**YAPHAM CUM MELTONBY PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of Yapham Cum Meltonby Parish Council held at the Village Hall on 10th July 2012 in Yapham Village Hall**

**Public Time. None.**

**Present: Cllr John Ackerley (vice Chair), Cllr Helen Steel, Cllr Debs England and one member of the public.**

**56/12 Apologies. Cllr Linda Gray.**

**Absent: Cllr Richard O’gram.**

**57/12 welcome to the meeting. Cllr John Ackerley, Vice chairman welcomed everyone to the July meeting.**

**58/12 Co-option of new Councillor on to Yapham Cum Meltonby Parish Council.**

**Mr Ken Moverley had written to the Clerk expressing an interest in joining the Parish Council as a Co-opted member. The Clerk had checked with Democratic Services at East Riding of Yorkshire Council and this was ok. Parish Councillors unanimously voted in favour of Mr Moverley joining the Council. Cllr Moverley signed the Declaration of Acceptance**

**59/12 Declaration of Interest. The Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007. To record any declarations of interest by any member in respect of items on this agenda.**

**Cllr Moverley declared an interest in the Village Hall Grant.**

**60/12 To confirm the minutes of the meeting dated 12th June 2012. These were approved and signed by Cllr Ackerley.**

**61/12 Matters arising from the previous meeting.**

1. Telephone Box . This is now the property of the Parish Council. A poster is to be placed in the box explaining that it is no longer the property of BT. Cllr Ackerley is going to check that those people who volunteered to maintain the box are still willing to do so. The Clerk to prepare a pack with maintenance guide lines in. Telephone Box to be included on the insurance policy.
2. Feoffee Lane. On going
3. Village Hall. Chairs / Winter maintenance grant. Grant application returned to Council, Clerk re- done application and to re submit at next panel. Clerk to keep the Village Hall in the loop as to what’s happening.
4. Emergency Plan Copies have been Emailed to Councillors. Clerk re read the Emergency Plan and feels it’s far too complex for the size of the Parish. To forward on the one which other smaller Councils have adopted with view to Parish Council adopting a similar style one.
5. Common Land at Yapham. Response from ERYC is that it is up to the ERYC and the Parish Council to monitor what takes place on the Common. They provided a list of properties which hold Gait Rights to the land. Cllr Ackerley said the addresses were not quite correct and he would provide a new list and write to those properties affected notifying the of their rights
6. Parish Council Lawnmower. Discussion took place regarding the lawn mower and strimmer, Cllr Ackerley said neither were in a good state and defiantly not worth the expense of repairing. It was decided that neither would be replaced as no one could think of what grass needed cutting within the Parish. Clerk to enquire which areas of grass the ERYC are responsible for cutting on a 15 day rota. Cllrs stated that they only ever receive one cut a year. Both the strimmer and lawn mower were to be taken off the insurance policy and the asset register.
7. Allotments. Comments from Cllr Gray read out which re-instated what had been said at the previous Parish Council meeting. Clerk to write to Mr Oxley asking if he still has the file which was given to him by Cllr Gray. Clerk to go through records and compile a new file on the allotments. Clerk to write to the ERYC and ask if they have a copy of the soil transportation document which was submitted with the original planning application.
8. Meltonby Speed Limit Signs. Letter from Phil Hiscott from ERYC Highways explaining the Councils position on the signs. Cllr asked for the letter to be included in the minutes so that Parishioners could read it.

Letter from Phil Hiscott.

I am now in a position to let you know what the Council view is on your request to extend the 30mph speed limit to cover part of the Meltonby Lane/Meltonby Road between Yapham and Bishop Wilton.   
  
The Council have adopted as policy the Governments guidelines for setting local speed limits which were issued in 2006. We also use advise from their Traffic Advisory Leaflet 1/04 ,Village Speed Limits'. The guidelines were updated in 2006 to replace those issued in 1993.   
  
Essentially 30mph and 40mph speed limits are set according to the level of urban development, the higher the development the lower the speed limit. Hence most villages, towns and cities are limited to 30mph. Occasionally transition limits (40mph going into 30mph) are used where speeds through the village are high, these tend to be used on the more highly trafficked roads but have had varying levels of success. New zonal 40mph speed limits have been introduced by our Road Safety Section in rural areas where there has been a history of traffic injury accidents.   
  
The basic principles of the guidelines are to set speed limits in a consistent fashion so that they are appropriate and suitable for the circumstances. They need to be realistic and not used to cover isolated features such as a bend, junction, brow of a hill etc. If speed limits are set at an unrealistically low level then drivers will tend to ignore them thus devaluing those where it is important that speed is kept low such as residential areas, hospitals, schools and shopping areas.   
  
The guidelines for 30mph speed limits are 20 or more houses either on one side of the road or the other over a minimum distance of 600metres (in some cases this may be reduced). The density of housing should be 3 per every 100metres.   
  
