

Yapham cum Meltonby Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting of Yapham cum Meltonby Parish Council on

**Tuesday 8th December 2020** online at 7.15pm

**90/20 Welcome and Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Gray. Cllr Bradley welcomed all.

**91/20 Code of Conduct**

1. **To receive Declarations of Interest from members of the council on matters relating to the agenda:** None.
2. **To note granting of any dispensations to members of the Council on matters relating to the agenda:** None.

**92/20 To resolve that the meeting is temporarily suspended to allow for a period of Public Participation:**  No members of the public were present

**93/20 To adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 13thth October 2020 as a true record:** Cllr Bradley approved the minutes – *proposed by Cllr Moverley and seconded by Cllr Newman*.

**94/20 To receive a report from the clerk and Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

* Planters on the roadside at Meltonby have been approved for adoption by ERYC Highways and can be maintained by the parish.
* Website – clerk has used time that would normally be spent servicing a monthly meeting to address potential improvements to the YCM website and identify pertinent documentation requiring updates to facilitate ongoing good governance.

**95/20 To consider the frequency and means of parish council meetings during the Covid-19 pandemic:** Councillors are hopeful that spring will see a return to physical meetings in the village hall but recognise a current need to maintain distance until the Covid-19 pandemic is further under control. It was also noted that the clerk’s time freed up by not servicing a meeting had allowed for other essential work to be completed within the contracted hours so proving beneficial to the council. Hitherto online meetings have been conducted cost free. Despite invitations from another parish to share the cost of an annual subscription to online meetings, council believes there is no financial benefit to YCMPC in taking such action.

**Agreed:** Frequency **-** The next full council meeting will take place in two months and will be held online. *Proposed by Cllr Moverley an seconded by Cllr Hamond.*

**Agreed:**  Means – The free option will be used for the next online meeting for YCMPC alone. *Proposed by Cllr Hammond and seconded by Cllr Moverley.*

**96/20 Planning:** Notification of Decision on App Ref 20/02334/PLF - Erection of a detached double garage. The Paddock Fangfoss Road Yapham Mill, YO42 1PB – Permission granted. Noted**.**

**97/20 Finance & Accounts:** The bank balance – £3677.51 – Noted.

1. To approve the payments: Clerk’s salary for October November and December 2020 – Approved.
2. To discuss & approve the Budget and set the precept for 2021/22.

Approved – following scrutiny of justification for reserves and projects.

1. To approve the Insurance quote for 2021 and payment thereof £218.00 – Approved

**Agreed:**  The precept will be raised by 3%. *Proposed by Cllr Arnold and seconded by Cllr Hammond.*

**98/20 To Select a parish project for 2021:** Various projects have been suggested by individual members but, before a decision is reached, consultation with parishioners will take place. Too that end Cllr Arnold has agreed to draft communication inviting members of the parish to propose any project or event thy would like to see occur in 2021 and going forward. **Action:** Send a generic email to parishioners (PA).

**99/20 To consider how to promote wildlife welfare in the parish:** Discussed as part of item 98/20 as a possible project with such things as bulb-planting and distributing so called bee bombs. To be revisited when responses to the project ideas email have been received.

**100/20 To note correspondence –** Noted**.**

**101/20 Councillors reports:**

**Cllr Moverley – Neighbourhood Watch scheme:** Three signs have been ordered, to highlight the scheme’s presence in the parish, and will be placed in appropriate and prominent positions.

**Cllr Bradley – Scams:** Be aware there are more elaborate scams at work around the postal service and parcel delivery. If anybody receives a request to pay extra money for a delivery, they should check with the actual post office or courier company. Financial information should not be given out over the phone or internet.

**Cllr Jefferson-Hallett – Planter:** There is an empty planter outside her home that she feels will make a fitting contribution to the Meltonby sign – coming from the direction of Pocklington - if slotted beneath and planted.

**Action:** Contact Highways at ERYC to seek feasibility of moving and subsequent adoption by YCMPC (Clerk)

**Cllr Hammond – Money available for tree-planting:** ERYC are providing a grant to anyone owning land and wishing to plant trees. Applications are subject to criteria being met. Enquiries should be made to ERYC.

**Cllr Arnold: Flu vaccine availability –** If you are entitled to a free flu jab his year then it is recommended to make enquiries at your local GP surgery if you haven’t received an invitation. Some practices are outsourcing to places such as Boots the Chemist and might not communicate this voluntarily.

**Parking**: Two councillors have received complaints about safety issues next to the junction of Yapham Mill and Yapham Road. Please do not park too close to the junction and be considerate of other road users. If you experience safety issues, due to somebody else’s parking there, then it is a police matter and they should be informed by the incident being reported on telephone number 101.

**102/20 Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 9th February 2021

Cllr Bradley thanked everyone for their patience and ongoing commitment during the pandemic and

closed the meeting at 8.40PM.

**A New Year Message from Cllr Pat Bradley:**

**“**As chair of Yapham cum Meltonby Parish I would like to thank all in this parish who have helped us get through an unusual year. Everyone has been checking on neighbours, running errands and offering support of all kinds.

I hope that many of you had the chance to be with some of your family for Christmas or at least were able to Zoom in on their activities. We are all looking forward to a better and healthier 2021 - Happy New Year to you all!”

Pat Bradley