

MINUTES OF HEWICK & HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 2nd November 2023, Copt Hewick Village Hall

Present: Chair Cllr E Wardman, Cllr N Cutler, Cllr N Woolfenden, Clerk C Gledson, 3 parishioners

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr J Blakey, Cllr S Harrison
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. NY Councillor report: Cllr Brown advised that staffing and premises are being reviewed with the intention of cost savings. Parish councils have been divided into 2 groups, we are in Wathvale group B and the first meeting is 16 November at 7pm at the Coronation Hall, Milby. There are funds available for match funding for local projects up to £500.
5. Matters arising from last meeting:
 - a. Copt Hewick speed limit resiting proposal: Cllr Brown requested that the matter of warning signs be raised with Area 6 with a view to a site visit and consultation.
 - b. Hutton Conyers tree survey – The tree survey undertaken by Savills was accepted and the remedial work of £800 approved. Further tree inspections are recommended every 2 years and this will be considered at the appropriate time.
 - c. Hutton Conyers noticeboard and access – the existing noticeboard has been refurbished by Jennyruth and the contractor is due to complete the work in December. The total cost has been covered by a donation of £690 from Nicola Harding in memory of Janet Heywood, a former parishioner of Hutton Conyers and clerk to the council. Mrs Harding will also arrange for a suitable plaque to be added to the noticeboard to mark the donation.
 - d. Maintenance of noticeboards: it was agreed that Jennyruth will inspect and maintain noticeboards annually at an estimated cost of £75 per board depending on the work. The board in Back Lane Copt Hewick is currently being refurbished to be followed by Bridge Hewick.
 - e. Playground inspection: this has been received by the council and has 3 minor issues. It was agreed that Cllr Cutler will attend to the 2 minor repair issues and the current notice regarding dogs should be kept and not replaced.
 - f. Grass cutting: the current contractor is to be retained with active consultation.
 - g. New email address: this was reviewed and it was agreed that the clerk will investigate creating an email address using the website domain name.
 - h. Dog fouling leaflets: Cllr Harrison is arranging for distribution.
6. Financial matters:
 - a. The current statement was noted.
 - b. The precept for 2024/25 was discussed and it was agreed to request an 8% increase to cover inflationary costs. This will make the precept £6269, an increase of £461.
7. Corner Farm development: drain issue. This will be included in the consultation at 5a.
8. Polling district review consultation: the council is content that there is to be no change.
9. Open forum and AOB: The CH Christmas fair on 2nd December was discussed.
10. The date of the next meeting is 1/2/24 and the dates for 2024 were agreed.