

## **MINUTES OF HEWICK & HUTTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023, Copt Hewick Village Hall**

1. The Chair presented the annual report for the Parish.
2. Open Forum: The question of cleaning road gullies and gutters was raised. Cllr Harrison has personally undertaken this task in Hutton Conyers but feels it should be the responsibility of the Highways Dept. Cllr Brown explained that he understands it is still the responsibility of the new North Yorkshire Council but finances are tight. He will raise it with Highways and, if necessary, this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

**End of Annual Parish Meeting**

## **MINUTES OF HEWICK & HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023, Copt Hewick Village Hall**

Those present: Chair Cllr E Wardman, Cllr N Cutler, Cllr J Blakey, Cllr S Harrison.

In attendance: Cllr N Brown, Clerk C Gledson, 1 parishioner.

1. Election of Chair: Cllr Wardman was re-elected Chair for the coming year.
2. Apologies for absence: Cllr N Woolfenden.
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:
  - a. Bus services for Copt Hewick. This was discussed and Cllr Brown confirmed that funds are limited but he suggested that Cllr Duncan be contacted to see whether Ripon town services could be extended to cover the villages, Cllr Cutler will do this.
  - b. Copt Hewick speed limit resiting proposal: Cllr Brown confirmed that the speed limit will not be altered but a decision has been taken to erect warning signs, this will be done within 3 months.
  - c. Copt Hewick drain clearance: photos have been provided showing the flooding and the issue has been raised on the Parish Portal. No response has yet been received.
  - d. Commuted sums – Hutton Conyers, to be an agenda item at the next meeting.
6. NY Council report: Cllr Brown advised that there will be a rationalisation of council tax following the unification of the new unitary authority. There is an initial deficit but savings will be made by the merging of districts. There will be 7 planning committees, this parish will come under Skipton and Ripon. The discussion forums are yet to be set up and Sam Green will be working with Cllr Brown over the next four years.
7. Coronation celebrations: Cllr Wardman confirmed that everything has been organised for the Sunday afternoon and looked forward to welcoming people from the parish.
8. Planning:
  - a. High Barn Farm, Copt Hewick – Decision A, no objection.
  - b. Manor Farm, Hutton Conyers – Complaint noted. Cllr Harrison confirmed that a copy of the planning letter was given to Anthony Chapman.
9. Financial matters:
  - a. The accounts for 2022/23 and AGAR were approved.
  - b. The budget for 2023/24 was approved and the financial statement noted.

10. Insurance renewal: It was agreed that the Zurich insurance policy is to be renewed.
11. Tree survey Hutton Conyers – the health of the chestnut trees on the green has been queried and the possibility of a survey discussed. The clerk will ascertain whether the trees have a preservation order and Cllr Blakey will make some investigations on the possibility of a tree survey so that quotes for any remedial work can be obtained.
12. Salt bins: It was agreed that the salt bin in Hutton Conyers should be refilled, the clerk is to arrange. The salt bin in Copt hewick is full.
13. AOB: None
14. Date of next meeting: The date of the next meeting is 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023.