

Yapham cum Meltonby Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting of Yapham cum Meltonby Parish Council on **Tuesday 14th July 2020** in

Yapham Village Hall at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllr Arnold, Cllr Bradley (chair), Cllr Gray, Cllr Hammond, Cllr Jefferson-Hallett, Cllr Moverley, Cllr Newman, S. Rothwell-Inch (clerk)

**46/20** Cllr Bradley welcomed everyone to the meeting and had the following to say about the recent lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic:

1. We had emergency planning in place for fire, flood but not for pestilence. The events of the last few months have been challenging and all we can do is adapt and change. we are all zoomed in.

2 I would like to thank you all for staying in contact and dealing with issues as they arise.

3 Leo has done the prescription run now for many months. others have helped with shopping, or just phoning up to check on friends and neighbours. the personal touch is the best solution for such a small community.

4. The allotments have been a refuge for many. It is their daily exercise - they see people about. Picnics are popular goods are exchanged. 10 sticks of rhubarb = 6 eggs. Spare seeds are available. Recent events have upset many but we are more resilient than that. Cameras will be installed hopefully this will be a deterrent.

As a community we have looked out for each other. It has also highlighted those we have missed out. We will try to get these on board especially after recent break ins at Cricket club etc Some extra contact details are needed so we can help out. Thank you all again

**47/20 To receive Declarations of Interest:** none

**48/20 To resolve that the meeting is temporarily suspended to allow for a period of Public Participation:** The incomingchair for Bishop Wilton Parish Council was present to observe the running of a PC meeting but had no reason to participate.

**49/20 The minutes** of the meeting held on 10th March 2020 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Moverley and seconded by Cllr Hammond.

**50/20 The Clerk reported: Email:**  During the lockdown period all email activity was closed down by the provider Mail.com. This account had been taken over from the previous clerk and run without problems since November 2018. Mail.com blocked all activity claiming and ‘abuse of the system’ and refused to either reinstate the account or release any information from or about it. A new account and address were set up with Gmail and all relevant contacts (where possible) informed of the change. All email correspondence from September 2018 to March 2020 is unobtainable. Mail.com offered an apology and said they could explain no further.

The Lenova PC laptop had software installed (not by the current clerk) that was increasingly hampering performance and increasing start-up times etc by using unnecessary prompts and reminders for updates and payment plans. The clerk and her husband (an IT employee) uninstalled the software and ran checks and updates to resolve the situation. Currently the laptop sems to be running efficiently again.

The Internal Auditor, Emma Fletcher has agreed to perform this once again and the accounts will soon be available for presentation.

**51/20 Public footpaths and rights of way: AGREED:** Good conduct notices to be posted on the parish council website and village noticeboards. **Action: Cllr Newman and Clerk**

**52/20 ERNLLCA risk assessment: DEFERRED:** Document inaccessible. Follow up to be made for new document to be sent. **ACTION Clerk**

**53/20 LGA Model Code of Conduct:** Completed and submitted online at 8.17pm.

**54/20 Bin and flower planter at Meltonby: AGREED –** A new bin is to be purchased from ERYC and sited next to the bus shelter in Meltonby. Council would like to adopt the planter if possible. Clerk to investigate – **ACTION Clerk**

**55/20 Accounts:** The bank balance – £5233.57

The following payments were approved:

Clerk's salary for May, June and July

Invoice 4394 from Autela Payroll Services Limited - 05/07/2020

**Noted**: the precept 2020/21 - £3090.00

**56/20 To note correspondence: Noted**

**57/20 Councillors reports:**

**Cllr Hammond** commended the residents and workers of East Riding for their community spirit and endurance during the Covid-19 pandemic crisis. He also praised the Public Health Team at ERYC for having a track and trace system in place and keeping the numbers affected by Covid-19 to a minimum – far fewer cases and deaths occurred in the county than were expected.

British Telecom have now agreed to remove the poles on Feoffee Lane in late August or early September 2020.

Cllr Hammond also offered thanks to the PC for the loan of the wheelbarrow. His family will be making a donation to the parish council.

**Cllr Gray** praised the household refuse collectors in the region for their work during the Covid-19 restrictions. She also thanked Cllr Hammond for his efforts to ensure work was carried out to prevent further flooding at the bottom of Rowland Lodge.

**Cllr Arnold** informed councillors that the village hall had received a local grant of £10k during the lockdown which, he said, will relieve the financial pressure of having no rental fees coming in. He also invited any comments or suggestions on the running and usage of the village hall. It is now open for parish council meetings with the toilet and kitchen being out of bounds due to Covid-19 precautions. Following any function, the village hall will close for a subsequent seven-day period for the same compliance.

**58/20 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11th August 2020**

Meeting closed at 9.05pm