Yapham cum Meltonby Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting of Yapham cum Meltonby Parish Council on 11th July 2017 in Yapham Village hall at 7.30pm

**Present**: Cllr P Arnold, Cllr P Bradley ( chairman), Cllr L Hammond, Cllr R O'Gram, Cllr K Moverley,

A Hancock ( chairman of Gravel Pits Allotment Association), J Green (clerk)

**71/17 Welcome & Apologies:** Cllr Bradley welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Gray.

**72/17 Declarations of Interest**. Cllr Bradley declared a non-pecuniary interest in the allotments.

**73/17 Public Participation**

Cllr Moverley proposed, Cllr Arnold seconded and it was agreed to suspend the meeting for a period of public participation.

Mr Hancock spoke about the allotments.

A tenant had asked if part of their allotment could be used by another party. It was agreed that this was against the terms of the tenancy agreement and should not be allowed .

All of the plots are now let. There are 4 people from the parish who rent 7 plots out of the 19 available. The rest are let to people from outside the parish.

There had been a number of complaints about the trees on the eastern side of the field. In 2012 the allotment association had employed a tree surgeon to crown these trees. However, the then owner of the field had stopped the work saying that he owned the trees . Only the branches on the allotment side had then been cut off. The landowner had later told the parish council that the trees were its responsibility.

Councillors pointed out that any major tree surgery would be expensive and the council only raised a small precept which would not cover this. To raise the funds from the precept would put a great burden on the rate payers for the benefit of only a small number of parishioners. It was possible that the council would have to consider closing the allotments if the trees were found to be in a dangerous state.

Mr Hancock said that he would report the situation to the members of the allotment association.

The meeting was re-opened.

**74/17 The minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2017** were proposed by Cllr Moverley and seconded by Cllr Hammond and agreed as a true and accurate record and Cllr Bradley signed them as such on behalf of the council.

**75/17 To receive the clerk's report on matters being progressed from previous meetings.**

**Allotments-** It was agreed that further work needed to be done to establish who owned the trees. Councillors accepted that any risks associated with the trees needed to be managed. As most of the branches had been removed from the allotments side and the allotments were not directly underneath the trees it was not thought to be very likely that any large branches would drop onto an allotment.

**Planning enforcement** -ownership of the log cabin at Eastfield had been transferred to a company soon after the planning inquiry. The company had then become bankrupt. ERYC now had to apply to the Crown Estates for permission to take any action.

ERYC were still trying to persuade the occupants of Alder Lodge to remove the caravan , without the need for legal action.

**Village Taskforce Walkabout-**a report following the walkabout had been received.

**76/17 To consider replacing the seat in Yapham**

One of the villagers was to repair the seat.

**77/17 To consider a request for a contribution towards the cost of cutting the grass in the churchyard.**

The clerk had circulated a budget. Whilst no provision had been made for grass-cutting it was agreed that keeping the churchyard tidy was important to the parish as a whole. Cllr Hammond proposed, Cllr Bradley seconded and it was agreed to pay for one cut of the grass at £90 at this stage of the financial year.

**78/17 To consider what action the Parish Council can take regarding Fly tipping and litter**

There had been a number of incidents of grass clippings being tipped on the grass verge on Feoffee Common Lane. The clerk was asked to report this to ERYC.

Cllr Hammond reported that litter was often being dropped on the corner near the allotments. It was difficult to see what could be done to prevent this.

**79/17 Accounts**

The bank balance £4675.95

The payments below were approved :

Clerk's salary and allowance June £135.10

Clerk's expenses £ 39.54

Autela payroll services £ 33.60

HMRC £ 1.60

**80/17 Correspondence**

ERYC - Community Emergency Plans and Neighbourhood watch Groups

Humberside Police - Blue Light Showcase event

NHS - Changing the Future of GP Services event

ERYC - Lower Derwent Supplementary Planning document consultation

Dove House Hospice- Open Gardens

Friends of the Earth - Freedom of Information request

Humberside Police Bulletin

Cardiac Safe National campaign

NALC consultation re public sector pay

Road Closure Order Meltonby

ERNLLCA resolutions for AGM

ERYC - English Garden Future Fund

Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council - Invitation to join

Western Parishes Liaison Group - meeting Thur 27 July 7.00pm at Market Weighton Community Centre

Yorkshire Local Councils Association- day seminar in conjunction with Playscheme on Thursday 27 July (9.30am to 3.15pm) at Wheldrake Village Hall

Clerks & Councils Direct

ERNLLCA - District Committee meeting 19th July at Seaton Ross Village Hall

**81/17 Councillors reports**

Cllr Moverley reported that increasing numbers of large lorries are trying to come down Sands Lane and Feoffee Lane. It was thought that they were being directed by Sat Nav.

**82/17 Date of next meeting Tuesday 8th August.**

The meeting closed at 9.25pm