YAPHAM CUM MELTONBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Yapham Cum Meltonby Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th December 2013 in Yapham Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr John Ackerlay (Chair), Cllr Pat Bradley, Cllr Richard O’Gram, Cllr Ken Moverley and Cllr Joanne Wilcox

Apologies: Cllr Linda Gray

**Public Time. None.**

**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. None**

**93/13 Minutes of the meeting dated 12th November 2013, these were approved by the Parish Council as a true and correct record of the meeting and signed as such by the chairman.**

**94/13 Matters arising from the previous meeting.**

1. Telephone Box update. Cllr Moverley has placed the order for the top sign which will say “Information” and measured up the glass panels which need replacing. Clerk to order two new panels.
2. Village Hall. On Going
3. Emergency Plan. ERYC grant of £3,000 available this year. The Parish Council has been awarded a grant of £oooo to buy snow clearing equipment and grit/salt to treat the footpaths. Clerk to apply for 10hrs contractor’s fee for snow clearing of the roads.
4. Use of Community Payback Team. The team have now planted the daffodil bulbs at the entrance to each Village and to Yapham Mill. They have stopped grass cutting in the Churchyard for this year but will resume next year.
5. Website/Newsletter. Cllr Ackerley had produced another newsletter for distribution. Cllr Ackerlay offered to deliver in Yapham Mill, Cllr Moverley to do Feoffee lane, Cllr Bradley to do Yapham village and Cllr Wilcox to do Meltonby.
6. Tree pack. Pack is now here and ready for planting. Cllr Bradley offered to take the trees to the allotments and to arrange the planting of them.
7. Meltonby Notice Board. Cllr Moverley reported that he had finished the repairs on the noticeboard and it was now back in place.

**95/13 Accounts** .

Community Account as of 29th Nov. £4,620.19

Business Manager £1,209.39p

Precept discussion. £2,500 already agreed.

Clerks Quarterly Wages £323.88 and HMR&C £60.40, Zurich Insurance £243.80

Cllr Ackerley £10 for printing Newsletter.

All invoices were approved for payment

Grant forms to be signed. ERYC grant of £494.80 been given. Cllr Ackerley signed these on behalf of the Council.

Letter from Yapham Cricket club explaining their current plans for expansion and requesting a grant towards the cost of a new wicket mower. Cost of £2,226 for mower. Cllr Ackerley proposed a grant of £500 be given in April when grants are given as he believed had previously been agreed by the Parish Council.

Clerk explained that he thought the Parish Council could do the same as they had done when the Village Hall needed new chairs. The Parish Council could contribute £500 towards the project, then apply for a grant of £999.99p from the ERYC, the Parish Council would also pay the VAT which could be reclaimed. The Cricket club would need to make up the balance. The Parish Council would need to have the invoice for the mower made out to them and they would need to pay the bill, but they could then donate the mower to the cricket club. Much discussion took place over different methods of paying the money, because the grant panel only meet once a month. Cllr Ackerley favoured a one off payment of £500 and the Cricket club to find the rest. Cllrs felt that the Clerk should talk to the Cricket Club and put the proposal on paper for the Councillors to discuss at the next meeting.

The Club also asked for a letter of support from the Parish Council towards a grant bid of up to £50,000 for a new club house. Parish Council agreed to support in any way they could as they saw the club as an asset to the Parish and a good ambassador for the Parish. Cllr Ackerley to write a letter of support and pass it on.

**96/13 Planning**. Enforcement Update. Nothing to report.

**97/13 Community partnership report by Cllr Moverley**. Nothing to report.

**98/13 Correspondence.**

Change on electoral roll.

Winter precautions leaflet.

Zurich Insurance change of handler.

All correspondence was read and noted.

**99/13 Councillor Reports .**

Councillor Ackerlay queried as to why some Councils could print their minutes before being ratified. Clerk explained that they could as long as they said “unratified” on them. Most Council’s favoured only printing after they had been ratified to save any embarrassment if wrong names were published**.**

**Fly tipping down Feoffee lane had been reported to the ERYC**

**100/13** Date , Time and venue of next meeting. 7th January 2014 at Yapham Village Hall