

RISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 3rd April 2024 in Long Riston Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs D Hammond - Chair, J Britton, J Darling, D France, S Stonier, S Waites, R F Wilson and R S Wilson,.

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Consideration of member's declaration of interests

Cllrs Darling and Stonier declared their interests in playing field matters.

3. Public session

A member of the public referred to planning application matters with regard to Little Catwick Quarry and he was advised that the Council had commented on five applications for variation of conditions but had not been consulted on application 23/03254/CME and that an apology had been received from ERYC for not consulting the Council previously and that the application would be considered at the next meeting now that a time extension had been granted to the Council for comment. A member of the public referred to the proposed path creation and extinguishment orders in Catwick and Leven and enquired if the Council had been consulted by ERYC and she was advised that the Council had not been consulted and the Clerk commented that he would contact ERYC to ensure that the Council was consulted. A member of the public referred to several draft versions of the 7th February meeting being uploaded onto the website and enquired as to why this was and the timing of each one to which the Clerk and Mr Turner responded and he also asked the Chair to investigate and report back on how others had read unpublished minutes.

4. Minutes of the meetings held on 7th February and 13th March 2024

The minutes of the above meetings were approved subject to the deletion of the presence of Cllr Darling at the 13th March meeting.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

Resignation of a Councillor - The Clerk reported that should an election not be requested of ERYC by 5th April then the Council would be able to co-opt a new member following the resignation of Cllr Woodward.

Pear Tree Solar Farm - The Clerk reminded the Council that a representative of the developer would be attending the June meeting to give a further presentation to the Council with regard to latest developments with the project.

Grounds maintenance quotes - The Responsible Financial Officer reported that Grasslands had substantially increased its original quote and that Mr Peel had quoted a sum which was an extra £178.00 on his original quote which had been accepted by members between meetings and this course of action was duly confirmed.

6. Playing field

Cllr Darling on behalf of the playing fields committee thanked the Council for paying the playing field insurance and enquired as to the cutting back of the hedge fronting the village hall and it was reported that it would require flailing around September time.

7. Village hall

The Clerk reported that two further contractors would be attending on the 9th April to quote for works required mainly to the roof area and Cllr Stonier agreed to meet them on the day in question.

The Responsible Financial Officer referred to hire rates and gave an analysis of hall percentage utilisation and commented that she would provide details of hall hire rates in other areas and requested assistance from other members in seeking further hall hire rates for consideration by the Council at the next meeting.

8. Finance

It was reported that the bank balance was £22,086.64 in mid March.

Accounts for payment were presented and approved as follows:-

R Wilson - sundry purchase - £3.55

P Henshaw - window cleaning - £16.00

ERNLLCA - Council training session - £480.00

ERNLLCA - Annual subscription - £492.96

B Lee - salary for three months - £700.00

ERYC - hall rates - £67.00

Scribe – accounts system - £14.40

9. Planning

Construction of 49.99mw solar farm comprising ground mounted solar panels, transformers, substation, DNO control room, customer sub-station, GRP communications cabin, security fencing, landscaping and other associated infrastructures (amended plans to incorporate additional site area for provision of mitigation measures detailed within the shadow habitat regulations assessment and the wader management and monitoring plan) at land west of Benningholme Grange Farm Kidhill Lane Benningholme

It was agreed to offer no comments on the above application.

Appeal against ERYC's refusal to issue a Certificate of Lawfulness for the erection of a building to comply with enforcement notice at site of Travellers Rest Main Street Long Riston.

Notification was received from ERYC that an appeal had been to the Planning Inspectorate in the above matter which the Council noted.

10. Emergency Plan

It was agreed to establish an Emergency Response committee with a minimum of

three members and that Cllrs France, Waites and RF Wilson serve on the committee and that a plan on a page be created.

11. 80th anniversary of D Day – possible ideas for celebration The Clerk reported that he had been advised by ERYC that it was considering whether to offer grant funding to local Councils to celebrate the event and after discussion it was agreed subject to ERYC funding to hold a function in the village hall for the benefit of the local community with food and drink provided.

12. Proposed letterbox at the village hall

Cllr Britton withdrew his proposal for the installation of a letterbox at the hall.

13. Draft minutes

The Council noted Cllr RS Wilson's concerns around how the incorrect draft minutes were posted and remained on the website until 19th March.

14. Proposed Human Resources committee

It was agreed to establish the above committee with a minimum of three members and that Cllrs Darling, Stonier and RF Wilson be appointed to serve on the committee.

15. Highways, verges and hedges

Cllr France referred to irresponsible parking of vehicles in Orchard Way which would cause access issues to emergency service vehicles in the event of an incident and he agreed to forward appropriate images to the Clerk highlighting the issue for forward transmission to ERYC for attention. A reply from ERYC was received which stated that the weight restriction signs on Whins Lane are facing the correct way but that the plates require turning and that arrangements for the supplementary plates to be turned to face out of the village would be made. The response also stated that the advanced weight limit ahead sign at the Rise Road end of Whins Lane would be lifted and straightened in the new financial year.

A further reply from ERYC confirmed that the state of the newly planted trees and dead trees on Dancing Lane would be inspected when the officer was next in the area.

16. Correspondence

It was reported that the latest issue of the Police newsletter and the Dogger Bank Wind Farm newsletter had been forwarded to members and the Chair read out letters received from two members of the public relating to the actions of a Councillor the contents of which were noted.

17. Any other business

The Clerk reported that ERYC had now confirmed that after monitoring of the area in Arnold identified for a litter bin there was no requirement presently as there was not a litter problem in that area.

Cllr Britton commented that the hedge on the Gallops footpath required cutting back and the Chair agreed to contact the landowner to request that this be carried out.

18. Next meeting

The annual meeting to be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 1st May 2024

following the annual parish assembly meeting which will commence at 7.00pm unless otherwise advised and the meeting closed at 8.44 pm.