

BYLAND WITH WASS VILLAGE MEETING

7:30pm 23rd May 2022 Wass Village Hall

Minutes

Welcome

Welcome from Cllr. Bradley, especially to those new to the village. Parish meetings have been going on since 1894 and village meetings in some form for over 1000 years. We are the first inhabitants to have experienced a pandemic and a lockdown.

Apologies

Roger and Wendy Statham

Introduce new council members

Introduction of the councillors to the village.

Thanks to former councillors

Thank you to Peter Gilruth and Roger Statham for all your contributions to the Council.

Introduction of speaker:

Jonathan Hields, Community Link Officer at Ryedale Council

JH described his role in Helmsley and surrounding villages. The role includes triage issues raised with the council and working with the Police and other agencies including environmental health to support the community.

The role is community engagement and managing Helmsley market.

The service includes a one stop shop, in the town hall. The aim is to get different agencies in and to provide outreach in Helmsley. Valuable activities include giving advice on heating grants and benefits support, arranging transport.

JH was keen to highlight there is currently a push on community grants available to charitable organisations including village halls, JH is available to support the application process. 100 percent funding up to £2500 is available.

Details for Ryedale DC were made available on a card and will be posted on the notice board.

The team are looking at adding a drop in to Ampleforth to give better access to grants, support and advice.

Please continue to raise issues via the Parish Portal, these will be triaged as normal.

Vote of Thanks by Cllr. Skeffington

Minutes of the last meeting in 2019

Reviewed outside of the meeting and agreed to be a fair record.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

- Village Hall Accounts, soundproofing and lighting
The Chair of the Village Hall Committee John Marchant described the changes to the relationship to the Parish Council. The Village Hall is managed by a charity set up to support people in the village and activities. A group of 12 trustee roles accessible to all in the village manages the Village Hall. The aim is to be as open and inclusive to all in the village. The

Committee run activities including table tennis, darts, WI, rental options and the billiards room.

Previously the accounts were presented to the Parish Council but they are now reported to the Charity Commission.

- The Millennium seat
The seat is now installed in the field overlooking Byland Abbey. Thanks to Phil Nichols and Tim Porrit for their work on this.
- The telephone kiosk
It was agreed the supply of dog bags is working well with the bin on Hambleton lane.
Action: The Kiosk needs painting.
- The defibrillator
The defibrillator, which was bought with money from the Cold Snaps, Warm Homes Scheme has been up for more than 5 years. It has had the pads renewed. The Parish Council is paying for the renewals.
There have been two training sessions in the last year. The Parish Council welcome more volunteers. The WI also ran a training session.
- Parking and slow sign
P signs for the village hall and cross roads were not yet installed (installed since the meeting). It is hoped the signs will reduce the likelihood of people parking on the cross roads.
Slow sign on the bank is in the wrong place.
Action: To follow up with the Council
Question about reducing the amount of traffic on the bank. Residents are starting to take photographs. Previously vehicles have been stopped but that was commercial vehicles. Agricultural vehicles are outside of the weight rules. Questions around what is classed as agricultural.
Action: to raise again with the relevant authorities and for residents to collect more evidence.

Activities during the Pandemic and the role of different Wass residents

Cllr. Bradley wished to record some of the events which have taken place over the last two years. A full account was read out in the meeting and is summarised in the minutes to record thanks to those involved during the pandemic.

- Village email distribution: set up to support residents with shopping, shielding and collecting prescriptions.
- Local services: Businesses very quickly adapted providing takeaway food, delivering fresh food and supplies.
- Social events: VE Day socially distanced celebration, Santa and village light trail.

Many thanks to all those who got involved and helped further build the community during a challenging time. Your Councillors are here to serve Byland with Wass and Oldstead. Most of the time the Councillors liaise with the District Council but see their role as caring for people.

Activities in the village for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Open Gardens, which is organised by Shirley Nicholls, has been moved forward a week for the Platinum Jubilee but the decorations will be up for both occasions. To do something special Kate Hagerstrand invited the children to design flags. Phil Nicholls put up the hardware and Ros Williams the draping in the village hall to provide a party atmosphere.

Matters to be discussed

- The Jubilee: the Queen's Green Canopy
Tree planting notice. Want people to plant one tree each, during the planting season.
This option was preferred this to just one tree.
We would need approximately 130 trees to represent the village.
Ros Williams has some small horse chestnuts available.
Queens green canopy website allows you to record your trees
Hedge or trees count

ACTION: If you plant a tree please let Christine know via email.

Do we want a plaque – decision no, just put it on the map

- The Jubilee: village photo
Peter Gilruth took an action To contact Marion Frith to take the photo and suggested it be on the Jubilee at the Village Hall
- 20s Plenty: Councillor Williams introduced the campaign and asked the village if they would like to support it.
Decision: Majority in favour of supporting it.
- Any other matters or concerns of residents
Drains outside Huscal House blocked during recent heavy rainfall. The roads were swept and some drains cleared shortly afterwards.
Action: Ask the Council to clean out the drains to prevent further flooding (reported and completed 24/5/22).

Link to Parish Portal: <https://parish.northyorks.gov.uk/content/parish-portal-login>

Refreshments and Chat