YAPHAM CUM MELTONBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Yapham Cum Meltonby Parish Council meeting held on February 12th 2013 in Yapham Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Linda Gray (Chairman), Cllr John Ackerley, Cllr Ken Moverley, Cllr Richard O’Gram , Cllr Helen Steele and three members of the public.

**Public Time. The Telphone Box was discussed with Mr Barnes (see matters arising) and the issue of the caravan next to the cricket club were both brought to the attention of the Parish Council, it was explained that the matter was in the hands of the ERYC planning enforcement team.**

**09/13 Apologies. None.**

**10/13 welcome to the meeting. Cllr Gray welcomed everyone to the February meeting and thanked the members of the public for attending and their comments.**

**Declaration of Interest. The Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2012. To record any declarations of interest by any member in respect of items on this agenda. Cllr Ken Moverley declared an interest in the village hall.**

**11/13 Minutes of the meeting dated 23rd January 2013**. Minutes were approved by the Parish Council and signed as a true and correct record of the meeting by the Chairman.

**12/13 Matters arising from the previous meeting.**

1. **Telephone Box** . Mr Barnes agreed that he would paint the Phone box, Clerk to try and obtain the correct red paint from a contact in the paint business. The Parish Council thought the box could be used as an information point with leaflet dispensers with local walks in on one side and a noticeboard on the other. Plastic boxes with books in could also be stored there and the box be used as a book exchange. Mr Barnes said he would help along with Mr Woodliffe in anyway he could.
2. **Village Hall Chairs.** Two chairs have been replaced, still awaiting delivery of the two replacements for the damaged chairs. Use of remainder of Community Partnership Grant. Forms have been submitted regarding the purchase of the chairs, awaiting approval to spend money left over towards tables for the hall. Parish Council will have to contribute towards the cost. £419.44 grant money (if permission given) Total cost of tables is £631.92 of which £105.32 is VAT= £526.60 - £419.44 = £107.16

**Parish Council all agreed in favour of contributing towards this scheme on condition that the ERYC allowed the surplus from the chair grant to be used.**

1. **Emergency Plan.** Report back by Cllr Ackerley on the severe weather plan. Cllr Ackerley felt that maybe the Parish Council had missed the boat as to sending the plan out to the Parish. However if the grant is available in the new financial year then the Parish Council could apply for money towards the project. Parish Council decided to ask if anyone was interested in volunteering for snow clearing duties on the footpaths within the villages. If volunteers could be found then the Council would apply for a grant to buy 6 snow shovels 6 hi viz jackets.
2. **Grass cut by the ERYC**. Details of areas cut by ERYC. On-going.
3. **Parish Council vacancy**. Can now be filled by Co-option. Clerk to place an article in the Pocklington. Post.
4. **Use of Community Payback Team.** Payback Team can provide their own strimmers, however they cannot undertake grass cutting as they do not have the correct training or qualifications. Clerk to organise a meeting between the payback team, Yapham Church and the village committee. Cllr O’Gram to be point of contact for the Church and Cllr Moverley for the Village Hall. The beginning of the week was decided as the best time for a meeting.
5. **Daffodil Bulbs.** On-going, bulbs to be brought in September.
6. **Planning/Highway issues.** Email from Peter Robinson Planning enforcement detailing on-going enforcement within the Parish.

**“**There are currently 3 ongoing complaints in the Yapham cum Meltonby Parish area.   
  
**Eastfield, Feoffee Common Lane**.   
Unauthorised residential unit.   
An Enforcement Notice was served on this property and has not been complied with.   
Prosecution proceeding will be brought against the owners, but this has seen a number of delays in getting to court.   
Summons will hopefully be served before the summer.   
  
**Treveen House, Meltonby Lane.**   
Breach of Condition regarding bunding to tank.   
The Fertiliser tank was granted consent on appeal with conditions imposed by the Planning Inspector.   
Despite many approaches and promises of action by the owner the details required have never been submitted.   
This case is currently back with the Council's Legal Department and further formal action is to be taken in this matter.   
  
