

# EAST COWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in the Village Hall

on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30pm

## 2307.01 Present

Councillors: E. Simpson (ES)(Chairman), J Green (JG), J. Shields (JS), A.Wragg (AWr)

**In Attendance** : 2 members of public

### **Apologies for Absence**

Councillor T. Cramond (TC); County Councillor A. Wilkinson (AW);

## 2307.02 Disclosure of Interests None.

## 2307.03 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council (PC) on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**It was resolved that** the minutes of the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 are approved and the Chairman duly signed them in order to verify approval.

## 2307.04 Chairman's Formal Announcements

None.

## 2307.05 Co-option of Councillor

No applications for co-option had been received. Matter to be listed at next meeting.

## 2307.06 Parish Clerk Vacancy

An application for the vacancy was received on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 together with a supporting CV and **it was resolved that** Cllr Simpson and Cllr Green would undertake interview and assessment and following a satisfactory outcome and employer's reference, the position would be offered to the applicant. Cllrs Simpson and Green will prepare a Contract of Employment.

## 2307.07 Financial Accounts

a) Councillors **received and approved** statements of account for the current year to date.

b) **It was resolved that** payment listed below be authorised:

| Invoice Date | Description                          | £      | Authority                                               |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 03/07/2023   | C E & C M Walker Ltd (grass cutting) | 276.00 | Highways Act 1980, s96 and Open Spaces Act 1906, s10(b) |
|              |                                      |        |                                                         |

## 2307.08 CIL Payment and Amberol Planters

a) Councillors considered a late request for a contribution from the CIL payment and **it was resolved that** the request be declined as it was not considered to be of benefit to the wider community. ES to inform the applicant.

b) ES confirmed that two of the Amberol planters had been positioned as previously agreed and would be permanently filled and maintained as a family memorial with a memorial plaque to be added to the bench in due course. ES to write in thanks. ES asked Councillors to consider potential placement of two further planters, position to be agreed at the next meeting so that any necessary licences could be sought from NYC.

Chairman signed.....11<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**2307.09 Asset Inspections**

All inspections are up to date. A request to a community group for assistance in monitoring the play area has not received a response. The outstanding work, namely some pointing to the brickwork, on the bus shelter had been completed by a volunteer.

**2307.10 Planning Applications**

ES provided an update on the proposed meeting between the developers and villagers and agreed to maintain dialogue to ensure a meeting is organised as soon as possible.

**2307.11 Website**

JS confirmed that a new website is prepared and ready to switch over but will not do so until confirmation is received that the External Audit is complete. JS is attempting to mirror changes so that the new site is up to date when launched but had difficulty with the log on password. ES and JS to liaise to resolve.

**2307.12 To consider correspondence from YLCA re Carbon Literacy Training and Climate Control**

Councillors discussed the potential of seeking assistance from residents who were involved in the education system to identify opportunities to develop a Climate policy. ES, JS, JG and AWr to progress and consideration to be given to preparing an article for September Parish Magazine.

**2307.13 Public Participation**

A report of damaged and overgrown chevrons around the village. ES to report. Concern regarding parked vehicles near bridge. Cllrs to be aware and report if continues.

**2307.14 Date and Time of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the PC will take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30 p.m.in the Village Hall.

**2307.15 Any Other Business** JS provided update on Police report (received after Agenda prepared) specifically commenting on action on speeding and security issues such as locking phones.ES asked for more volunteers for village speedwatch. Awr provided update on recent YLCA meeting.

**2307.16 Meeting Closed**

There being no further business, ES closed the meeting at 8.40 pm.