



Yapham cum Meltonby Parish Council [www.yaphamcummeltonby.co.uk](http://www.yaphamcummeltonby.co.uk)  
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Minutes from meeting of Yapham cum Meltonby Parish Council  
on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 in Yapham Village Hall at 7.00PM

Meeting 6/24

**65/24** Present: Cllr Arnold Cllr Bradley (chair), Cllr M Hammond Cllr Thompson, Clerk and one member of the public. Apologies were received from Cllr L Hammond.

**66/24** Code of Conduct

a) Declarations of Interest: None

b) Granting of Dispensations: None

**67/24 Public Participation:** Reverend Mark Poole from St Martin's Church addressed the meeting:

'A working party consisting of members of the PCC and the diocese of York will be established to oversee the closure of the church and to decide on what happens to the actual building following closure. Whilst there is a PCC, the maintenance of the churchyard will be their responsibility whilst it remains open for burial. If the PCC ceases to exist then further advice and guidance would be needed as to who is responsible for the upkeep of the churchyard.

A recent change in legislation has clarified that local (parish) councils are legally permitted to offer financial support for the upkeep of churches, which has been interpreted as including open churchyards.

The maintenance of a **closed** churchyard can be passed to the local authority (s215 of the Local Government Act 1972 refers) if the PCC does not wish to retain that responsibility. Initially the parish council is asked if it would be willing to take it on. If it isn't (and most aren't due to the resources required) the next level of Council is required to take it on. In our case this would be the East Riding of Yorkshire Council.'

**68/24 The minutes:** of the **Annual Meeting of the Parish** held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were adopted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Arnold and seconded by Cllr Thompson.

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**70/24 Matters arising:** None

**71/24 Planning:** None

**72/24 Finance & Accounts:** Bank balance – **£5,456.73:** Noted

The following payments were approved. Proposed by Cllr Bradley and seconded by Cllr Arnold:

- a) Clerk's salary, PAYE for June 2024 - £169.78
- b) Clerk's WFH Allowance for June 2024 - £26.00
- c) Internal Audit Invoice 2023/24 - £180.00

**73/24 To resolve the Meltonby Bus Shelter Situation** (recently removed by ERYC): Agreed: This is a council asset and they take full responsibility for it.

**74/24 Common Land** – Council agreed that dumping of any waste, green or otherwise should be discouraged. It has been noted that the persistent dumping of green waste is preventing regular maintenance of the village green/common land.

**75/24 Emergency Procedures Policy** – Amended and updated ACTION: Finalise for Website (clerk)

**76/24 Ward Councillor Report:** None

**77/24 Councillor Reports: Cllr M Hammond** – I took a day's holiday from work and attended the above event held at Beverly Enterprise Centre on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024, I was going to take the opportunity to provide you with some feedback at the May 24 Parish Council meeting which subsequently I did not attend therefore please find some event feedback relevant to Yapham Cum Meltonby Parish Council below.

**1. Police Initiatives – Organised Crime & Burglary:** Both Chief Inspector ROB Danby and Inspector Andy Beadman spent some considerable time providing an update on the current Humberside Police (and partner organisations) initiatives on dealing with Organised Crime and Burglary:

a. The current main Organised Crime reduction initiative in the East Riding is targeted at Bridlington and is a "Clear, Hold, Build" initiative, (as part of the wider Force Operation Shield Initiative) to firstly remove the incumbent organised crime gangs from the area, to prevent other organised crime gangs stepping into the vacuum created by the initial removal and to subsequently allow residents, statutory and volunteer partners to work towards creating a safer environment. Information on which can be found at [Operation Shield | Humberside Police](#)

b. Fortunately, the geographical area of Pocklington and its surrounding villages are so far down on both the antisocial behaviour and burglary league table within the Force area statistically we are unlikely to see many events of either, that said of course one should not be complacent and certainly when it comes to burglary prevention should be proactive in keeping home, place of work and vehicles etc safe. Some top tips can be found

at [www.humberside.police.uk/search?q=burglary+prevention](http://www.humberside.police.uk/search?q=burglary+prevention)

It should be noted that Humberside Police policy (as stated by the 2 officers above) is to investigate all reported burglaries, therefore the message here is should anyone be unfortunate enough to be burgled they do need to report it to the Police as a priority.

**2. Dog Related Issues:** Stuart Allen (Principal Officer Environmental Control) spoke in the main about dog fouling and noisy dogs covering the protocols for dealing with both situations, further information in relation to these and other dog related issues can be found at [www.eastriding.gov.uk/environment/pests-dogs-and-animals/dog-control-and-ownership/](http://www.eastriding.gov.uk/environment/pests-dogs-and-animals/dog-control-and-ownership/)

In addition to the core subject the Asian Hornet (Alien species) was also mentioned as during September 2023, 2 nests were found in Hull (no confirmed sightings North of East Sussex during 2024 though). I will mention that the last time I was reading the village notice board in Seaton Ross they had a poster displayed with the Asian Hornet description and how to report a sighting, just a thought for our Parish notice board (once it's sorted out).

**3. Streetscene – Fly tipping / Enforcement:** Matt Gent (Streetscene Service Manager Taskforce and Environmental Enforcement) spoke about ERYCC's fight against Fly-Tipping and what can and cannot be investigated. ERYCC categorise Fly-Tipping as being more than a single bag of rubbish and whilst keen to prosecute offenders wherever possible only have limited resource to investigate and prosecute (both very time-consuming activities). The ability to ultimately bring a prosecution requires evidence on being able to link a person or persons with the Fly-Tipped items and unfortunately where evidence is not likely to be found an investigation is unlikely to take place. The good news is that currently Fly-Tipping is not prevalent in our area. Moving forwards the Streetscene team will be able to deploy more technical assets (cove

cameras in a number of innovative guise's including inside bin mounted and long battery life operated cameras for rural deployment) to try to catch offenders. Further information can be found at [www.eastriding.gov.uk/environment/bins-rubbish-recycling/fly-tipping/](http://www.eastriding.gov.uk/environment/bins-rubbish-recycling/fly-tipping/)

4. **Community Payback:** Lee Killington Community Payback placement coordinator Hull and East Riding closed out the session with a presentation on the use, abilities and limitations of the Community Payback programme, citing some good examples of work covered by the team. The only downside specific to Yapham Cum Meltonby is that my understanding is that the Community Payback risk assessments require the work area to be a certain distance from a road which could be problematic with both Yapham and Meltonby. Detailed information on the process for nominating a Community Payback project can be found here [www.gov.uk/nominate-community-payback-project](http://www.gov.uk/nominate-community-payback-project)

**78/24 Correspondence:** Noted

**79/24 Agenda Items for next meeting:** To be emailed to the clerk.

**80/24 Date of next meeting:** provisionally Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Meeting closed at 20.09