Yapham cum Meltonby Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting of Yapham cum Meltonby Parish Council on 10th May 2015 2016 in Yapham Village hall at 7.30pm

**Present**: Cllr Arnold, Cllr P Bradley , Cllr K Moverley, Cllr R O'Gram, Cllr L Gray

J. Green (clerk), one member of the public.

**40/16** Cllr Bradley welcomed everyone to the meeting

**41/16 The following officers were elected**

**Chairman - Cllr Bradley** proposed by Cllr Gray and seconded by Cllr Moverley

**Vice Chairman - Cllr Arnold** proposed by Cllr Gray and seconded by Cllr Bradley

No other roles or responsibilities were allocated as councillors take these up as and when needed.

**42/16 The Annual Governance Statement was approved**, proposed by Cllr Moverley and seconded by Cllr O'Gram . Cllr Bradley signed the statement on behalf of the council.

**43/16 The Accounts for 2015/16 were approved,** proposed by Cllr Moverley and seconded by Cllr Gray. Cllr Bradley signed the accounts on behalf of the council.

**44/16 The financial arrangements for the coming year were approved as follows:**

The Financial Standing Orders had been updated by the clerk to reflect changes in legislation. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Moverley seconded and it was agreed that the new version should be adopted. Cllr Bradley signed a copy on behalf of the council.

Steve Young, the clerk from Holme on Spalding Moor Parish Council, was proposed by Cllr Arnold and seconded by Cllr Gray and appointed as internal auditor.

Bank Signatories were to remain as Cllrs Bradley, Gray and O'Gram with any 2 to sign cheques.

**45/16 Declaration of Interest**. Cllr Moverley declared a pecuniary interest in item 48/16 (planning) and Cllr Bradley declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 47/16 (allotments)

**46/16 The minutes of meeting held on 12th April 2016** were agreed as a true and accurate record and Cllr Bradley signed them as such on behalf of the council.

**47/16 The clerk's report on matters being progressed from previous meetings.**

**Trees at the Gravel Pit Field** The clerk and Cllr Gray had met with an experienced forestry worker and inspected the trees. They were told that the trees showed no sign of disease and did not need any attention at this time. However, they should be inspected in July to check there were no signs of Ash Dieback. The current advice was that ash trees should not be felled as a precautionary measure against Dieback because it was hoped that some trees may be resistant to the disease.

The clerk advised that the Parish Council should consider including an amount in future precept planning to build up a reserve so that funds would be available to deal with removing the trees should they become diseased in the future.

It was agreed that the tenancy agreement with the allotment association should be reviewed with the tenants, when the rent is reviewed in 2018 , to make clear the responsibilities regarding the trees.

**Asset Register and Insurance values.** The clerk had checked the all risks cover for the street furniture etc and it was for replacement cost. The insurance would be due for renewal in December.

It was noted that the 2 salt spreaders were not suitable for the spreading of road salt as they keep blocking. It was agreed that inquiries should be made into selling these.

**48/16 Planning** It was agreed to move this item to the end of the agenda

**49/16 Accounts**

The bank balance was £3925.34. Cllr Gray checked and signed the bank statement and bank reconciliation on behalf of the council.

The payment below was approved:

Clerk's salary April £129.97

**50/16 Correspondence**

ERNLLCA Newsletter April

ERYC re Antisocial Behaviour statistics

ERYC re Tesco Bags of Help Funding

ERYC re Skipton Building Society Grassroots funding

East Yorks. Motor Services re diversion of bus service 747

Clerks & Councils Direct

ERYC re M& S Community Energy funding.

ERYC re temporary speed limits.

**51/16 Councillors reports**

Cllr Moverley reported that he had attended the liaison meeting with the ward councillors.

Cllr Arnold had been unable to attend the Transport Champions meeting. As the Parish Council had wished to put forward the idea about a shuttle bus to Pocklington, the clerk was asked to find out if there was another opportunity to put this idea forward or if someone from ERYC could come to a Parish Council meeting.

Cllr O'Gram reported that he had been in touch with the organiser of the Payback team regarding work in the churchyard. It was hoped that the team would be able to come but there were budgetary constraints and as yet permission had not been granted for them to come to Yapham.

**52/16 Date of next meeting Tuesday 14 June**

Cllr Moverley left the room at this point and took no further part in the meeting.

**48/16 Planning** To consider whether any further action should be taken following the planning appeal regarding the application for retention of a log cabin at Eastfield, Feoffee Common Lane.

It was agreed that the clerk should write to the planning inspectorate stating that the Parish Council's objections to these proposals still stand.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.