

CAWTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAWTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE MOXON ROOM, CAWTHORNE VILLAGE HALL, ON THURSDAY 6th February 2025

Present

Councillors: Cllr M Broadhead (Chair), Cllr R Herbert, Cllr S Eyre,
Cllr S Rusby, Cllr S Shaw, Cllr J Walker, Cllr J Wilson, Cllr J McNally
Clerk: Mrs A Winstanley
Members of the Public: Alan Jackson Cllr Alex Burnett Sarah Turner

Absent.

None all present

Minute No 162 REASON FOR ABSENCE

None all present

Minute No 163 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

Minute No 164 TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS CONCERNS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Parish Council were asked about the decision of No Dogs Allowed in the Orchard Play Area – It was asked how and why they had come to that decision. The Chairman Cllr Margaret Broadhead explained that the decision was made after many complaints about the constant dog fouling and the lack of cleaning up after the dog that had pushed the Parish Council to this decision. Cllr Broadhead went on to explain that the issue of dog fouling was a big risk to the residents of the village and could cause health hazards including blindness in children. Cllr Walker pointed out that all children's play areas wherever you go will generally be a no dog zone for the reason of health and safety. The member of the public expressed that they felt it was the wrong decision and that the residents of the village enjoyed the Orchard Play Area with their dog and that it was the minority that did not pick up after their dog and not the majority, and that everyone was getting tarred with the same brush. The member of the public went on to say that the access to the rear of their property was in the Orchard and that they used this entrance to bring the dog in which would be through the Orchard. The member of the public felt that there would be residents that did not take kindly to them walking their dog through the orchard and would verbally abuse them if they used this access to take the dog in. The Parish Council explained that they would take advice about the access and get back to them.

Minute No 165 ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were corrected regarding the wrong year – January 2024 instead of January 2025 – It was then proposed by Cllr James McNally and seconded by Cllr Eyre that the minutes were signed off as true.

Minute No 166 DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

There was a discussion around Planning Applications and responses from BMBC as to the status of the planning applications – The Clerk explained that she had been waiting for the planning department to send an e mail with the status of each application and then had been given the information that she needed to look on Planning Explorer and dig out this information. The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that since being privy to this information an email had been sent with the status of each of the planning applications to all councillors. One application in particular was under scrutiny – planning application number 2024/0266 which the Parish Council had put an objection in to the planning department. Cllr Burnett explained that he had e mailed the conservation officer regarding this planning application and had a full reply and told the Parish Council that this application had now been withdrawn. The Clerk questioned why she had not had a reply. It was also established that this withdrawal was also now on Planning Explorer.

Minute No 167 RESOLVE AND REVIEW RISK ANALYSIS POLICY FOR 2025

Resolved The current Risk Analysis Policy needed no amendments

Minute No 168 TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS UP TO DATE ASSETS LIST

Cllr Wilson explained that herself and the Clerk Mrs A Winstanley had done a walk around the village and done an up to date tick list of the current assets and also disposed of any assets that were no longer relevant. There were two Gazebos which had been removed these were no longer fit for purpose and Cllr Wilson asked Cllr Eyre if he still had two bins in his garage. Also the metal bench for the cemetery is still at Cllr Herberts and will be put in the cemetery once the weather warms up and the ground is more firm.

Minute No 169 TO DISCUSS ELECTION OF ONCOMING CHAIRMAN

Cllr Rusby asked the question, do we set a new Deputy Chairman (Vice) now and then whoever is voted in for vice will become chairman in May. Cllr Broadhead explained that the voting process usually takes place in May. However, It was decided that Cllr Walker will take over as Vice Chairman now and then become the Chairman in May and that a Vice Chairman will then be voted for in May.

Minute No 170 DISCUSS ORCHARD PLAY AREA INSPECTION

The Orchard play area inspection has deemed one of the benches near the swings as being unsafe the seat area being rotted through. The bench will be removed from the orchard and a replacement ordered. One of the chains on the swings also needs to be looked at, Clerk to look at insurance to clarify how much work by ourselves would be allowable.

