

Cowling Parish Council

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Cowling Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 04 February 2024 at the Village Hall, Cowling

Minutes subject to confirmation at the meeting of Cowling Parish Council to be held Monday 08th April 2024

L.A. Whitehead

Linda Whitehead, Clerk, RFO and Proper Officer, 28 Feb 2024

218. Present:

To note attendees: Chairman Cllr P.Weatherhead, Vice Chair Cllr C.Zeyrek, County Cllr A.Brown, Cllr C.Emmott, Lengthsman D.Vogt, Clerk L.Whitehead - 1 Member of the public.

219. Apologies:

To approve and receive apologies for absence and reasons given to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

Apologies received from: Councillor D.Gilbert & Councillor C.Rossi.

Resolved: The Parish Council approved the reasons and apologies received from all named above.

220. Declaration of Interests:

a. To record any Councillors disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI) or other interests in relation to items on this agenda. **None received.**

b. To consider any Councillor requests for dispensations. **None received.**

221. Minutes:

To approve minutes of the Parish Meeting of CPC held 05 February 2024.

Resolved: that the above minutes of the Cowling Parish Meeting held on the above date be approved as a true accurate record of the meeting.

222. Public Participation:

Members of the public may address the council on matters within the council's remit; maximum total time allowed of 15 minutes. **None received.**

223. Invited Guest:

PCO K.Thornton, Councillor A.Brown, RGMC representative(s)

Report from Councillor A.Brown.

- a. NYC have agreed a 4.99% increase in council tax, this is a break even budget.
- b. NYC are to introduce double tax on second homes in April 2025, the income received will be used for affordable housing.
- c. Cllr.Brown suggests that the marketing budget of the council be cut to save cuts in other areas for eg: Spraying/ mowing in certain areas maybe unnecessary.
- d. Cllr.Brown will be attending the NYC Planning Committee Tuesday 05 Mar for Mill Cottage, Ickornshaw, Cowling the Parish Council have no objections.

224. Report from Clerk & Lengthsman:

- a. To receive a report from Cowling Parish Council Lengthsman.
 - i. The Lengthsman has conducted a survey of grit bins and heaps throughout Cowling, the report will be sent to NYC.
 - ii. He is also continuing his actions for dog waste, litter, ROSPA check list (3 parks) weekly and other activities as requested.

The Parish Council would like to thank Dave for his efforts in pursuing all the above.

- iii. The Clerks report will be reported throughout the agenda.
To approve any action required arising from the afore mentioned reports.
Resolved: to approve all the above actions.

225. Gritting

- a. Survey of existing bins and heaps. **See Lengthsman report 224.a) i**
- b. Purchasing additional bins.

Response: Additional bins can be purchased at a cost of £50 + vat from NYC, or £150 for bin and service. The survey will be sent to NYC to see if they will provide bins before the PC consider purchase of additional bins.

- c. Update on adding Carr Head Lane to gritting route.

Response: Cllr. Brown and the Parish Council are collating requests for gritting routes, a request will then be sent to NYC.

226. Planning:

Planning applications below:

Application Reference	Address	Description	North Yorkshire Council DECISION
ZA23/25471/OUT	Land To South Of 8 Manor Park, Cowling	Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for four detached bungalows.	Refuses outline permission

For Review:

ZA24/25643/FUL	Warley Wise Farm, Cowling	Change use, part demolition & alter existing outbuildings to create two C3 dwellings.	By 21 Mar The PC support this application, the temporary public ROW diversion must be moved back when complete.
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227. Finance

To approve payment of the following invoices presented for payment: *to be ratified

Payee	Inv.Date	Inv. Number	Details	Total £
Builder	05/02/24	Inv 0000012	Repair FP, and bench, removal of dead tree	342.00*
North Yorkshire Council	05/02/24	440010983	DBS check	56.00
Acorn Festive Lights	08/02/24	449	Adding/removal Xmas Lights	3,072.00
Clerk	22/02/24	2-786946	Letter recorded postage	2.75
Clerk	28/02/24	INV 0004	Working from home allowance OCT to MAR 24 -26 weeks	156.00
Friends Cowling School & Preschool	28/02/24	email 27/2/24	Donation for road safety signage	286.34
EONNext	29/02/24	0035	Electric bill Dec 23 & Jan 24	163.64

Resolved: that all invoices are paid as soon as possible.

228. Recreation Areas

- a. Temporary and permanent repair to public footpath on the Main Recreation Ground.
 - i. Work completed, but the Parish Council want NYC to improve the footpath.
- b. Removal of fallen tree on recreation ground.
 - i. This is now complete.
- c. Two trees planted to replace removed tree.
 - i. Two trees planted to replace the one removed, planted and donated by Councillor Emmott. The PC would like to thank Councillor Emmott for his donation.

229. Allotments**a. Review of tree to be trimmed**

Update on large silver birch requiring trimming on allotment plot.

- i. The tree is to be trimmed on Sat 9th March.

b. Proposed Allotments

Update .

- i. 8 plots have been confirmed out of total of 15, waiting for remaining responses. A meeting has been arranged on 26 March at 6pm and all potential allotment holders will be invited.

230. Litter**a. Collections by a members of the public.**

- i. The PC would like to thank all the people who have been litter picking, they are doing a great job.

b. Request for Lengthsman to litter pick from below the bus stop opposite Foresters Building heading to Winter House Farm.

- i. The Lengthsman has agreed to cover this area.

c. Request for NYC to provide 3 substantial bins for laybys near Green Syke Farm, Moss Bar Farm and Sandyforth Farm.

- i. The Clerk has requested new bins with NYC and is awaiting an update.

231. Standing Orders**a. A review is currently ongoing for all Cowling Parish Council standing orders (procedures). The Parish Council to review the STO's ready. The Chairman to sign revised STO's presented for signing.**

- i. Complaints Procedure CPC COMP vers 001 updated and signed by Chairman.

232. Electric Meter Move**a. To consider the quote received from Northern Grid to install new meter including excavation, new cabling etc. to the memorial shed at a cost of £6018.**

Resolved: This option has been rejected by the PC as too expensive.

b. Review alternative options.

- i. Proposal is to replace the old electric meter with a new smart meter in the existing location pending approval from the property owners.

233. Miscellaneous issues including information and items for next meeting agenda**a. A broken tree branch is hanging over the wall from the Recreation Ground into a neighbouring garden. The neighbours have removed some, the PC will arrange for remainder to be trimmed.****b. The Parish Council are seeking independent surveys on the tarmac area on the recreation ground.****c. Councillor Zeyrek asked for the Clerk to report the water leak on the A6068 at junction with Winkholme and Old Lane. Problems caused when the water freezes on Winkholme.****234. Next Meeting:**

To confirm date, time and venue for the next meeting of the Cowling Parish Council.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm. Next meeting will be held on 8th April 2024 at 7pm.