

MINUTES OF HEWICK & HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 1st February 2024, Copt Hewick Village Hall

Present: Chair Cllr E Wardman, Cllr N Cutler, Cllr S Harrison, Clerk C Gledson, 2 parishioners

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr J Blakey, Cllr N Woolfenden. The reasons for absence were approved. Apologies were also received from Cllr N Brown.
2. Declarations of interest (not already declared under the council's code of conduct or members' Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests): None
3. Minutes of last meeting: Approved.
4. Ongoing matters:
 - a. Copt Hewick speed limit resiting proposal: Following the meeting with Heather Yendell there has been no further progress towards warning signs despite a reminder to Area 6. The issue of flood water was also discussed following the recent rains and it was agreed that both matters will be taken to the next forum meeting.
 - b. Hutton Conyers tree survey – The remedial tree work has now been completed and dead wood removed. The recommendation for a further survey in 2 years has been noted.
 - c. Village noticeboards: The Hutton Conyers board has been re-installed and the remaining boards are being refurbished in rotation.
 - d. Grass cutting: The contract for Copt Hewick grass cutting for the coming season has been approved and accepted. The details for grass cutting in Hutton Conyers were not available and will be considered at the next meeting.
5. Locality budget grant: £500 has been awarded for planters and plants in Hutton Conyers.
6. Regional forum meeting: It was agreed that Cllr Wardman and the clerk will attend the next meeting on February 22nd and the issues in 4a above will be raised.
7. Covered recycling bins: Cllr Cutler presented the need for covered bins and Cllr Wardman advised that wheelie bins are in the process of being rolled out to the villages.
8. Financial matters:
 - a. The current bank balance of £5422.58 was noted.
 - b. The clerk's salary for 2024/5 was reviewed and increased by 5%.
 - c. It was agreed that Cara Williams be appointed as the auditor for the parish council.
9. Open forum and AOB: The residents of Muyden Chase requested that it be minuted that no trees have been cut down on the property and no trees with a tree preservation order have been managed or touched. The question of dog poo was raised and Cllr Wardman will circulate brochures around Copt Hewick. The failure of the pumping station to operate automatically in December will be raised with Yorkshire Water. The issue of the repeater 40 mph signs on Hutton Hill will be raised at the forum with a request for larger signs. Cllr Harrison will continue to pursue the matter of a litter bin for Hutton Conyers.
10. The date of the next meeting is 9th May 2024 at 7pm.