

## Well Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015, 7.00 pm at the Institute

**Present:** David Webster (Chair), Sarah Sharp, Avril Lane, Sydd Perry, Chris Wade, Julia Hamby (Parish Clerk), 6 Parishioners

1 **Apologies** – None

2 **Minutes of the Last Meeting** – these had been circulated to all Councillors following the last meeting and also published on the village website. Accepted as a true record by all those present, these were then duly signed by the Chairman.

3 **Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes**

- a) Village Website – Julia had spoken to Adam Keppel-Garner, from Refined Line, the company who hosts the website and he had promised to finalise sorting out the archived files which were still not done by the date of this meeting
- b) TDF – The village had applied for two lots of funding from the TDF fund and had received both, £771.50 for 50% of the cost of the entrance gates and fencing to the playing field and £248.50 for 50% of the cost of a new village notice board which had been ordered. JH confirmed that the notice board didn't have to be completed within the next month or so and that there was plenty of time for this project to be completed. She also informed the meeting that there would be another round of applications in the middle of 2016.
- c) Dog Bin – this has now been lowered on the post and is also now on the HDC bin emptying round.
- d) Pear Tree Farm – A section 215 notice has now been served on the owners to tidy up the site however, nothing appears to have been done as yet **Action: JH**
- e) Noise nuisance from Well Hall Farm Yard – JH had written to Gary Elsworth as agreed at the last meeting, and had acknowledged his concerns about a 12-year-old motorcyclist being photographed and request his continued support regarding noise levels on the yard. No response received, no further action
- f) The Beck – Following the recent heavy rains, the beck is now flowing freely and is actually flooding over the bridge outside the Musgraves at the moment. Some discussion over the lowering of the outlet at the tarn, this had been done immediately after DW and MS had visited there. DW also confirmed that a liner had been added to the small pond at the side of the Lodge. JH mentioned an email received from the Flood Risk Management officer at NYCC who had carried out some investigations into the lack of water in the beck and their conclusion was that it was due to the lack of rainfall in the preceding months. The situation would continue to be monitored
- g) Playing Field Fencing – JH and SS had met PCSO McDonald at the Playing Field on the morning after the last PC meeting, he inspected the carpet gripper strips and then advised fitting Prickle Strips along the top of the fence and to just leave the gripper strips as the prickle strips would be a visible deterrent. JH purchased enough strips to cover the tops of the fence panels bordering the Musgrave's property along with two no climbing notices and two notices warning of prickle strips. These had been given to Helen Kitching several weeks ago, but JH had been unable to contact her today to find out if they had been fitted and if not when they would be fitted. **Action: JH**
- h) Footpath across the field to William Webster's Pond – Jean Skinner had asked about this being marked out in some way, now that the crops are growing it is obvious where the path is as this bit hasn't been seeded
- i) Playing Field Litter Bin – purchased from HDC and in place
- j) Planter outside Ivy Cottage Garden – the Patuzzo's have decided to leave this for the time being
- k) Quarry Liaison Report – query re where Oakwood is from the last meeting. DW confirmed that it is one of the properties on the left as you go down Long Lane after passing the Smirthwaite's farm.

#### 4 Finance

- a) A balance sheet was circulated to the meeting showing a balance of £4734.73 in the account.
- b) JH had also included another spreadsheet showing the cost of the Playing Field and the funding received, this showed total expenditure to date of £44479.62 and total funding (income) of £48624.30. This was discussed again as DW had been absent at the last meeting. It was agreed that the balance of funding be noted on the balance sheet each meeting and be kept in hand for any future large expenditure. The Playing Field Group would continue with the ongoing maintenance of the playing field and fundraising to cover this. It was also agreed to include the Playing Field as an item on the Agenda at each PC meeting and to ask that a representative of the Playing Field Group attend the meeting. JH to contact the group re this.

**Action: JH**

#### 5 Correspondence

Most correspondence now received by email and circulated to the Councillors, the following were mentioned:

- a) Email with Police update for today's meeting – this had been circulated via email, JH pointed out that Well was mentioned again as an unsolved crime. This had been the theft/damage/weed killing of the small holly bushes planted along the hedge bordering Holly Hill land on Masham Lane
- b) Email – local plan consultation meetings
- c) Bedale & Villages Community Plan information
- d) Local Transport Consultation letter
- e) Speed Concern Reporting Form
- f) Mini recycling centres withdrawal letter
- g) Great North Air Ambulance request for donations – DW pointed out that Well comes under Yorkshire Air Ambulance
- h) Waste and Recycling Collection Policy
- i) Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine

#### 6 Planning

Nothing to report

#### 7 Any Other Business

- a) Cllr Weighell was at the meeting, he gave detail of the County Councillor Locality Budget. Villages are able to apply for funds ranging from £300 to £5000 from this budget, applications have to be in by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016, although there may be another round in 2016/17. Discussed maybe having larger village name signs, also discussed the suggestion from the last meeting re information boards around the village or to be sited at the bus shelter, giving historical information on specific points in the village. DW pointed out that the Bravender's from Pear Tree Cottage are already working on this for the church and that this could maybe be developed for the village as well. JH to contact them regarding this. To be discussed further at the next meeting **Action: All/JH**
- b) Sarah Sharp brought up the state of the roads at Langwith, the hedges have recently been cut and there are large branches protruding into the road, she asked what the policy was on clearing them, suggested that she approach Mr Ambrose Almack direct to start with. JH also mentioned the amount of mud on all roads into the village in the previous weeks, however this had been cleared away by the recent heavy rain. Farmers should arrange for roads to be swept following any work that creates a large amount of mud on the roads.

#### 8 Date of future meetings – 8<sup>th</sup> February, 11<sup>th</sup> April, 9<sup>th</sup> May (AGM and AVM) 13<sup>th</sup> June

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Signed:

Position:

Date: