

**Minutes of the Amotherby Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Hall
on Monday 17th February 2020 at 7.00 pm**

Members Present: Cllr. Nigella Ballard
Cllr. Richard Brown
Cllr. Paul Simpson
Cllr. Debbie Skilbeck

Members of the Public and Others: there were 12 members of the public present. In attendance were DCllr. S Mason & BATA Operations Manager.

1. To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons for absence: Apologies from Cllr. Rob Welch, accepted.

2. To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – Cllr. Skilbeck declared an interest in the BATA planning application and took no part in discussion on this.

Due to the large public interest Item 5.2 was moved to the top of the agenda.

5.2. To consider and decide upon the following planning application - 20/00088/FUL – BATA - extension to feed bins & integral weighbridge.

The public were invited to make comments, those relevant to the application centred on noise levels, working hours and possible intensification of use. Other comments regarding parking of contractors wagons overnight, very early morning noisy lorry departures, very bright & intrusive lighting and effect on house prices were also made.

BATA's Operations Manager was asked to respond and explained that the mill had been operating round the clock since early 2019 but not weekends until the last three months. The proposed silos giving more storage would allow material to go straight into wagons and were planned to reduce the traffic coming onto site with incoming material delivered 6am to 6pm. No extra lighting on the silos would be needed. Regarding night time wagon & external noise he was unaware this was continuing and together with the lighting complaints would address these urgently. New quieter machinery had been installed in the mill, replacing noisy 40 year old ones, and a considerable amount had been spent on other noise reduction measures.

Cllr. Mason suggested that a Community Liason group could be set up to address future concerns. The Parish Council agreed to present the concerns of residents in their letter to RDC but could find no valid planning reason for objecting to the plans themselves.

3. Minutes: the minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2020 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed.

4. To receive information on any ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.

4.1. To report school response re. bus parking – bus is now parking north of Meadowfield entrance and reminder about considerate parking and other places to park has gone in the school newsletter.

4.2. To report on streetlight replacement – order has been sent in, simple jobs should be done in about a month, others all within three months. Invoice will not be sent until all completed..

4.3. To report on response to Clerk advert – one applicant so far. Cllrs Simpson & Ballard will hold informal interview(s) early March.

4.4. To report on various Highway matters –

- marking of pathway outside BATA to be done in spring. 30mph markings on roads and crossroads makings also need doing.
- tourist signs – query if they meet criteria for these signs, ask Cllr. Burr for assistance.
- flooding down Amotherby Lane during recent storms had been traced to water coming off field east of road above the reservoir - Highways & Habton Farms to be informed, also that Braygate catchpits need cleaning out.

5. To consider and decide upon the following planning applications:

- 5.1. 19/01430/HOUSE – 1 Meadowfield - erection of 1 & 2 storey extensions, rendering & replacement door & windows – the Parish Council had no objections to the application. RDC to be informed to this effect.
6. To receive the following planning decisions/information:
Further work had been noticed at the reservoir, photos to be taken & RDC emailed.
7. Matters requested by councillors and other business
- 7.1. To discuss streetlight maintenance – the quotation received was discussed and it was agreed that it was best to get all 18 lights electrically tested and the older lights not due for replacement maintained. This will mean that all are done the same year which will be easier in future.
- 7.2. To thank volunteers for cleaning telephone box – this was done.
- 7.3. To discuss footway clearing and litter pick – NYCC have said that slurry sealing of the footpath along the B1257 from Swinton sign to opposite The Old School will be done in the spring, probably May. Some tidying of edges needs to be carried out beforehand. Agreed that we should do another litter pick, probably April. Clerk to ask Streetscene when equipment available and date to be finalised next meeting, followed by an email to residents asking for help for both these jobs.
- 7.4. Request from Cllr.Burr for ideas for grant funding – Clerk had been verbally asked for ideas. To think about and bring to March meeting.
8. Financial matters
- 8.1. To approve the following accounts for payment:
- 8.1.1. Invoice from Parish Hall for Feb 2019 to Jan 2020 meetings - **agreed** (chq no.808, £110)
- 8.1.2. Invoice from Vision ICT for website hosting April 2020 to March 2022 - **agreed** (chq no.809, £150).
- 8.2. To note any payments previously authorised - none
- 8.3. To note any payments received.- VAT repayment £245.00
- 8.4. To receive a bank reconciliation - £6331.14 in bank, all cheques presented.
9. To consider the following new correspondence received and decide action where necessary
- 9.1. YLCA – new website and passwords; WRUs; survey on Governance & Accountability; webinar training dates; Yorkshire Day info; Cold Calling information -all noted. Website info to forward to Cllrs, WRUs already sent. Survey to be completed by Clerk. Cold Calling info to be put on noticeboard & forwarded to residents.
- 9.2. Community messaging – information & support day for victims of fraud, late correspondence re. HMRC scam – noted, both to forward to residents.
- 9.3. RDC – cycling infrastructure grants; Parish Liason meeting 4 March – noted, Chair to attend meeting.
- 9.4. Ryedale Community Transport – consultation on demand responsive transport – noted, to forward to residents asking for responses via Clerk.
- 9.5. Ryedale Foodbank – poster to display & consultation – to send info to residents.
- 9.6. Vision ICT – website accessibility information & offer to write Accessibility statement. Discussed and **agreed** to ask them to do this for us.
- 9.7. Late correspondence – BHIB insurance info on VE day events – agreed to ask residents for ideas for events; NYCC CAMS – notification that broken stile reported in 2017 & 2019 had been repaired.
10. Matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.

11. Next meeting confirmed as 16th March 2020

Meeting closed at 8.53 pm