Minute No 171 APPROVE PAYMENT TO COXLEY TREES

Coxley Tree Care Ltd have removed the fir tree that was obstructing the path in the cemetery. An invoice has been received and approved for payment.

Minute No 172 APPROVE AND RECEIVE QTR 3 FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Clerk read through the Qtr 3 report and reconciliation and this was signed off by Cllr Jane Wilson

Minute No 173 APPROVE FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AS PER APPENDIX

The Clerk read through the transactions made since the last meeting and then reconciled to bank this was reviewed and signed off by Cllr Shaw.

Minute No 174 TO RECEIVE BMBC PLANNING DECISIONS

Resolved that planning application 2024/0266 Creation of 6 off street Parking and Associated Works including 2 Hedgerows has been withdrawn

Minute No 175 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THIS MEETING

None received

Clerks Report

Work has commenced in the cemetery starting with the removal and clear up of the fir tree that was blocking some of the cemetery path and needed to be clear for the funeral processions to walk through, this has been done by Coxley Tree Care Ltd. The rest of the ongoing work that is planned for the cemetery will now start happening once the contractor has been given the go ahead. The Clerk and Cllr Wilson did a walk round the village to review the Assets Register and have reported the findings at this meeting. The cemetery wall repair was to happen last week but unfortunately the contractors van was stolen and he was unable to attend, also the cemetery hedge should have now been cut and the hedge between the Spencers Arms and the Orchard Play Area.

Signs for the Orchard Play Area are ready for picking up although there have been e mails received regarding this which has been put on the agenda for discussion.

The clerk has been in contact with the chapel with regards to relocating the defibrillator there and it looks like this could be a go ahead The Clerk has been in touch with a registered electrician who is willing to do the work that will be needed.

Minute No 176 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr Rusby has been asked if signs can be erected on the village green for the beer festival taking place on 21st & 22nd March

With regards to the rest of the work in the cemetery we already have a quote in from Coxley Tree Care Limited, and the Parish Council wanted to chase up Richard Thewlis for another quote.

An invoice has been received from the handy man for works done in the cemetery and the Parish Council have passed payment.

Correspondence from First Impressions for the hanging baskets has arrived and the prices will be staying the same as last year, the Clerk will now send out to all last years residents that had a hanging basket and will contact any new ones as the Parish Council are happy to use the same company again.

Correspondence has been received for a grant for the parish rooms for a new cooker and cooker hood – The Clerk will check that a grant is allowed to a religious entity. The Clerk had received correspondence from highways which has been placed on the village notice board

Minute No 177 TO RECEIVE MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr Rusby mentioned that there was a fence that was collapsing in Bates field. It was asked who is the farmer for this field and could he be contacted to repair the fence. Cllr Eyre mentioned a drain and gullies blocked on Tivydale this will be raised by Cllr Alex Burnett. Cllr Eyre also mentioned the vegetation raised with Cllr Barnard on Lane Head Road had still not been sorted and he also mentioned that a resident had informed him that on footpath 19 there were two trees blocking the path. The Clerk to e mail BMBC with this information.

Cllr Shaw mentioned that there was rubbish on Lane Head Road.

It was mentioned about the tree roots at the end of the village green that could cause a problem as they are forcing the pavement up where people walk.

Cllr Broadhead mentioned an oak tree in the field off Darton Road that has a TPO on it. There has been what looks like a trench dug around it. The Clerk is going to e mail and ask BMBC if they know why this has been done.

Cllr McNally mentioned that contract letters for renewal of the allotments had been sent and that he had not received one.

Minute No178 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS WHICH DOES NOT REQUIRE A RESOLUTION OR A DECISION

None

Minute No 179 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved – The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 6TH March 2025 at 7.30pm in the Moxon Room Cawthorne Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting.