

## **Bellerby Parish Council**

The Meeting of Bellerby Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at 7:30pm

### Minutes

The meeting was attended by the clerk Lynn Watkinson, Councillors Hutchinson, Scriven, Travell and Weedon.

#### Procedural Matters

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Rycroft sent his apologies.

2. "To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

None

3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting

All present agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting and the Chairman duly signed them.

4. Public questions, comments or representations (limited to 10 minutes)

None

#### Business Matters

5. Matters arising from previous minutes

Mill lane – Cllr Weedon had arranged an interview with the D&S re the state of the road. This is yet to appear. Cllr Harrison-Topham attended with an engineer. He had received an email stating that replacing the culvert was the best option. The County Council was awaiting quotes and the work would be completed in the new year.

Open Garden Fund Grant application for flooding – A number of questions had been returned from the committee. Cllr Hutchinson to reply.

Parking – Highways agreed that the bus stop was in the wrong place but it was too costly to move and the space left was still legal for parking. Highways were in agreement with the principal of creating additional parking spaces along the edge of the Green and would be willing to reduce the road width to facilitate this. Contacting the Planning and Conservation Officers would be the next step. Authority was obtained from Parish Council to proceed with getting the plans drawn up. If these could be completed in time they would be included in the newsletter.

Bulb planting - 3 people turned up and planted half the bulbs. Planting of the remaining bulbs was scheduled for the following Saturday.

6. Changes to waste recycling

Cllr Weedon pointed out RDC were making changes to Green Waste collections in the New Year. The Clerk reported that charges would be £17 for the first bin and £12 for each additional bin per annum

7. Tour de France

The clerk reported that Leyburn will be shut off from 10 am until 4 pm. The route of the Tour is available on the Le Tour Yorkshire website.

The Parish Council would encourage people to plant yellow flowers in tubs and generally promote a yellow theme.

8. Correspondence received since last meeting

The new manager of Hambleton and Richmondshire Citizens Advice Bureau, Carol Shreeve had written to introduce herself.

A questionnaire re the Polling station was received and completed.

A letter had been received from an organisation advising on the setting up of Oil cooperatives. This would be included in the newsletter.

A letter had been received from a company planning a Channel 4 documentary on quality of service from utility companies. This would be included in the newsletter.

9. Planning matters

Full Planning Permission for Erection of Single Storey Garage on existing parking area (Retrospective) at Studdah Garth, Mill Lane, Bellerby – Granted.

Full Planning Permission for Proposed Anaerobic Digestion Plant at Washfold Farm, Moor Road, Leyburn had been circulated before the meeting – No objections.

10. Authority to pay

Bellerby Memorial Hall	£9.90	Hall Hire
AG services	£178.00	Grass cutting

The Bank mandate was completed and signed.

Standing Orders, Statement of Internal Control and the Annual Financial Risk Assessment were signed.

The Precept for 2014-2015 was discussed as RDC requested a figure by 5<sup>th</sup> January 2014. A figure of £7500 was put forward. This figure includes the sum of £2000 to be ring-fenced for

the Flood Defence works. The clerk was asked to bring the Estimated Budget for 2014-2015 to the next meeting.

The clerk reported that the monies ring-fenced for the Flood Defence works was not itemised anywhere in the accounts. It was suggested that this money should be transferred to the savings account. The Clerk to look into this.

#### 11. Exchange of views and ideas

Village Christmas Tree –No tree had been put up last year. Lights had been put on the existing tree and it was agreed that this was sufficient.

Cllr Hutchinson reported that John Amsden had not written a letter of support for the funding applications. He had suggested putting the funding request through in the next financial year to give more time for the spend. He had confirmed that money would be available next year. The Parish Council was in agreement.

#### 12. Date of next meeting – 27th January 2014

10th March 2014

Annual Meeting and Annual General Meeting to be arranged for 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Meeting closed at 8:20