

## **Minutes of Meeting Held Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020.**

**7.30pm.**

### **Remote meeting by ZOOM due to Coronavirus (Covid-19) Restrictions. (Details for public access published on PC website)**

#### **Present.**

Cllr Mr C Harding.. Cllr Mr A Rutter. Cllr Mr N L Peckett. Cllr Mr S Land. Cllr Mr R Teasdale.

#### **Apologies.**

Cllr Mrs J Rutter.

#### **Declaration of Interest.**

None

#### **Confirmation of Minutes.**

Minutes of the meeting held 10/09/2020 were read and agreed.

#### **Matters Arising.**

1. In the absence of a clerk the chairman Mr C Harding agreed to act as temporary clerk (unpaid). Agreed by members.
2. Boundary change and survey: See minute below.
3. Some street-lights throughout the village reported as defective. Cllr Peckett has attended to this and problems resolved.
4. Traffic speeding issues: see minute below.

#### **Finance.**

1. The Current account assets at last bank statement is £14,633 (inc. grant)
2. The budget for 2021/22 was presented by cllr Harding, as acting clerk. It was agreed to set the precept at £2130.00. An increase of £30 over last year. The tax base has decreased (80.7 – 79) however the LCTRS grant has increased (£20 - £63). There will be an increase for band D taxpayers of 3.6%, in real terms this equates to £0.94 per annum
3. Bank Mandate. It was agreed that signatories to the Yorkshire Bank account to be revised to include: Cllr Mr C Harding.. Cllr Mr A Rutter. Cllr Mr N L Peckett. Cllr Mr S Land. Cllr Mr R Teasdale. It would remain at any 2 signatories to sign council cheques.

### **Cemetery.**

1. Remembrance service this year was curtailed due to the covid situation. Poppy wreath was laid on Remembrance Sunday by the chairman.
2. The 'Tommy' steel silhouette sculpture, purchased by the council, was placed close to the war memorial and floodlit over the remembrance period. This was favourably commented on by many residents.
3. Water supply has been turned off for the winter.

### **Playground.**

1. The playground remains open following covid-closure, with restrictions in place. Signs displayed at entrance and inside the play area.
2. Order for the refurbishment of equipment and installation of safety gate has been placed with Hags. Work has been delayed as supplier is waiting for parts but should be started this month.

### **Planning (New)**

Application from Wooley Hill Farm for installation of a porch on the house.

### **Planning (Ongoing)**

None

### **Boundary Change**

1. Chairman has spoken to DCC Democratic Services to see if anything can be done to progress the community review but was informed that the process cannot proceed until we have the petition signatures. Situation remains as outlined below:

*Boundary change work has been put on hold for the foreseeable future, pending relaxation of the Coronavirus restriction of movement regulations.*

*The current situation is that we have been advised by Ros Layfield that we should submit the petition for a community review to the county council.*

*This would comprise of the information we have already compiled - reasons, maps, properties affected etc – plus the signatures from the prescribed number of electors.*

*This would be 75 from Woodland and 187 from Lynesack & Softley.*

*WPC can obtain the signatures from the Woodland parishioners and we have been granted permission by Lynesack & Softley Parish Council to get the signatures from their parishioners also.*

*Lynesack & Softley have also agreed that Woodland PC can then produce the petition for review and approval by both parish councils prior to submission to Durham.*

### **Correspondence & I.T.**

1. Various correspondences were read out by the clerk (acting) and made available to the members. Some discussion as to whether members would like to have relevant emails of interest forwarded. To be further discussed.

### **Any Other Business**

1. Woodland Parish Council Risk Assessment – Emergency Plan. As this is an outstanding topic Cllr Simon Land, who has some experience in this area, is looking into the requirements of this with a view to producing this plan.
2. Speeding in the village.. It was agreed to consider purchasing and installing our own radar operated speed sign, or signs. Cllr Land has looked into the feasibility and likely costs of this and forwarded some information to the clerk. Three suppliers were evaluated and the most promising and cost-effective was Evolis. Cost for two solar powered signs would be £3688. It was agreed to have further discussion at the next meeting as to how to proceed and best siting position. Also to contact the local police / PCSO for any advice / input. Clerk will try to contact other councils/operators in the area for their experience on using this equipment

**Next Meeting**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021. 7.30 pm  
Venue to be decided depending on Coronavirus restrictions.  
Woodland Village Hall / Cemetery Chapel / Remote by Zoom.

*This is a true and accurate minute of the meeting as agreed by the council.*

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