

## **BYLAND WITH WASS AND OLDSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**20<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 7pm**

### Attendees

Councillor Christine Bradley – Chair

Councillor John Williams

Councillor Peter Williams (remotely)

Councillor Charles Skeffington

Councillor Stephen Cain

Mike Bradley – Parish Clerk

### Apologies:

### **Minutes**

#### Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Minutes were approved and signed.

#### Matters arising

- Oldstead Defibrillator
  - Defibrillator is registered on “The Circuit”
- Slow signs on Wass Bank
  - Councillor Bradley attended the liaison meeting with Ryedale District Council and met a senior representative of Highways Maintenance team for North Yorkshire CC. The location of slow signs on Wass Bank was raised with him and he promised to look into it immediately. It is worth noting that the tree obscuring the sign had been cut back the day previously.
- Parking/Lights in Wass
  - Mike Houghton is leading on the review and testing of suitable LED lights complying with Dark Skies Policy. Further conversations anticipated

#### Finance

- Balance of Account
  - The Clerk reported that the Balance of Account stood at £5469.77 as of 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- Grit Bins and Verges
  - Mike Bradley attended a meeting with Andrew Santon from Highways Area 4 to understand their responsibilities and how they interface with Town and Parish Councils. Presentation slides available for review.
  - Grit Bins – The information shown on the Parish Portal is incorrect and not the same as the information held by Area 4 Highways. Based on a review it appears that all of the Grit Bins/Heaps shown on their system are the responsibility of Highways.

- Grit Bins on Forest England land – Access roads through Forest England land in Oldstead to be checked to see who is responsible for Grit Bins. **Action: Councillor Bradley**
- Verges – Responsibility for “Visibility Areas” on dangerous corners in Wass and Oldstead are currently the responsibility of Highways to cut these 5 times a year. Highways have recently offered Parishes an opportunity to cut these ourselves and offered an annual contribution of £43.40 for Wass and £90.37 for Oldstead. In view of the potential liability in the case of traffic incidents the Council agreed that responsibility for cutting remains with Highways.

#### Planning

- Planning Application replacement garage door Mill House, Oldstead – NYM/2023/0091
  - No objection
- Planning Application for Pond in field opposite Rose Cottage – NYM/2022/0917
  - Permission granted for Pond. Planting has already started and has been registered on the Queens Green Canopy (QGC) map
  - Wass has planted a total of 1108 trees as part of the QGC project. They have been registered on the official website.
  - Oldstead to consider registering their tree – **Action John Williams**

#### Date for the next meeting

15<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 7:00 pm followed by Wass Village Meeting at 7.30 pm guest speaker Mike Houghton – Dark Skies Project.

Oldstead Village meeting organised for 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023, guest speaker unknown as yet.

Mike Bradley – Parish Clerk