

**Minutes of the Bubwith Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 8 February 2024 in  
Bubwith Leisure Centre**

Present: Sandra Hills (Chair), Helen Gregory, Carol Hall, Malcolm Henson, Richard Moore, Allen Shepherd, Mike Suddaby, Shaun Thompson, John Watkinson

Apologies: Barry Carpus, Richard Falkingham, Liz Hayes

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Parish Councillors co-opted Helen Gregory as a Parish Councillor, Helen was welcomed to the Parish Council by the Chair

Public session, an email from Ward Councillor Nigel Wilkinson was read out saying that ERYC had set a balanced budget with no service cuts plus new money allocated in certain areas

**07/24** Minutes of the previous meeting dated 11/1/24, approved and signed by the Chair

Declaration of Interest. To record any declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest by any Member in respect of items on this agenda, Sandra Hills, Richard Moore, Shaun Thompson non-pecuniary in Leisure Centre matters. Helen Gregory on discussions relating to the proposed new playground at the Leisure Centre

**08/24** Matters arising

- ✓ Shaun Thompson as Bubwith Leisure Centre Chair explained that he had checked the upstairs room floor to the best of his ability and found it safe. This followed concerns at the thudding noise from the upstairs room during the previous Parish Council meeting
- ✓ State of verges Clay Lane Brighton, John Watkinson reported that the ERYC road sweeper had cleaned the road but due to vehicles driving over the grass verges it was a mess again soon after the sweeping. Clerk to ask if verges could be tarmaced over
- ✓ Bus service, Transport Champion nothing to report
- ✓ Allotments and orchard, there are two plots currently vacant, pruning of the fruit trees has been completed
- ✓ Public Rights of Way, the path by the pumping station to be stoned by ERYC to make more passable, Allen Shepherd reported that a cut down tree is narrowing the rail trail
- ✓ Bubwith Leisure Centre, provision of new playground plus the changing of the old playground to car parking is to be discussed at the March meeting after Sandra Hills sends out the plans. Clerk reported on Parish Council discussions with Leisure Centre re grant payments, the talks resolved that the employee grant for year two should be spread over years two and three, this was unanimously agreed by the Parish Council proposed Richard Moore seconded by Mike Suddaby. Shaun Thompson reported on planned social activities plus gains on bookings and bar sales. The AGM will be held on 21 March and all are welcome, trustees will be elected for the following year. A grant request has been submitted for the new patio and a grant will be sought to refurbish the lounge
- ✓ Bubwith Bugle and Facebook page, future of the Bugle to be discussed in April. Richard Moore showed a booklet covering villages local to the area as a thought for the future
- ✓ Youth Club, Carol Hall reported that children are taking responsibility for activities and that a good core of volunteers has been established

- ✓ Anti-social behaviour, nothing to report
- ✓ Carbon footprint of Bubwith parish, a meeting is to be held to discuss future initiatives
- ✓ Notice board at playing field entrance, to order from Men in Sheds as soon as possible with a header of "Bubwith Leisure Centre A Community Hub run by Volunteers"
- ✓ Bubwith School, new liaison Parish Councillor is needed and in the meantime the chair of Governors is to be asked to supply information for inclusion at Parish Council meetings to the Clerk
- ✓ Auto Speed Watch cameras, the second camera is now in place
- ✓ Bus shelter cleaning, two quotes for regular cleaning have been received and Parish Councillors resolved to give the work to Mark Richardson as his price was slightly better, proposed John Watkinson seconded Carol Hall
- ✓ Silver birch trees Honeypot, the Parish Council discussed whether it should spend the almost £2,000 to prune the trees if given permission by ERYC. It was resolved to put this on hold for the time being with 4 for this resolution and 3 against with 2 abstentions
- ✓ Assets register and insurance, ongoing
- ✓ The Parish Council policies as circulated by the Clerk for updating were discussed and Clerk to carry out suggested changes and re-circulate. Clerk to look at policies for Document Retention and Data Protection
- ✓ Spaldington Wind Farm Fund opens mid-March and this information to be circulated by Parish Councillors. It was resolved that the Parish Council should apply for a grant for the Youth Club to cover salaries
- ✓ Questions addressed to Yorkshire Water, waiting for a reply
- ✓ Waiting for a meeting re Bubwith Surgery

#### **09/24 Planning applications, nil**

Boom solar farm, nothing to update, it was noted that Liz Hayes was attending a meeting with our MP and Ward Councillors on the date of the PC meeting

#### **10/24 Planning decision as advised by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council**

23/00809/PLF Erection of two detached dwellings and a detached garage with associated landscaping and infrastructure (revised scheme of Plots 5 and 6 of planning reference 16/03603/PLF) at Disused Camp Site Clay Lane Brighton for Mr AF Gospel, granted

#### **11/24 Accounts**

Balances £2,595.54 current, £11,699.41 saver (balances inc £500 general reserve and £3,361.14 Youth Club running total and £2,179.76 Orchard balance)

Bank statements were considered and it was decided that in future names showing from income and expenditure would be blanked out

Payments confirmed, Grant to Leisure Centre paid end January £825.60, salary Bugle delivery January £41.70 (paid cash and reimbursed to Clerk)

Payments approved, P Clark social media work £60.00 (due for payment end of February), Youth Club rent £132.00, Sapphire £35.07 printer copy charges, Bank charges £6.73, Salaries end of

February Clerk £435.97, Youth Club leaders £143.96 and £135.56, Litter picker £41.68, Bugle delivery £41.70 (to pay cash and reimburse to Clerk)

### **12/24 Reports**

- Shaun Thompson reported the speed sign at the entrance to the village from the river, the sign needs to be replaced
- Allen Shepherd reported that the Blacksmith Drain had still not been cleared by the Drainage Board
- Mike Suddaby again reported the blocked roadside drain on Church Street

### **13/24 Correspondence**

- An email has been received asking if it is possible to place electric vehicle charging points in Bubwith as many dwellings could not provide this for themselves. It was considered that the Leisure Centre was the only possible point in the village and Clerk to write to the committee to ask for comments

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

The next meeting of Bubwith Parish Council will be held on Thursday 14 March 2024 at 7.00pm in Bubwith Leisure Centre