

BYLAND WITH WASS AND OLSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

18TH September 2023 7.00 pm

1.0 Attendees

Councillor Christine Bradley – Chair

Councillor John Williams

Councillor Charles Skeffington

Councillor Peter Williams

Councillor Stephen Cain

Mike Bradley – Parish Clerk

2.0 Apologies

None

3.0 Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 15th May 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record.

4.0 Matters Arising

4.1 Parking/Lights in Wass

Difficulties continue in trying to get the solar lights programmed in the way Wass wish to operate. We have already tried a test solar light which raised potential concerns over battery life although this might have just been a faulty battery. The cost to test a further unit, programmed to Wass specification is in the region of £500, refundable once the unit is returned.

In view of this further discussions with NYM National Park likely with alternatives being reviewed.

Action: Councillor Bradley

5.0 Finance

5.1 Balance of accounts

Account balance as of 1st September stood at £6802.55 with £659.22 expenditure to date. NY Council have paid the total year's precept of £2000.

6.0 Defibrillators

New pads for the defibrillator in Wass have been purchased.

Regular checks to the defibrillators in Oldstead and Wass need to be undertaken every 2 months to ensure they are available and clean. Condition reports to be sent to Mike Bradley who will update the National Database.

Training on use of defibrillator for Oldstead and Wass residents proposed. Wass Village Hall can be made available most Tuesday or Wednesday evenings.

Action: Councillor John Williams to arrange

7.0 Forest England Plans for Oldstead

Logging by Forest England in Oldstead is complete although removal of the cut trees will continue for some time. Complaints on the speed of Contractor's Logging Transport has been discussed with Forest England's Nick Short by Councillor Cain. Some damage to a wall at the junction of Sands Lane by contractors has yet to be discussed with him.

Overall Forest England logging plans appear to have been handled well and the aesthetic result of the work OK.

8.0 Stolen Oldstead Village sign

One of the cast iron Oldstead village signs was stolen around 11th August 2023. A quote for approx. £850 for a replacement has been obtained. Insurance claim to be initiated.

Action: Parish Clerk

9.0 Planning

9.1 Government Consultation Permitted Development rights for Barns

NYM National Park have prepared a response to the government consultation on unrestricted development of barns across England. NYM National Park oppose such development as it would "cause irreparable and substantial harm to existing protected and cherished cultural landscapes and historic assets".

Following a discussion at the meeting 4 Councillors agreed to support NYM National Parks position with Councillor Skeffington opposing.

9.2 Planning Applications

NYM/2023/0526 Brook Cottage Conservatory – No comment

NYM/2023/0549 TPO Tree Removal The Old Orchard – Approved by NYM National Park

NYM/2023/0581 Package treatment plant Oldstead – No comment

10.0 Date and Time of next meeting

Next meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on 11th December 2023 in Wass Village Hall

Mike Bradley - Parish Clerk