

EAST COWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 10th June 2024 at 7.30pm

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Present

Councillors: E Simpson (ES) (Chairman), J Green (JG), H Robinson (HR), J Shields (JS), Clerk: J Walker (JW)

In Attendance

0 members of the public

Apologies for Absence

A. Wragg (AWr), T Cramond (TC), County Councillor A Wilkinson (AW)

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Disclosure of Interests

None.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on 13th May 2024

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th May are approved, and the Chairman duly signed them in order to verify approval.

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Chairman's Formal Announcements

None

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Police Report

Verbal update provided by Councillor Shields

- a) Burglary in the village on 30th May, car stolen. Police have requested information and some CCTV footage has been offered
- b) Crypto currency - £106k has been stolen in the area
- c) A TV licence scam is in circulation
- d) A WhatsApp scam is sending a one time code to join a group chat
- e) A Volkswagen convertible and a red flat bed transit have been observed driving suspiciously in the village – ES agreed to look into the feasibility and cost of placing CCTV in key spots

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Financial Accounts

a) It was **resolved** that the payments below be authorised:

Invoice Date	Description	£	Authority
11/06/2024	Clerk's wages - June	156.72	Local Government Act 1972, s112(2)
03/06/2024	CE & CM Walker Grass Cutting	290.40	Local Government Act 1972 s112(2)
06/06/2024	Zurich Insurance	378.00	Local Government Act 1972 s112(2)
21/05/2024	Balance due to Paddock Farm	20.93	Local Government Act 1972 s112(2)

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Planning Applications

- a) Dwellings Birkby Lane ZB24/00105/OUT. Outline application with some matters reserved (considering access) for the construction of 15 dwellings OS Field 4109 East Cowton North Yorkshire –ES provided a verbal update that at present there is no formal outcome on this application. County Councillor Wilkinson had verbally advised ES that the proposed development is too small for referral, however, this would add to the saturation of housing development in the village. Peter Jones has been asked for support and agreed to revert by email (not received at the date of this meeting) a further verbal update will be provided at the July meeting
- b) Councillors to consider ZB24/00351/OUT Outline Planning Application with some matters reserved (Considering Access, Appearance, Layout and Scale) for Conversion of an existing garage to create a 2 bedroom apartment. this includes a modest extension– ES advised the revised plan is a 1 bedroom apartment with one off-road

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parking space. A pitched roof and garden added – noted that previously minuted local objections remain

- c) Application for 68 no dwellings regarding appearance, landscaping, layout and scale to previously approved application 19/01779/OUT verbal update to be provided – Clerk to advise the developer there is no meeting in August and a further update will be provided at the July meeting
- d) ZB21/02338/DCN, Breach of Condition Notice under Section 187A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (operating hours) – ES provided a verbal update on the reasons for the breach of conditions and no further discussion is required

Regards the proposal for a 28MW solar farm on land at Frigidale Mill, Northallerton, DL6 2NE (“East Cowton Solar Farm”) – ES to advise developers there is no August meeting

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Bench Replacement/Refurbishment Plan

Deferred to September meeting – Resolved the Clerk will update the budget so the correct spend can be allocated to this project

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Ash Die Back

Deferred to September meeting

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Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023-24

Resolved the date of the meeting to sign off the AGAR will be Monday 24th June at 7:30pm

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Assets Insurance and Risk Registers

Resolved the Clerk will update the asset register and circulate to Councillors. ES advised that the insurance premium has been set based upon a precept of up to and including

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£7,500 and cover remains the same as the previous year. The level of fidelity guarantee and insurance cover remain as per previous year and is deemed appropriate

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Policies & Procedures

Resolved that the updated finance policy is agreed and implemented with immediate effect, data protection policy is fit for purpose and remains in place. Resolved there is no requirement for a health and safety policy due to the size of the parish council

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Public Participation

Although no members of the public were present the Clerk had been given a verbal update that the presence of rodents around the empty bungalow at the entrance to Wycliffe Road has been referred to environmental health

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Date of Next Meeting

24th June at 7:30pm is proposed for the sign-off of the AGAR and 8th July at 7:30pm is proposed for the next full meeting

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Any Other Business

- a) JS requested that the ECPC website be added to the July meeting agenda
- b) Cllrs Wragg and Green will attend the YLCA meeting on 26th June and will raise the topic of other Council's experiences with the planning process
- c) ES advised that new troughs have been placed opposite the village hall and the stone troughs will be removed
- d) Resolved that Cllr Cramond should continue to check the defibrillators weekly
- e) Resolved that ES will pull together a group of volunteers to tidy the village
- f) ES advised that NYCC have been contacted to ask who is responsible for cutting the overgrown verges at the North Cowton junction and on Birkby Lane
- g) After discussion regarding the flood at the end of Raby Lane it was resolved that ES would report it to the Council

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Meeting Closed

There being no further business, ES closed the meeting at 20:40

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