**Caravan, Land North East of Yapham Cricket Club, Feoffee Lane.**   
Siting of a caravan.   
Caravan in question is a very small tourer and is in the main just a shell.   
I believe it is likely that it is used for shelter and storage but is not used residentially.   
A land registry search is being carried out to find the current owner so that the reasons why it has been sited can be determined.   
This is an on-going case.   
  
There are no other on-going planning enforcement cases at this time in Yapham.   
  
I note that questions have been raised relating to bollards erected in Miller Lane. These do not require planning consent but I have forwarded this matter on to the Council's Street scene Services.   
  
'Green Fields' Feoffee Lane has previously been investigated and at the time it was decided that no breach of planning was present. The land has been the subject of discussions with the Planning Officers and a watching brief is being kept to ensure that the use of the land does not become an issue at a later time. The static unit on site is not considered as being residential at this time but this is constantly under review.   
  
The majority of planning breaches have been dealt with expeditiously however it is unfortunate that Yapham Parish does have 2 long running issues (Eastfield and Treveen House) this has been due in main to the Council trying to work with the owners”. Parish Councillors decided to invite Mr Robinson to a meeting of the Parish Council to explain why the procedures take so long.

The recent Care home application, clerk had noticed that the Parish Councils response had not been included in the comments on the ERYC website. Clerk followed this up with the planners who sent a response addressing the issues highlighted y the Parish Council.

Parish Council would like to know how the Ward Councillors voted on the issue, they also wanted to know if a site visit was conducted.

Parish Councillors felt that the planning committee had no consistency to its decisions, they had previously turned applications within the Parish because it was no sustainable and would mean an extra two journeys with the parish a day but grant this application which would mean a totally new build and an extra 100 min car journeys a day.

Despite the planning department recommending refusal the planning committee voted in favour.

Cllr Gray given authority to write a letter of complaint to Cllr S.Parnaby regarding the Parish Council lack of faith in the Planning Committees decisions. Clerk to forward on the minutes of the planning committee.

1. **ERNLLCA Members/Officer protocol**. Cllr Ackerley to report back on the report. Agreed that this did not apply to Yapham Cum Meltonby Parish Council but to the bigger councils who have political members.
2. **School Bus route down Feoffee lane**.

Cllr Gray explained the recent break down of the School bus and the fact that some children walked 3 miles back to Stamford Bridge because no alternative arrangements were made for them to be picked up, other than by their parents if they were available. Parish Councillors were very disappointed by this say that the “ERYC had a duty of care over the children from the moment they got on the bus to school to the moment they get off to go home”. Parish Councillors wanted to know why nothing was done. Clerk to write to ERYC.

Whilst the Chairman was on the phone to the ERYC regarding the bus, she had enquired about the lack of response from them regarding the bus route and the suitability and safety of the route the school bus takes. ERYC said that they had received nothing from the Council regarding this matter ( since found out that the emails sent had been going to the wrong person who had not bothered forwarding them on) The School transport manager has since agreed that the bus need not go down Feoffee Lane and that it will now go down the A1079 as previously requested by the Parish Council.

**13/13 Accounts** .

Community Account £2,734.46p

Business Manager £1,209.20p

Letter to bank to be signed by bank signatories this to be done at next meeting.

A claim for £560 for VAT has been sent off by the Clerk.

**14/13 Planning**

Erection of two storey extension to rear following demolition of existing rear single storey extension at High field The Square, Yapham, East Riding of Yorkshire Y042 1PJ for Mr Shaun Duncan.

**Planning has been granted**.

**15/13 Correspondence**

East Riding Parish News, February Edition.

Community Funds linked to Energy Related Developments.

ERYC Dance poster.

“Making it Happen” East Riding Draft Local Plan Consultation.

Request for paint from the Village Hall committee to the Clerk via email. This paint is available and the Clerk will collect it , however he felt the quantities were on the low side. Councillor Moverley suggested doubling the amount requested

**16/13 Councillor Reports .** The drain outside the Village Hall is blocked, and the dyke which follows into it therefore cannot empty. Potholes reported on the road coming into Yapham just before the Village Hall.

**17/13 Date , Time and venue of next meeting.**