

ELWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at 7.20pm on Thursday 30th May 2019 at Elwick WI Hall

Present: Cllrs. P. Hutchinson, H. Thompson, D. Atkins, E. Hurst, B. Irving, R. Musgrave, R. Thompson

In Attendance: Ward Cllrs. B. Loynes, C. Stokell, and M. Young; M. West, Clerk

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None received
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None made.
3. **Stagecoach:** The Chairman welcomed Shaun Anderson of Stagecoach, who had come to identify whether there was the potential for a public transport service through Elwick. Councillors provided a brief history of recent attempts to provide a community transport scheme, the current service provided by Paul's Travel and the complete lack of any public transport for either Wynyard or Dalton Piercy. They noted that, whilst many villagers had said they would support the community Transport scheme, in practice there were really only 8 regular users of the mini-bus and it proved to be an unviable option. Any bus serving Elwick would also need to serve other communities along its route – for example, coming from Durham to Hartlepool through the Trimdons; whilst Wynyard residents were more affiliated to Billingham and Stockton, rather than Hartlepool, so a Sedgefield to Billingham bus may be well used. Once the By-pass is open, access to the village will be much easier for a bus service. Mr. Anderson stated that he would feedback what he had learned to his company, and would respond to the Clerk before the next PC meeting.
The Chairman thanked Mr. Anderson for his time and interest.

Mr. Anderson left the meeting at 7.42pm.

4. **Public Forum:** No members of public present.
5. **Minutes of 25th April 2019:** Cllr Hurst noted that her comment about the rough track along the A689 had been amalgamated with the comment on the track to Wynyard Woods being blocked by the developer – these were in fact two separate tracks and the former had not been blocked so should read 'was in a poor state of repair'. With this amendment it was **RESOLVED** to approve the amended minutes.
6. **Matters Arising:** (i) **Sponsored Waste Bin in the Ghyll:** The Clerk reported that the Sturrocks had agreed to sponsor a waste bin in the Ghyll, she was awaiting their decision as to whether they wished to purchase this themselves or have the Parish Council do so; (ii) **Church Bank:** no response had yet been received from the Borough Council; Cllr Loynes stated that she had been informed that the A19 crossings were not likely to be closed before the end of the summer, that the By-Pass was still in development, but that the delay was due to difficulties with landowners along the proposed route, in regard to the sale of their land. Cllr Hutchinson asked why the threat of compulsory purchase had not been implemented? Cllr Loynes responded that the democratic process takes time.
7. **Ward Councillor's report:** Cllr. Loynes reported:
 - The survey of lamp posts at Wynyard had now been completed and 8 were to be replaced;
 - The Borough Council had now taken responsibility for the crossings on the A689 from the developers and the two Councils are hoping to have crossings in place by August. Cllr Atkins requested that Wynyard Residents' Association have input

into the development of the Master Plan for Wynyard. Cllr Young agreed to request this.

- Cllr Irving reported that the Manor Close sign had still not been replaced.
- The Clerk raised concern that she still had not received a response from the officer responsible for CCTV.

8. **Wynyard Report:** Cllrs. Atkins and Hurst raised the following concerns:

- **Advertising Hoardings:** Nothing appeared to have been done in response to concerns raised at earlier meeting in regard to the proliferation of developer advertisements;
- **Secondary School:** The application by Durham Diocese had been rejected; what is the level of secondary provision in Hartlepool? Could the site set aside for a Primary School within Hartlepool Wynyard be made available for a secondary school instead?
- Stockton Borough Council are now going to prosecute drivers who park on grass verges, are Hartlepool going to do the same? Cllr Loynes and Young were not sure but would ask.
- The Clerk was requested to write to Chris Scaife, the Countryside Access officer, assuring him that, despite his rejection of the views of the WRA, people had been using the access path into Wynyard Woods for over 20 years – in fact people used to come in vans, and loads of dog-walkers used the path on a regular basis.

Cllr Young left the meeting at 8.18pm

9(a). **Village Maintenance Committee Report:** Cllr. Irving had not provided a written report as nothing had been done. A resident had complained about the Wildlife Garden. The Chairman reported that she had been there only that week and it looked fine. Cllr Irving noted that the new Playing Field sign had still not been erected – Cllr R. Thompson responded that he was trying to obtain the necessary materials to make a strong frame for the sign.

(b). **Social Activities Committee Report:** Cllr. H. Thompson reported that plans for the parish fete were well advanced, but that more people were needed to help on the day. Plans for the autumn event were also well in hand, the requisite form had been submitted to the Borough Council, but no response had been received. Cllr Loynes agreed to investigate. The Clerk had requested an insurance quote for the event from Zurich. Cllr Loynes was asked and agreed to open the fete in her capacity as Mayor.

Cllrs Loynes and Stokell left the meeting at 8.36pm.

10. **Financial Reports:** The Clerk presented the Financial Reports. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the reports and to include an additional line in the budget for Social Activities.

Receipts	£	Payments	£
Fete stall fee	15.00		0.00
Easter event surplus	33.82		
Wayleave	5.00		
Total:	53.82		

11. **Insurance Claim:** The Clerk informed that the claim for the bench stolen from the Playing Field had been submitted. A £100 excess would be deducted.

12. **Red Gap Community Fund 2019:** The Clerk noted that she had made only one application to the Red Gap Fund this year, for the hardware to support a bid for Digital Mapping Software being made by the Hartlepool Rural Plan Group. It had become obvious during her calculations for the refurbishment of the road access on the north

side of the Green, that a sound case for external funding could not be made, as at present the Parish Council had sufficient funds to meet the costs of this. She had discussed this with Cllr R. Thompson who had agreed. Councillors concurred with this decision.

13. **Correspondence:** Nothing of import. As yet no response had been received from Thirteen in regard to the poor state of the garages behind Manor Close.

14. **Planning:**

H/2019/0141 – Plot 27, Wellington Gardens, Wynyard – no comment

H/2019/0168 – 10, Love Lane, Wynyard – no comment

The Clerk noted that application **H/2018/0508** had been withdrawn and that **H/2019/0148** had been approved.

15. **Matters of Concern to Councillors:** Cllr Irving requested that the stones around the green be painted before the fete. It was **agreed** that a working party would convene at 6.00pm on Wednesday 12th June outside Cllr Irving's house; Cllr Hutchinson to bring the paint.

16. **Date and Time of Next Meeting:** 7.00pm Thursday 27th June at the WI Hall. Cllr Hurst gave her apologies in advance.

It was **agreed** that the September 2019, January and April 2020 meetings would be held at Wynyard Primary School. **Action:** Clerk to book room

Cllrs H and R. Thompson left the meeting as the next item was of personal interest. Cllr Atkins took the Chair.

17. **Refurbishment of footpaths at each end of village green:** The Clerk reported that only one formal tender had been received, as had another informal tender. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should seek at least two other quotes and that the informal quote be requested again in a formal form on letter-headed paper. Once the quotes were received, the Clerk to circulate and convene an extraordinary meeting to discuss them.

The meeting closed at 9.12pm