

MINUTES OF HEWICK & HUTTON

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 1st November 2022

Copt Hewick Village Hall at 7.00 p.m.

1. Those present: Chairman Cllr E Wardman, Cllr N Woolfenden, Cllr N Cutler, Cllr J Blakey.
In attendance: Cllr N Brown
2. Apologies for absence: Cllr S Harrison, Cllr S Green
3. Declarations of interest (not already declared under the council's code of conduct or members' Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests): None
4. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.
5. Matters arising from last meeting: None
6. County and Borough Councillors reports: Cllr Brown updated the Council on the movement towards the new unitary authority. He requested that background correspondence on the spreadsheet be sent to him regarding the outstanding issues with Area 6.
Cllr Cutler raised the need for a reduced speed limit on the Dishforth Road junction and also for the speed limit signs in Copt Hewick to be moved to reflect the new housing. He will prepare a letter to be sent to Cllr Brown so that they can be raised. Cllr Brown left the meeting.
7. On-line banking: Proposed that the Council should adopt on-line banking. Cllr Cutler expressed his concerns at bank closures in Ripon and potential security risks of internet banking. Three councillors voted for the proposal, one abstention. The Clerk will set this up and will authorise payments with a second authorisation required for all transactions.
8. Bus services from Copt Hewick: Discussion on current situation. It was agreed that Cllr Cutler will prepare a letter to raise this issue with NYCC.
9. Open Forum: the issue of dog fouling in both villages was raised. It was again noted that bagged dog faeces should be placed in residents' own bins.
Mr Ault has been cutting areas of grass in Copt Hewick around the village pump but is now retiring. The chairman thanked him for this service.
The drains in the village are blocked and need clearing more often, particularly the drain by the church. The clerk is to raise this with Cllr Brown.

10. Planning: Holly Cottage, Copt Hewick – concerns were raised at the proposed variation, Cllrs Wardman and Cutler to make site visit.
11. Financial matters: The financial statement was noted. The precept for 2023 was discussed and it was agreed that an increase of 75% should be requested.
12. Commuted sums: the schedule of commuted sums was discussed. The clerk is to request more information on the use and procedure for these sums and also enquire why no funds appear to be available for Copt Hewick despite the recent new building.
13. AOB: Cllrs Wardman and Cutler gave details of the Copt Hewick Christmas fair and requested that notices be placed on the village boards.
14. Date of next meeting: dates for 2023 meetings will be 7th February, 2nd May, 1st August and 7th November (all Tuesdays). It was agreed that the small room should be booked for 2 hours for each meeting.