

MINUTES OF WELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th DECEMBER 2019 AT THE INSTITUTE

- 1 **Present:** Sarah Sharp, Sydd Perry, Avril Lane, Julia Hamby, 6 Parishioners
- 2 **Apologies:** David Webster, Chris Wade
- 3 **Minutes of the last meeting** – All agreed, proposed by SP, seconded by AL. signed by the Chair of the meeting
- 4 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
 - a. Points of interest leaflet– JS had met with A Ream and D Kelly re this, discussed and agreed that the PC would look at applying for the HDC grant for a single noticeboard to display a map of the village with points of interest noted on it. JS had around 100 of the Well Village Walks leaflet that had not been given out, not sure how up to date these are, but could ask the walking group to check them out, as they did not include any historical facts or a map of the village, could be sold at the bus shelter or be available in the church with a notice directing people to the church **Action: JH/JS**
 - b. New Playing Field Equipment – No representative at the meeting, no further information re purchase of equipment. However, SP proposed that the playing field be renamed the Jean Kitching Memorial Playing Field, SS seconded. Talk to PF committee
Action: JH
 - c. New village Community Group – see report below, JH suggested that they are an item on the Agenda at each meeting, all agreed.
 - d. Cat Register – SP explained again to those present, no progress at the moment
Action: SP
 - e. Donation to Well Community Group no longer required as tree donated
 - f. Stream discussed again, now flowing well, following two floods down the village, some blockages cleared. A Watson raised concern about where water is going to if not going down the stream and possible risk of sinkholes.
Action: J
- 5 **Finance:** Accounts spreadsheet circulated, total in account £3937.58, this includes £1244.28 of Playing Field Funds which leaves £2693.30 available to PC to use.
Precept for 2020 – agreed to leave at £1800, JH to notify HDC
Accounts – no longer required to submit detailed declaration to Auditors as under £25,000 turnover in accounts, just a declaration to be sent JH asked if the PC still required them to be audited, agreed yes they should be, JH to arrange
Action: JH
- 6 **Correspondence**
The bulk of correspondence is now received by email and circulated to Councillors and the village if public information. Mail received –
Clerks & Councils Magazine, Letter from Pensions Regulator – need to declare every three years, done, Letter from Citizens Advice, Bank statements – reconciled with spreadsheet
- 7 **Playing Field** – No report.
- 8 **Planning:**
Manor House and Hill House – works to fell a tree
- 9 **Well Community Group** - Christmas Tree Lights switch on previous Friday, raised £37. Group had several people in high viz and had positioned signs at either end of the village saying ‘village event’. Rota arranged to check tree to ensure safety. Carol singing on 17th/20th at 6.30 pm, Santa on Christmas Eve plus the Grand Raffle Prize draw in the Milbank Arms, next coffee morning 4th January. Suggestions box to go in bus shelter.
- 10 **Any Other Business**
 - a) PC Noticeboard – JH had tried to contact the joiner who made it at Melmerby several times without success, agreed that a new one was needed. HDC grants available of minimum of £1000, agreed to put in a bid and to include the points of interest notice board as well, JH to apply before 13th January **Action: JH**
 - b) Quarry Liaison Meeting – JH read out report from DW, see appendix

- c) Issue of mud on road raised, caused by the excavations on Bedale Road and it being taken down Church Street. AL assured those present that the builders, Stillings were cleaning up the road, and JH had also seen them cleaning the road near her house on Church Street

11 **Date of next meeting** – 9th March 2020, 11th May (AGM/AVM)

Action: DW

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50 pm

Signed:

Position:

Date:

Quarry Liaison Report 2019

Operational Update.

1. No test drilling at Oaklands has been undertaken yet as Quarry has been busy at Marfield.
2. Budget tonnage for 2019 was 320,000 tonnes, likely to be 10/15,000 tonnes short.
3. Budget for 2020 similar to 2019, but, along with Marfield, may benefit from an interval of production at Killerby (Catterick)
4. Phase 9 (east of Langwith) now nearly finished.
5. Still c. 900,000 tonnes left in Langwith area which is approximately 3/4years work.
6. No archaeological finds at Langwith.
7. Silt being deposited from northwest of plant to Oaklands, to form a causeway.
8. Biodiversity bench marking Audit has been undertaken and passed with flying colours.

Strategic Management Plan.

1. Signage and interpretation boards planned for area around "moor" i.e. the Henges.
2. Transfer to Historic England to happen soon.
3. H.E. to appoint English Heritage Trust to manage this area.
4. It was suggested padlocking access to Central Henge to prevent vehicular access.
5. Considerable activity by dog walkers may cause fouling, signage to be considered.
6. Rabbit fencing is required, as rabbits are causing damage to flora.

Report from Simon Warwick.

1. Funding from Heritage Lottery and N.Y.C.C. has allowed soil sampling to be undertaken to piece together more information on the history of the Henges site
2. Polytunnels, now built, have meant about 40 different species of ancient wetland plants (prehistoric) have been cultivated from the above soil sampling.
3. Curlew (3/4 pairs) now breeding and it is hoped Crane may soon appear.
4. Bittern are no longer present but work on the reed beds will hopefully encourage their return.
5. A regular group of 7/12 volunteers attend, and training courses on Health and Safety etc. Undertaken.
6. Interpretation boards are to be erected by the Kiln Lake reeds.