

**EAST AYTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD 26 MARCH 2024  
IN AYTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present:

Cllr Phillips – in the Chair & Cllrs Rowell, Harrison, Peacock and Swain

Cllr Jeffels.

Police Volunteer – John Bramhall

Mrs H. Butler-Malone

Betton Rise Resident

**NOTICE OF MEETING – Public Notice of the meeting has been given in accordance with  
Schedule 12, Para 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972**

**APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED: Apologies from Cllr Heath and NYC Cllr Jeffels had been received.**

**In the absence of the Parish Clerk (on leave) it was agreed that Cllr Rowell would draft minutes in consultation with Dawn Naylor on her return from leave.**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**RESOLVED: That no interests were declared. 41/24**

**MINUTES**

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the following meeting were approved for without comment: 42/24**

- 30 January 2024
- 27 February 2024

**ENVIRONMENT AGENCY**

Prior to the meeting Cllr Peacock had posed questions for the officers from the Environment Agency (EA) to consider. These were answered comprehensively. A copy of the questions and answers are attached as appendix A. The EA was unaware of recent road closures due to flooding and Cllr Peacock agreed to provide additional information. The potential to work jointly on the proposed Transformation of Forge Valley was noted as was the potential to better inform bids for future funding. The EA agreed to provide access to reports about The Sea Cut and would be happy to return to future meetings to inform the Parish Council about future work programmes.

**RESOLVED: The Chairman thanked the officers for the briefing and it was agreed to invite the EA to a future meeting to discuss opportunities to continue an open dialogue 43/24**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**RESOLVED: It was noted that Mrs Butler -Malone was in attendance to explore becoming a Parish Councillor, no other comments were made. 44/24**

**POLICE REPORT**

**RESOLVED: That the report was noted. Police Volunteer, John Bramhall gave updates on the report to Members including the significant increase in fuel thefts from commercial vehicles. 45/24**

**PLANNING**

**Application NYM/2024/0165.**

**RESOLVED that Cllr Peacock would write to the planning authority on behalf of the Parish Council. 46/24**

**PARISH NOTICEBOARD**

**RESOLVED: That Cllr Rowell would provide local support to update notices and liaise with the Parish Clerk about the format of the notice board to include the agenda and minutes of meetings, PC member contact details, Grant opportunities, notices about PC initiatives and directions to the EAPC web site including a QR code. 47/24**

**PADDINGTON BEAR**

**RESOLVED: That the Parish Clerk would seek a highway licence to place a 4' 6" wooden carving of Paddington Bear on the triangular area of land at the junction of Racecourse Road and Moor Lane in commemoration of the late Queen Elizabeth II.** **48/24**

**LIGHTING COLUMN BETTON RISE**

A resident from Betton Rise described a number of accidents involving a lighting column near his home and the difficulties in getting NYC Highways to either repair or resolve the problem due to land ownership issues. The Chairman confirmed that EAPC had previously passed the responsibility of lighting columns in this vicinity to NYC's predecessor authority and had correspondence to this effect.

**RESOLVED: EAPC to support the proposal by residents of Betton Rise to NYC remove the lighting column.** **49/24**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Chairman confirmed the best date available for the meeting and this was accepted. As agreed at the last meeting it will now be possible to invite organisations detailed in minute 33/24

**RESOLVED: The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Back Room of The Village Hall at 6.00pm, the Agenda to be published in the Parish Report and a Working Party of Cllrs Heath, Swain and Rowell would prepare for the item about Section 106 funding for projects in the village.** **50/24**

**AGEING WELL SUMMIT**

In the absence of Cllr Jeffels, Cllr Rowell confirmed that a provisional date of 1<sup>st</sup> May had been agreed for the meeting to be held in Ayton Village Hall. The draft press release was discussed and particular amendments agreed which were noted by Cllr Rowell and was delegated to attend a planning meeting for the event on behalf of EAPC in April.

**RESOLVED: Cllr Rowell to be delegated to agree changes to the press release in liaison with NYC.** **51/24**

**OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

Cllr Harrison reported that the Warm Spaces Project had been concluded for this year and would break even. She confirmed the success of the initiative in partnership with The Forge Valley Pub and thanked Heidi Dickerson, her staff and a group of local volunteers for their support. She reported that some of the local residents who attended the project will continue to visit The Forge Valley on a regular basis to continue the fellowship they had enjoyed by attending the lunches.

**RESOLVED: That the report be noted and that no other organisations had been attended.** **52/24**

**I TEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

**RESOLVED: That the following items be placed on the next agenda:**

- Ageing Well Summit Update (Cllr Jeffels and Cllr Rowell)
- S106 funding and projects update (Cllr Heath)
- 128 Bus Service improvements (Cllr Phillips)
- Village name stone on Racecourse Road (Cllr Peacock)
- Community Directory (Cllr Swain)
- Proposed dog waste bin for the top of Chantry Road (Cllr Harrison)

**53/24**

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**RESOLVED: That the Parish Clerk would arrange a daytime meeting with EYMS and a working party involving the Chairman, Cllr Swain and Cllr Peacock, the outcome to be reported to a future meeting.** **54/24**

**RESOLVED: The EAPC AGM would be held on 15<sup>th</sup> May in Ayton Village Hall at 7.30pm.** **55/24**

*(as the clerk was not at this meeting she had previously advised that Any other Business was not permitted – but in this instance the clerk had previously advised members that the meeting with EYMS/NYC had been organised for the April parish council meeting).*

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED: TUESDAY 30 April 2024.** **56/24**

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