

EAST COWTON PARISH COUNCIL
Councillors are hereby summoned and Members of the Public
invited to attend
the meeting of the Parish Council
on Monday 12th February 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.**
(The disclosure must include the nature of the interest (i.e. pecuniary or other). If you become aware, during the course of a meeting, of an interest that has not been disclosed under this item you must immediately disclose it. You may remain in the meeting and take part fully in discussion and voting unless the interest is prejudicial. A personal interest is prejudicial if a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard it as so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest and it relates to a financial or regulatory matter)
3. **Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 8th January 2024** (circulated to councillors)
To determine whether the Minutes are an accurate record
4. **Chair's formal announcements on any matters not the subject of discussion or debate.**
5. **Police Report**
To receive a verbal report from Cllr Shields
6. **Finance**
 - a) *Accounting Statements*
 - b) *To note and authorise payments*
 - c) *Councillors to consider the quotes for village green/play area grass & hedge cutting for 2024*
7. **Planning applications**
 - a) *Proposal for a 28MW solar farm on land at Frigidale Mill, Northallerton, DL6 2NE ("East Cowton Solar Farm") – presentation by Green Nation*
 - b) *Dwellings Birkby Lane ZB24/00105/OUT. Consider outline application with some matters reserved (considering access) for the construction of 15 dwellings OS Field 4109 East Cowton North Yorkshire*
 - c) *Pealies Barn ZB23/00965/FUL (Modification of Conditions 5 & 8). A verbal update following Minute 2401.08 to be given*
 - d) *Land Adjacent Bungalow Farm Birkby Lane East Cowton 19/01779/OUT Application for outline planning permission for approximately 70 residential dwellings and associated infrastructure with all matters reserved other than access into the site (as revised by information received on the 10 February 2023) verbal update to be given*

8. Dog Litter Bins

Receive a verbal report from TC regarding a plan to replace the dog and litter bins

9. Local Resilience Plan

Verbal update on the current status of the local resilience plan, flood potential, areas of risk and proposal for updating the plan as necessary

10. Ongoing Projects

- a) Receive a verbal update from ES regarding the plan for millennium wood to include potential costings*
- b) Councillors to consider siting of new plant troughs*
- c) Receive a verbal update from HR regards the replacement plan for new benches and potential of attracting new sponsors*

11. Public Participation

12. Date and time of the next meeting

11th March 2024 at 7.30pm is proposed

13. Any other business (urgent or not requiring debate or decision)

Primarily to inform the clerk of items for inclusion on the next agenda

Signed

J Walker, Clerk to the Parish Council

7th February 2024

At the Chair's discretion and to reflect the level of public response, the running order of agenda items can be altered

SEE OVER FOR SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Supporting Information

5 Police Report

Crime Statistics for period 01/01/2024 to 31/01/2024

All reported Crimes – None

A verbal report will be given by Cllr Shields and a summary of news items will be provided.

6 Finance

a) Accounting Statements

Accounting Statement

for the period

1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

As at 07/02/24

	Community Account	Premium Account
	£	£
	7,145.15	7,785.27
<u>add</u>		
Income		
Interest on Premium Account		£
		78.40
Parish Precept - Instalment 1	£	
	3,628.00	
Parish Precept - Instalment 2	£	
	3,628.00	
Other Income **	£	
	2,386.50	
VAT reclaim	£	
	9,642.50	
	£	£
	16,787.65	7,863.67
<u>less</u>		
Transferred to Premium Account		£
		1,906.00
Transferred to Community Account	-£	
	1,906.00	
	£	£
	14,881.65	9,769.67
<u>less</u>		
Actual Expenditure		
1. Gross Wages/Tax	£	
	897.54	
2. Contractors	£	
	1,814.00	
3. Services	£	
	190.00	

4. Sundries	
5. Insurance	£ 378.00
6. Repairs/Maintenance	£ 265.49
7. Rental	
8. Subscriptions/Training	£ 280.00
9. Asset Purchases	£ 3,181.98
10. Fees	£ 35.00
	£ 7,042.01
	£ 7,839.64

Bank Reconciliation

07/02/2024

Current Account balance as statement	£ 11,918.74
<u>add</u>	
Payments not yet cleared:	£ £
<u>deduct</u>	
Cheques not yet presented for payment	£ £
Reconciled balance - Current Account	£ 11,918.74
<u>add -Premium Account balance</u>	£ 9,769.67
	£ 21,688.41

The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book (receipts and payments account) for the year, as follows:

Opening Balance 1 April 2023	£ 14,930.42
Add Receipts in the Year	£ 2,720.00
Less Payments in the Year	-£ 7,042.01
Closing balance per cash ledger [receipts and payments book]	£ 17,609.3

(must equal net balances above)

b) List of Payments to be Noted/Authorised

Invoice Date	Description	£	Authority
11/02/2024	Clerk's wages - February	144.72	Local Government Act 1972, s112(2)

*denotes items authorised by RFO for payment prior to meeting to meet contractual payment date.

c) Maintenance Quotes

CE & CM Walker

Grasscutting Cost per cut - 14 to 15 cuts 121.00

Please email us at cecmwalker@gmail.com to approve or discuss this quotation, thank you!

SUBTOTAL 121.00

VAT TOTAL 24.20

TOTAL **£145.20**

Play Area

Grass cutting £35 per cut and the hedge cutting £50. That also includes removal of any green waste created from the jobs

7 Planning – Solar Farm

I am writing to you on behalf of [Green Nation](#) to inform you about our proposals for a 28MW solar farm on land at Frigidale Mill, Northallerton, DL6 2NE ("East Cowton Solar Farm"). The proposed solar farm will assist North Yorkshire Council in reducing greenhouse gas emissions in line with local and national targets in response to the Climate Emergency.

By way of background, the develop of this project, Green Nation, has been in business for just over a decade and in that time have developed several solar farms while also working with hundreds of owners to put solar on houses, schools and commercial buildings. We now manage solar farms and rooftop systems, generating millions of kilowatt hours of electricity annually for businesses, communities and neighbourhoods. We have continued to grow and expand our base in the UK whilst maintaining our mission of providing affordable and sustainable energy for all.

Although we are still in the preliminary stages of developing our proposals, I wanted to let you know that we will be holding a public consultation for the proposed East Cowton Solar Farm on Tuesday 20 February from 2pm to 7pm at East Cowton Village Hall. Residents will be sent a brochure outlining the planning application, together with an invitation to attend the public consultation event. We will provide the brochure to you before sending to residents.

The public consultation event will give locals a chance to meet the development team, raise queries and learn more about the proposals.

10b Ongoing Projects

In the absence of any alternative suggestions, ES recommends that the two troughs currently in storage be located either side of the public bench which is situated opposite the Wycliffe Road

junction. To be moved into position at a suitable time for the next season's planting. The concrete pots around that location will be removed. To further improve this section of verge, the dog waste bin will be removed as it is damaged and it will be replaced with a new bin in a slightly different position. This bin is already available and has an open top and is suitable for general and dog waste. Ongoing discussions regarding expenditure against budget for grit bins will take into account the need for a replacement bin in due course. Prior to completing these proposed changes ES will obtain clarification from Highways that a new street licence will not be required in view of the slight changes to be made. If, however, there is a requirement to submit a formal request, ES will undertake to complete this and ensure approval is in place before making the changes.