In the case of Meltonby the level of development on either side of the junction consists of one property which fronts the road (The Ranch) and an access to another (Manor Farm) the predominant surrounding environment is rural. In order for a 30mph speed limit or any speed limit there needs to be a definite change in the environment so that the driver can understand why it has changed. In this case there is not sufficient housing to justify a 30mph speed limit (or 40mph speed limit) and the type of environment is not consistent with a 30mph speed limit.   
  
A speed survey was completed on this stretch of road (opposite the entrance to Manor Farm) which recorded average two way speeds at 36mph and an 85%tile (the speed at which or below 85% of drivers travel) of 41mph so speeds are not generally high.   
  
I am sorry that the Council could not help you on this occasion.   
Phil Hiscott   
Engineer

The letter has also been placed on the Parish Website. Cllr Steel felt they had missed the point and that the sign was not visible until you was on it.

Brief discussion took place on various speeding issues within the Parish particularly at Yapham Mill. Cllr Ackerley explained that over the years many surveys have been carried out and that the Parish Council has been involved in bringing the limit down to what it is now, however speeding still remains a problem. He felt that maybe the Council should look at writing to those firms whose vehicles are observed speeding asking them to ask their drivers to slow down. Cllr Steel said that the problem was especially bad when the Prison was changing shifts. Clerk to write to Prison pointing this out.

Cllr Ackerley said the Council had looked at the flashing signs once but the cost was £3,000 per sign then so would be more expensive plus there was no electric supply nearby.

Clerk to write to the Police asking if they could monitor the situation more often.

Clerk to write to the Highways asking if they could re look at all the different speed limits between Pocklington and Full Sutton, 12 – 14 in total.

1. Code of Conduct. Choice between ERYC Model Code of Conduct or simpler one from local Government website.

**Resolved** that Yapham cum Meltonby Parish adopt the Code of Conduct provided by the East Riding of Yorkshire but that the code be reviewed in three month time upon receipt of further information from the Monitoring officer/ERYC or from ERNLLCA in relation to pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests when it will be reviewed for consideration as to the operation of the new Code and to ensure its continued fitness for purpose.

**62/12 Accounts .**

Autela Payroll £12.58

Clerks wages £161.21

HMRCC £40.20

Village Hall £60

Accounts approved for payment. Cllr Ackerley asked if the Councillors could be provided with a breakdown of the last years out goings.

Clerk asked why there were two bank accounts, no one could remember. Clerk will need someone to go to the bank with him to merge the accounts.

**63/12 Planning.**

Outline – erection of 80 no. bed care home and 24 no. supervised bungalows with associated access and parking (access, layout and scale to be considered) (re-submission of 11/04180/STOUT) at Land North of Spring House Farm Feoffee Common Lane, Barmby Moor, East Riding of Yorkshire for York Heritage Limited.

Application type: Strategic – Outline Planning Permission.

**In light of the size of the file and the amount of reading involved the Parish Council decided to hold a special planning meeting on the 18th of July 2012 to discuss this application and a new one which had just come in.**

**Clerk to invite Ward Councillors to the meeting so they can take on board the Parish Councils views regarding this application.**

**Cllr Ackerley asked for a copy of the last application decision notice.**

Retention of livestock building at Land to North of Miller Lane, Yapham, East Riding of Yorkshire for Mr Alex Birch

Application type Full Planning Permission. REF: 12/02811/PLF

**Parish Council voted to tick box c on the reply sheet recommending approval with conditions that the application should be for agricultural purposes only and not for equestrian purposes. That the size of the holding did not warrant any application towards a residential application in the future, and that the steel units should be replaced within 1 year.**

**64/12 Correspondence**

Letter from Mr Michael Atkin ref: Church Yard grass cutting. Clerk to write to Mr Atkin saying that this request was in writing to the Council and was for the 2011 grass cutting season,

Clerk pointed out that he had read the past minutes and found that a Past Council had voted to make this an annual grant and this was never rescinded. Parish Councillors said maybe it was time that the grants should be reviewed; especially now there were three groups within the Parish that could apply. Clerk to bring a copy of the grant application for which Holme on Spalding moor use, which must be in with the Council before the precept has been discussed.

Big Dance. To be placed in the Village Hall

Free Summer Activity. To be placed in the Village Hall

East Riding Parish News. This item to be placed on the website.

**65/12** **Clerks contract with the Parish Council**.

Discussion took place regarding this item, further work to be carried out by Cllr Ackerley and the Clerk. Pointed out that this item should be placed last on the agenda as the General Public should be asked to leave whilst this is item is being discussed.

**66/12 Councillor Reports . None**

**67/12 Date , Time and venue of next meeting.** Next full meeting to be held on August 14th 2012 in Yapham Village Hall