTH YORKSHIRE PARISH PORTAL WHERE THEY ARE ABLE TO REPORT PROBLEMS

Mike Bradley - Parish Clerk