

## Cowling Parish Council

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### Minutes of Ordinary meeting of Cowling Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 08 January 2024 at The Village Hall, Cowling.

Minutes subject to confirmation at the meeting of Cowling Parish Council to be held Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024

Linda Whitehead, Clerk, RFO and Proper Officer, 11 Jan 2024

*L.A. Whitehead*

**179. Present:**

**To note attendees:** Chairman P Weatherhead, Cllr A. Brown, Cllr C.Rossi, Cllr C.Emmott, Lengthsman D.Vogt, Clerk L.Whitehead

**180. Apologies:**

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

**Apologies received from :** Vice Chair C.Zeyrek, Cllr D.Gilbert, RGMC

**Resolved:** Approved the reasons and apologies received from all named above.

**181. 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.**

**182. Minutes:**

To approve minutes of the Parish Meeting of CPC held 04 December 2023. Amendment to paragraph numbering.

**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.

**183. 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.**

**184. Invited Guest:**

PCO A.Jefferson. Councillor A.Brown, RGMC representative(s)

**Report from Councillor A.Brown:**

- Attending planning meeting at North Yorkshire Council (NYC) for request of Solar Panels installation next to Drax power station, N.Yorkshire
- NYC holding a briefing on Wed 10 Jan to review budgets for 2024/25. It is expected that the council tax will increase by 4.99%
- Cllr Brown is encouraging NYC to sell off some capital to release money.
- A grant has been agreed for the Cowling Sports Club from the locality budget.
- Mayor elections will commence soon. The Mayor will take over responsibility for speed actions within North Yorkshire. The work done with the Police Commissioner to date will need to be passed on to the Mayor.

Signed: Chairman Cllr.P Weatherhead..........Date: 05 February 2024

**185. Report from Clerk & Lengthsman:**

- a. To receive a report from Cowling Parish Council Lengthsman.

**Report**

- the Lengthsman informed the PC that the bench outside memorial gardens requires more repairs.
- Still a large problem with dog waste on the streets around Cowling
- Been working with a Duke of Edinburgh young person on Saturdays on various activities around the Main Recreation Ground and Memorial Gardens.
- Ridge on shelter near Dovetail requires repair. A builder is to look at it asap.

- b. The Clerks report will be reported throughout the agenda.

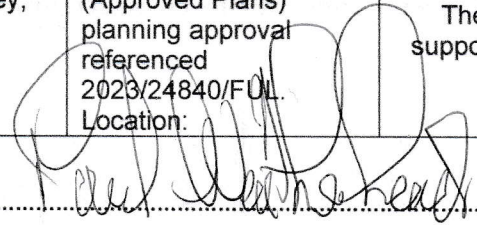
*To approve any action required arising from the afore mentioned reports.*

**Resolved:** to approve above actions.

**186. Planning:**

Planning applications listed below:

Application Reference	Address	Description	(CPC) decision	Response Deadline
ZA23/25559/FUL	Mill Cottage, Ickornshaw, Cowling, Keighley, BD22 0DB,	Construction of one dwelling	The Parish Council do not oppose this application. They require clarification on the number of trees to be removed. They request Biodiversity net gain compensation information.	11 Jan 24
ZA23/25573/LBC	Lower Bawes Edge Farm, Cowling, Keighley, BD22 0NA,	Extension to provide kitchen accommodation (replacing previous concrete block building), together with minor amendments (partially retrospective) to permitted scheme for conversion of main barn to dwelling (granted under 2021/22446/VAR).	The Parish Council do not support this application. The plan may impose on the public right of way.	05 Jan 24
ZA23/25572/FUL	Lower Bawes Edge Farm, Cowling, Keighley, BD22 0NA	Extension to provide kitchen accommodation (replacing previous concrete block building), together with minor amendments (partially retrospective) to permitted scheme for conversion of main barn to dwelling (granted under 2021/22446/VAR).	The Parish Council do not support this application. The plan may impose on the public right of way	05 Jan 24
ZA23/25548/VAR	Cowloughton Farm, Pad Cote Lane, Cowling, Keighley, BD22 0NL,	Application to vary condition no 2 (Approved Plans) planning approval referenced 2023/24840/FUL. Location:	The Parish Council supports this application	25 Dec 23

Signed: Chairman Cllr.P Weatherhead..........Date: 05 February 2024

**187. Finance**

To approve payment of the following invoices presented for payment:

Payee	Invoice Date	Invoice Number	Details	Total £
EON Next	06/12/23	34	Electric bill	35.96
Cowling Village Hall	01/06/23	CPC23004	V Hall Room Hire	90.00
Clerk	20/11/23	EN2023056702881	Adobe subscription	156.89
Clerk	01/01/24	TBD	Encrypted Hard Drive - backup	24.84
Business Stream	17/12/24	3958808	Water bill to Dec 23	87.48

**Resolved:** that all invoices be approved for payment as soon as possible.

**188. Recreation Areas**

Main Recreation Area update by RGMC.

- Cllr Rossi a member of the RGMC informed the meeting that the request for an RGMC bank account is currently being processed.
- A number of quotes from contractors have been received for new drainage on the Main Recreation Ground. This is currently being reviewed.
- At the next meeting of the PC (05 Feb 24) a request will be made for transfer of funds to pay for the new drainage.

**189. Proposed Allotments**

Planning application – update and next steps.

- The Planning Condition has been approved by NY.
- A meeting will be arranged for discussions on preparation of the new allotment. Members of the public will be invited.

**190. Traffic and Speeding**

Consider a request from Cowling Primary School for a donation of £286 for signage outside the school.

- The PC meeting was not a full complement, the councillors would like to discuss the request with all councillor's before a decision is made. The councillors at the meeting suggested that cameras may be a better option to help reduce speed. This will be added to February's meeting.

**191. Miscellaneous issues including information and items for next meeting agenda**

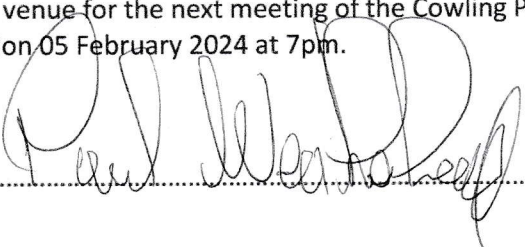
- a. Cowling food bank. The nearest food bank is Keighley which is supported by donations from Cowling.
- b. HUG2 – Home Upgrade Grant is provided by NYC and can be up to 100% for householders not using gas heating. See the poster on the PC website, or main noticeboard or contact 01422 880 100 or email: [projects@yesenergysolutions.co.uk](mailto:projects@yesenergysolutions.co.uk)
- c. The remaining defibrillator is ready for implementation, a resident at Middleton and Park Lane have offered their property for installation. Park Lane is the priority if the defibrillator can be installed there.
- d. At New Year there was a problem with a loose Christmas decoration on Lamppost no.22. Various contractors were contacted and the decoration was removed.
- e. The Cowling Football Club have now appointed a Welfare Officer, the club can now commence recruiting new members. Open days will be planned soon.

**192. Next Meeting:**

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

Next meeting will be on Mon 05 February 2024 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 20.34

Signed: Chairman Cllr.P Weatherhead..........Date: 05 February 2024