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Minutes of Meeting 02/25 of Yapham cum Meltonby Parish Council
on Tuesday 11th February 2025 in Yapham Village Hall at 7.00PM

Meeting 02/25

14/25 Present: Cllr Arnold (acting Chair), Cllr L Hammond, Cllr M Hammond, Cllr Thompson, Rev Mark Poole and the Clerk. Apologies were received from Cllr Bradley. One member of the public (MOP) was also present.

15/25 Code of Conduct

a) **Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs L and M Hammond expressed a non-pecuniary interest in the **planning item 19/25 a)** as they are neighbours of the applicant. Cllr Thompson expressed a non-pecuniary interest in the **planning item 19/25 b)** for the same reason. Cllr Thompson did not express a personal opinion on said item but was there to convey the opinions of parishioners who had approached him to speak on their behalf. All councillors with an interest were present for the planning items.

b) **Dispensations to members of the Council:** None

16/25 Public Participation:

Planning Item 19/25 b) was brought forward at the agreement of all present. The MOP /planning applicant spoke about their intentions and reasons for the application. Cllr Thompson relayed the opinions and concerns of some parishioners, as requested by them. A full discussion followed resulting in a vote in favour of supporting the application in principle with a caveat that mitigation is sought from ERYC:

- That there is no restriction of sunlight or neighbouring properties
- That the balcony does not directly overlook another property resulting in invasion of privacy
- That any new window to the side of the extension will be of opaque glazing

Vote - 3:1 in favour Proposed Cllr L Hammond and seconded by Cllr M Hammond. Councillors encourage residents to submit their individual concerns and opinions to ERYC Planning Department.

Rev Mark Poole - St Martin's Church: A public consultation meeting about the potential closure of the church building at Yapham was held on the 19th January. At this meeting two resolutions were passed. The first was that the churchyard remains open and the second was that the building will close.

Councillor Leo Hammond had drafted a letter to a possible benefactor requesting assistance with the estimated costs circa half a million pounds which was signed by both him and Reverend Mark Poole. Reverend Mark expressed his thanks for Leo's support. It was noted that a reply had been received stating that the benefactor is unable to provide assistance.

Services in the church will continue until a date is set for closure.

17/25 The Minutes: of the meeting held on **Tuesday 7th January 2024** were approved and adopted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr L Hammond and seconded by Cllr Thompson.

18/25 Matters arising from previous minutes: None

19/25 Planning: The following items were received and discussed:

- a) 25/00214/PLF Erection of a timber framed porch to front / 8 High Bields Yapham YO42 1PL / Mr D Medley / Full Planning Permission: **Agreed – item supported. Proposed Cllr L Hammond and seconded by Cllr Thompson**
- b) 25/00155/PLF/ Erection of first floor extension to side and rear with balcony / 5 The Square Yapham YO42 1PJ / Mrs A Hallam / Full Planning Permission: **See item 16/25 Public Participation**

The following notice was received and noted: ERYC decision on appeal for 24/00066/REFUSE / Change of use of land for holiday use/ Eastfield Feoffee Common Lane Barmby Moor YO42 1PG / Mr A farrow – **Appeal Dismissed**

20/25 Finance & Accounts: Bank balance – **£ 3,421.49:** Noted

The following payments were approved:

- a) Clerk's salary for February 2025 - £169.78
- b) Clerk's WFH allowance for February 2025 - £26.00

NB. Address backpay and salary increase in-line with government pay scheme. ACTION (Clerk)

21/25 Yapham Notice Board – A decision was reached to purchase a noticeboard taking advantage of a February offer of 20% discount. Council is awaiting confirmation from the Village Hall Committee re joint payment and siting. ACTION: Remove existing wooden structure and recycle responsibly (Cllr Arnold).

22/25 Road Safety – Deferred

23/25 Ward Councillor Report: Cllr L Hammond reminds parishioners that the ERYC mobile library visits Yapham. This will be advertised on the PC noticeboards and website asap.

24/25 Councillor Reports:

Cllr Arnold wishes to move forward with the History Board initiative. He proposes to apply for funding for three boards, from ancient through to modern history of the parish. Cllr L Hammond seconded the motion.

ACTION: Apply for ERYC grant - (Cllr Arnold).

Cllr Thompson has updated the PC website in conjunction with the village Hall Committee to ensure all their information is correct and current. There is a **Pop-Up Coffee Shop** planned for 15th March in Yapham Village Hall to raise funds for the village hall to support the provision of future events. It is also being held to celebrate the national "Village Hall Week" (17-23 March).

Burns Night: All councillors extended thanks to the organisers and volunteers who helped to make the event a success.

25/25 Correspondence: Noted

26/25 Agenda Items for next meeting:

- History Board
- Road Safety

Date of next meeting: provisionally 11th March 2025

Meeting closed: 8:47PM