

MINUTES OF
HEWICK & HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Thursday 20th May

Copt Hewick Village Hall 7.30pm

1. Appointment of new Chairman Elisa Wardman
Vice Chairman Nicky Woolfenden
2. Those present Cllr. E Wardman Cllr M Blackburn Cllr J Blakey Cllr N Woolfenden
3. Apologies for absence; Cllr S Harrison
4. Minutes of last meeting read and agreed
5. Matters arising
 - A standard for grass cutting in Copt Hewick to be written by Cllr Wardman and resident Neil Cutler. They have produced a document outlining what needed doing and how they would like it to be cut. One section has been cut and paid for by a private resident. The aim is for the grass cutting to be totally paid for by the Parish Council. At the moment it is being paid for by contributions by local residents. This would mean a significant increase in the precept in the future. Cllr Blakey has donated £500 towards next year but the problem still needs to be resolved.
It was agreed there needed to be a significant increase in the Parish precept next year to pay for this.
The clerk to get quotes for cutting of the grass
 - Letter sent to Julian Smith MP re new housing development but his reply which was a long time arriving said he could not get involved but would write to Head of Planning Harrogate
 - Riverside Farm Alleged breach of planning was dismissed after the a visit from the planning officer to the site.
 - Cllr Woolfenden said the web site for the Parish Council would soon be up and running at a cost of £6 a year and a domain name was chosen. A

decision needs to be made as to whether photos of the Councilors go on the web site.

6. Report from County Councilor Margaret Atkinson

N Yorkshire owns 50000 street lights have been converted to LED

Broadband will soon be available to all but 2% of county residents

£56 million was given to North Yorkshire highways to build new road at Blubberhouses but £22 million reduced from budget which means even more pot holes will not get filled

Children who get free school meals will get a £15 voucher to cover lunches over half term

A lot of help has been given to the most vulnerable during Covid

Harrogate awarded 2-2 mill to reduce carbon emissions and this will be used at the conference centre.

The planning development plan from 1994 has only just been which is why accepted people have been able to build almost anywhere. The plan is that 637 houses have to be built in Harrogate area each year. There were over 900 built in Harrogate last year.

It looks likely that the new planning permission will be even easier in the future.

A resident asked where the new hospitals are going to be built and Councilor Atkinson said that none were planned despite the huge increase in housing and presumably people.

The Council cannot refuse to build houses but the government can overturn any they refuse permission for.

Commuted sums should be available to the villages but it seems to be spent by Harrogate Council. Clerk to get in touch with Sean wright re commuted sums.

7. Open forum

A resident explained that a new bill going through Parliament will make it illegal to park on the pavement and this will cause issues in the village where parking is at a premium. The Council will need to consider where people will park. The area near the playground used for car parking needs to be looked into. It was pointed out the gravel area is not officially a car park as it is a village green. It was requested that an article could be put in the village

newsletter to ask if people could be reasonable and allow people to park outside their own doors.

Morrisons Utility (sub contracted from Yorkshire Water) are using the village as a cut through from 6.30 to 8.30 and are not sticking to the speed limit the clerk was asked to send a letter.

A lot of verges around the village were churned up by traffic using the village as cut through when Dishforth road was closed by Yorkshire Water. They have agreed to sort these out.

Cllr Bateman has been ill for two years and has not represented the village. Cllr Windass has not attended a Parish meeting for some years. It was felt that neither of these two Councilors was representing the village to any satisfactory degree. It was suggested that the minutes of the meeting were forwarded to them to say how sorry the council is they were not able to attend.

One resident said our MP has been less than helpful and another resident suggested attending an MP surgery as this seems to be more useful.

There were concerns that the builder who is developing the houses on back lane are not adhering to the plans that were passed.

The footpath around Corner Farm will be put in place next month by Harrogate Council.

The verge that needs replacing for over a year on Luncan Lane needs doing but no money is available.

8. Planning

- Letters received re possible breach of planning NONE
- Plans proposed or approved
 - Church Row Copt Hewick two storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear PENDING
 - 4 Castle Gardens Hutton Conyers variation of planning to allow a gable window in bathroom PENDING
 - Alteration of public right of way in Copt Hewick PENDING
 - Sprinkle Beck Hutton Conyers erection of detached bungalow REFUSED
 - MOTO service station at junction 50 of A1M appeal REFUSED

- Corner House Athelston Lane Hutton Conyers erection of dwelling with garage APPROVED
- Drainage alteration Barkers Business Park PENDING

9. Playground

Safety inspection carried out and no action needed apart from the mending of the fence

Yet another sign saying no dogs in the playground has been removed?

The lock on the gate was also removed

10. Accounts

1. Clerk expenses £24.89 + printing passed
2. End of year accounts agreed as correct and signed accordingly
3. Renewal of Insurance the clerk to get further quotes.

11. Grass cutting (already covered above)

12. AOB Councilor Miles Blackburn left the meeting saying he was resigning and would send in a letter of resignation.

13. Date of next meeting Tuesday 24th August 7 pm

The meeting ended at 9.05pm

1st January to 31st March 2021

	Paid out	Paid in	C/F	£ 3,618.63
PAYE	£ 60.00			£ 3,558.63
Clerk salary	£ 240.00			£ 3,318.63
Zoom meeting	£ 14.39			£ 3,304.24
Chairman training	£ 48.00			£ 3,256.24
Previous Chairman gift	£ 39.60			£ 3,216.64
Councilor training	£ 33.76			£ 3,182.88