

## Minutes of the meeting of Burythorpe Parish Council held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 in the Church Hall

Present: J Raine (Chair), I Collingwood, A Kilvington, G Massey, D Hill, J Hall and C Scholefield. Also present: S Syms (clerk).

### 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from J Simpson and I Hutchinson. The Clerk and one member of the public were also present.

### 2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and it was agreed that they were a true record.

### 3. Open discussion on the proposed AONB consultation

The meeting had been publicised as an open discussion with everyone welcome to come and add their viewpoints. One member of the public was present and made some very valuable contributions to the discussion, having had previous experience of working on and with similar consultations. The PC looked closely at many aspects of the consultation and a majority agreed to support it on the whole, with some thinking the reservations such as wanting to know precisely what difference would be made, and whether the costs would represent fair value for money, especially when funding for other council matters (eg pothole repairs) is so short. The boundaries were looked at closely and suggestions made to extend the line in two places, around Menethorpe and Leppington, and to reduce the line along the A64 corridor, pushing it away from the road to the edge of the Wolds.

Action: Chair and Clerk

### 4. Matters arising

**Church hall key access** – the Church has already ordered a new keybox and was grateful for the offer of paying for it but the VCC felt they should cover the cost themselves.

**Newsletter flowers** – the Clerk updated the PC about not being able to use PC funds to do this.

**Victoria Bungalows** – the Clerk had made a general report to Yorkshire Housing about anti-social behaviour and an overabundance of rats, but YH wanted specific names, so these will be added to the report.

Action: Clerk

**Footpath accessibility** – it was suggested that everyone walks the paths in the parish regularly and reports back with any issues. [Maybe allocate paths to people?]

### 5. Signatories on the bank account to be updated

It was agreed that Judith Wilson and Christopher Turner be removed as signatories, and Jayne Hutchinson Raine and Caroline Scholefield be added.

### 6. Outside lights at pub

Residents and representatives of the PC have unsuccessfully requested on numerous occasions that the strings of lights outside the pub, front and rear, should at least be turned down if not off, because of the effect on neighbours, wildlife and dark skies. The main reason given to keep them on is for ensuring customers are safe as they walk in and out, but it was felt that the current lighting does much more than just light their way and can be seen from a great distance. Clerk to write a letter to the brewery owners, suggesting lights which should be on for fewer hours, lower strength, motion sensitive, downlights only, and also to mention that some customers are now refusing to patronise the pub because of the lights. The lights are not appropriate for a village which loves the dark skies and voted not to have street lights, and they are not compatible with the proposed AONB, which specifies dark skies as one of the attributes of the area.

Action: Clerk

### 7. Grit and grit boxes (Violet Hill in particular)

Following the icy spell, it had been reported that there was no grit at Violet Hill. On checking, it had been deposited on the Leavening Road side. JH had been to a Highways meeting and found that new boxes can be bought for £65. No agreement was made as to whether or not to buy one, but Clerk will contact Highways about the location of the Violet Hill pile in the meantime. Maybe one is required on either side of the junction, one for each road. *[Anyone can now report any Highways issues on the NYC website – but for some reason it refuses to let me on, so if anyone else can log in and contact them, please let me know! I'd like to ask for a pile of grit for the Violet Hill side of the junction as well as on the main road.]*

Action: Clerk

8. Cheques to be authorised:

None

9. Planning applications:

New building for a gym – Cuba Cottage – no objections.

10. AOB

Rev Cate is to intervene in the ongoing headstone issue.

11. Date of next meeting

The meeting was closed at 9.15pm. Next meeting on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025**