



Yapham cum Meltonby Parish Council [www.yaphamcummeltonby.co.uk](http://www.yaphamcummeltonby.co.uk)  
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Minutes of Meeting 09/23 of Yapham cum Meltonby Parish Council  
on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in Yapham Village Hall at 7.00PM

**Meeting 09/23**

**138/23 Present:** Cllr Arnold, Cllr Bradley (Chair), Cllr Gray, Reverend Mark Poole and the clerk. Apologies were received from Cllr L Hammond, Cllr M Hammond, and Cllr Thompson.

**139/23 Code of Conduct**

**a) Declarations of Interest** - None

**b) Granting of any dispensations** - None

**140/23 The meeting was suspended for Public Participation:** Reverend Mark Poole:

**St Martin's Church, Yapham cum Meltonby in the Barmby Moor Group of Churches - Progress report**

- A digital survey of the church building has now been completed providing an accurate measurement of every dimension of its structure. This will enable the architect to create a schedule of work and associated costs for stabilising and refurbishing the church building which in turn, will pave the way for submitting grant allocations to help fund the project. Suggestions of suitable grant-awarding bodies would be welcome. It is our strong desire to restore the church to its former glory.
- The Barmby Moor Group of Churches has created a vision for growth, and in September launched a three-year strategic plan to translate this vision into reality.
- The cultural landscape, and rural village life in particular, has changed dramatically over the last fifty years, and the Church needs to adapt or it will quite simply die. We do not expect to fill our churches every Sunday because quite rightly, there are many other God-given blessings for folks to enjoy on a Sunday. However, we do believe we have a unique contribution that we can make to people's well-being and in connecting and enriching the soul of community life.
- Therefore, it is our hope and prayer that the churches seek to serve our communities so that the church in each village, in way that is different from the past, will become a vibrant and permanent part of the community hub.
- We believe our links with the Parish Council, the Village hall Committee and other groups and ventures and events that happen in Yapham and Meltonby are crucial in linking church and community in ways that celebrate and enrich our lives together in this beautiful part of the East Riding of Yorkshire.

**Your vicar, Rev'd Mark Poole**

**141/23 Minutes** of the meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 proposed by Cllr Arnold, Seconded Cllr Bradley.

**142/23 Update: Co-option of a councillor:** The person wishing to be co-opted was unavailable to attend.

**143/23 Matters arising from previous minutes:** Cllr Arnold wished to finalise the details of the Clerk Contract.

**144/23 Planning:**

- a) Enforcement Notice: 23/00044/ENFORC: Land East of Yapham Grange, Keldspring Lane, Yapham Mill, YO42 1PS/ Mr David Pemberton Appeal Start Date: 1 September 2023 Appeal Type: Enforcement Notice

**145/23 Finance & Accounts:** Bank balance – £5,038.62

To approve the payments:

- a) Clerk's salary, PAYE for September - £147.43
- b) Clerk's WFH Allowance for September - £26.00
- c) Reimburse the clerk for Coronation Plaque - £66.33
- d) Ratify Snowdrop Bulb Purchase - £124.99
- e) Reimburse Cllr M Hammond for Yapham Bench Refurbishment items: £44.93

**Agreed:** All Proposed by Cllr Grey and seconded by Cllr Arnold.

**146/23 Coronation tree and plaque update:** The plaque has been purchased and is ready for mounting when the tree is planted later in the year. It is hoped the lime tree can be planted in the churchyard (plans to be finalised nearer to planting time).

**147/23 Bulb-planting update:** 1,000 snowdrop bulbs have been delivered and will be distributed for planting.

**148/23 Village pub nights update:** It is hoped there will be a date set for some time in October.

**149/23 To consider installing a Parish History Board:** Deferred for Cllr L Hammond to attend

**150/23 Community Governance Review –** Deferred for Cllr L Hammond to attend

**151/23 Ward Councillor Report:** No Ward Cllr present.

**152/23 Councillor Reports: Cllr Arnold –** The green hasn't been cut this year as there was only one period where it was possible but the farmers were busy with harvest. It will be cut later in the year.

**153/23 To note correspondence:** Noted

**154/23 Agenda Items for next meeting:**

- a) Clerk Contract – new rate of pay agreed by NALC
- b) Community Orchard

**155/23 Date of next meeting (provisionally Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023)**

Meeting Closed: 8.10pm