

EGGBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2nd April 2020

Due to the coronavirus pandemic this meeting was held remotely via email

Comments via email were received from:

Councillor White, Councillor Spencer, Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Johnson,
Councillor Wright

V155 Public Participation

Due to the coronavirus epidemic Parish Council meetings are being held remotely until further notice due to government guidance for no gatherings

The website is being updated to request that all residents email any request/concerns to the Parish Clerk

V156 To accept apologies for absence and declarations of interest

There were no apologies for absence as the meeting was not held as normal

V157 Minutes

Minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 6th February 2020 and Wednesday 11th March 2020 were taken as read, approved as a true record and will be signed by Councillor White at the next available meeting held in the Methodist Chapel

V158 Matters arising from the minutes 11/3/20 - for information only

There were no matters arising

V159 To delegate emergency powers to the Clerk

Due the coronavirus pandemic and government guidelines not to hold public gatherings, the YLCA have advised that it is possible for a Council to delegate decision making to an Officer of the council, i.e. the Clerk or the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO). This is under the Local Government Act 1972, Section 101.

In their view, the delegation needs to be broad and to the effect that the council empowers the Clerk/RFO to do anything expedient and necessary to ensure the continuous business of the council, and to deal with mandatory undertakings in order to prevent the authority from incurring liability during the period that the delegation is applicable. If wished, Councils can agree that the officer will consult with the Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman in the decision making but councils must acknowledge that it is the officer that is the decision maker.

Resolved

To delegate decision making to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair

V160 To be advised of the following planning decision:

-Proposed erection of DeNOx and SCR (Selective Catalytic Reduction) equipment including ducting, new fan, silencer, ammonia tank, sub station and electrical control room to reduce NOx levels at St Gobain Glass UK Ltd, Glassworks, Weeland Road

Application Granted

V161 To consider the following accounts for receipt and payment:

Receipts:

HMRC	Vat Refund	£572.06
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Payments

Mrs C Dobbing	Clerks expenses-March	£33.71
Bedford Mowing Services	Grass cutting	£620.59
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Wheelie Clean Bins	Bus shelter cleaning	£90.00

Councillor McKenzie wondered if grass cutting and bus shelter cleaning were essential and should be taking place given current Government guidelines.

Resolved

To make all the above payments

V162 To discuss the request to purchase tabards for the Speed Watch Team

At the meeting held on 11th March 2020, a member of the Speed Watch Team attended the meeting to request a donation from the Parish Council to purchase tabards

The cost of 5 no. tabards is £49.75 + vat

Resolved

To approve the donation of £49.75 + vat

V163 To discuss the renewal of membership to the YLCA

Membership renewal to the YLCA for 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 is £575.00

Resolved

To approve renewal of membership to the YLCA for 1st April 2020 to 31st March at a cost of £575.00

V164 To discuss the renewal of the Data Protection Fee

Renewal of the data protection fee is due at a cost of £40.00

Resolved

To approve renewal of the data protection fee at a cost of £40.00

V165 To discuss the maintenance of the flagpole

A quote has been received from Hi-Fliers to attend site, lower existing flagpole, check foundations and fittings and clean. Any replacement parts would be extra at cost and discussed on site. £120.00 + vat

Resolved

To approve the quote from Hi-Fliers of £120 + vat for the flagpole maintenance visit

V166 To discuss current highway matters

Councillor Spencer advised that he has spoken to the Site Manager on the 31st March at the site next to the Premier about the spoil wagon going up and down Selby Road. He requested that the vehicle should turn left out of the site so as to minimise the disruption to the village with his activity. The Site Manager agreed.

Councillor Spencer had previously stopped the wagon to ask why and got abuse from him and he drove onto the pavement to get past his car. The Site Manager advised that on Monday he ran into a telegraph pole opposite

V167 To receive reports on meetings attended

There were no meetings attended

V168 To be informed of correspondence received to date

Phone call and email from resident concerned that the Foxdales play area is still being used by groups of youths. The Clerk will produce a notice that can be put on the gates of both the Foxdales and village hall toddler play areas advising that the play areas are closed until further notice

Email from Selby District Council advising that Council meetings have had to be cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak. As a result, Selby District Council are using urgency powers for decision making. To maintain the planning application decision making process, the Chief Executive will determine applications in consultation with the Planning Committee Chair and Vice Chair, or other such nominated member of the Planning Committee. Consultation with Parish Councils will continue in the same way with comments being submitted through Public Access as usual.

Councillor White expressed concern and suggested writing to the Chief Executive over this decision to allow all planning decisions to be made by the Chief Executive and two Planning Officers. It could have serious repercussions to our area. He felt the most sensible course of action would be to suspend all decisions until the crisis is over and can be dealt with in the usual manner.

Councillor Spencer agreed and requested that a comment be added that by allowing this reduced process to go ahead will encourage people to get builders in to do when really they should be isolating given the current climate.

Councillor Wright agreed and should express our deep and serious concerns that they are unrepresentative of the wider and local viewpoints for applications and urge them not to take that action other than in applications of vital and urgent need for the community – impacts of health, social services or policing.

The latest CIL statement has been received

V169 Exchange of Information

Councillor Spencer advised that Coronavirus information leaflets from Councillor McCartney in conjunction with Eggborough Parish Council have been distributed around the village.

This has been done to give confidence to those who may need it that the contacts listed are trusted and supported by the respective Parish Councils

Councillor McKenzie advised that residents are still out and about in the village but hopefully news of the finds is now starting to kick in and residents are realising what essential actually

means.

Local shops are really supporting the village:

Crumbs has closed

Geata is open

The Horse and Jockey are doing takeaway food via their Facebook page

Eggborough Fisheries has closed

Gilmer's Butchers is still open

Councillor Johnson commented that the village is doing well and thriving even under the restrictions. The Parish Council supports the efforts of those working hard to keep things going

Councillor White would like to discuss the use of CIL money which will benefit the whole community. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

V170 To be informed of minor items for delegation to the Clerk and items for the next agenda

None

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7th May