Yapham cum Meltonby Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting of Yapham cum Meltonby Parish Council on 10th February 2015 in Yapham Village hall at 7.30pm

**Present**: Cllr P Bradley (chair),Cllr P Arnold, Cllr L Gray, Cllr K Moverley, Cllr J Wilcock

Ward Cllr D Rudd, J. Green (clerk), and one member of the public.

**Public Session.**

Mr M Woodall reported that he had been using the salt spreader at Meltonby and found it very difficult to use because the salt would not run through the machine. He felt that the design of the machine was not good.

Cllr Rudd gave a summary of current ERYC issues. Superfast broadband is being rolled out and it is expected that 95% of the East Riding will have access to it by 2017. The ERYC element of the council tax was to be frozen for a further year. Funding has been agreed for dualling part of the A1079. ERYC has been granted an extra £2.6m to deal with potholes.

**12/15 Welcome and Apologies**. Cllr Bradley welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr R O'Gram, Mr and Mrs Muirhead and Ward Cllr A Burton.

**13/15 Declaration of Interest. The Parish Councils Code of Conduct. To record any declarations of interest by any member in respect of items on this agenda.** Cllr Bradley declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 18/15 regarding the allotments.

**14/15 The minutes of meetings held on 13th January 2015** were agreed as a true and accurate record and Cllr Bradley signed them as such on behalf of the council.

**15/15 To receive the clerk's report on matters being progressed from previous meetings.**

**Planning Enforcement issues** : a reply had been received regarding Eastfield on Feoffee Common Lane. The ERYC planning enforcement officer has moved to prosecute the owner for non-compliance with an enforcement notice.

**Website** : since the upgrade of the site the clerk has not been able to attach any documents, such as minutes, to the website. ERYC have been made aware of the problem and are working to repair it.

**Transparency Code for smaller authorities and audit arrangements**: the clerk had been in touch with the Steve Young who was willing to do the internal audit again. More information had been received from ERNLLCA regarding the new arrangements under the Transparency Code. There may be a possibility to opt for the external audit to continue but details were still not clear as the parliamentary process regarding the Transparency Code was not due to be completed until March. The clerk was concerned that the issues regarding the website might not be resolved in time for April when it would become compulsory to publish the agenda and minutes on a website.

**16/15 To consider what action might be taken regarding the state of Feoffee Lane:**

Cllr Wilcock reported that there was a big increase in the number of heavy vehicles, particularly articulated vehicles delivering and collecting machinery from the site called the Paddock, using the lane. It was very difficult for 2 vehicles to pass. Private driveways were being used as passing places resulting in damage and potholes. The verges were being damaged and the sides of the road were breaking up. The hedge between Belsom Farm and Feoffee Common Lane was growing into the road.

The clerk was to write to the Highways department at ERYC and to the owner of the hedge.

**17/15 To receive a report regarding the salt spreader at Meltonby:**

The salt spreader at Meltonby was very difficult to use and not effective. There had also been adverse reports regarding the one at Yapham. Only small amounts of salt could be put in the machine or it blocked up. Cllr Moverley offered to find out how much wheelbarrows would cost as an alternative.

**18/15 To consider what action should be taken regarding trees at the allotments:**

A letter had been received from the Gravel Pits Allotments Association saying that some of the surrounding trees were thought to be dangerous and asking that the council should arrange to have them crowned. However, the trees belonged to the neighbouring landowners. Cllr Arnold offered to approach the landowners and express the council's concerns about the safety of these trees. The clerk was to let the Allotments Association know what was happening.

**19/15 Accounts:**

The clerk reported there was £4218.41 in the bank account.

**20/15 Correspondence:**

ERYC re precept- the precept would result in a 37p decrease for a band D rate-payer.

Crime Prevention Panel - request for parish representative - next meeting 24th March.

ERLLCA newsletter

Community Partnership re Neighbourhood Planning workshop - Cllr Moverley was to attend.

Planning Progress.co re Neighbourhood Development Plans

Community Partnership re Awards for All workshop

Autela Ltd re registering with the Pensions Regulator - Cllr Bradley to be the primary contact.

Mr Hancock regarding water on the road in Meltonby, potholes, gritting arrangements, and a damaged sign . He also pointed out the work done by a member of the public putting grit on the road. The clerk was to send a letter of thanks to the person involved.

**21/15 Councillors reports**: there were no reports from councillors.

**22/15 Date of next meeting : Tuesday 10th March.**

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.