**Monday 9th April 2018**

Present: Councillors A McCormack (in the Chair), F Wilson, J. Potts, L Clark, A Granville-Fall, L Curtin, C Dixon, R Scrowson

Clerks: Mrs S A Johns and Mrs Suzanne Taylor

The Parish Council met at the Community Hall, Wetwang. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

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| **Public Forum** | There were no members of the public attending the meeting. |
| **43/18** | **Notice of meeting** – it was confirmed notice had been given in accordance with Schedule 12, Paragraph 10 of the Local Government Act 1972. |
| **44/18** | **Apologies** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Gail Humphries, Anthony Granville-Fall and Councillor Brenda Taylor |
| **45/18** | **Declarations of interest** – No declarations of interest were declared |
| **46/18** | **Correspondence**   1. Notice was received that Southfield Road will receive surface dressing in the week commencing 8/5/18 2. Councillor Gail Humphries had forwarded and email with a comment from a member of the public that a manhole was causing a dip in the road. This has been reported to ERYCC and has a job reference 3. Notice of a community led housing meeting on 12/4/18 was received. |
| **47/18** | **Matters Arising**    There were no matters arising. |
| **48/18** | **Approval of Minutes** – Resolved. That the minutes of the Parish Council minutes held on Monday 5th March 2018 were approved as a true and accurate record.  Proposer: Councillor Dixon  Seconded: Councillor Clark |
| **49/18** | **Reports from Committees and Representatives**  The Primary school are to hold a commissioning service for the new headmaster at Sledmere Church on Friday13th April 2018 at 2pm. |
| **50/18** | **Planning Applications**   1. Smart meter mast at BT Exchange, Station Hill – no objections 2. Southfield well Balk Housing development – this has not gone before the planning committee due to inadequacies of wildlife reports. The planning officer has agreed to inform us when it will be placed on the Agenda. |
| **51/18** | **Parish Council Facilities:**   1. Allotments – The field behind the burial ground has been vacated. Councillor McCormack is in consultation with the Diocese about future use if the land. To be carried forward to the next meeting. The agreement allocating the land is to be retrieved from the archives   There is a request for half plot at Rockland by Mr and Mrs Buckle. Mr and Mrs Brayshaw had agreed to maintain a further plot and a half but are to be approached by Councillor Wilson to see if they would be happy to let Mr and Mrs Buckle to take the half plot.  Renewal letters are to go out this month   1. Pit Area – Railings around the pit are in a dilapidated state of repair. Councillor McCormack has received a quote for the work of £270. Plus VAT. The Council agreed and the contractor will ne notified   Councillor McCormack put forward a motion that any work required in village under £300 excluding VAT should be agreed without a requirement to obtain three quotes as this often delayed the work and the council had experienced difficulty in obtain quotations for these jobs by contractors who were qualified and had public liability insurance. . This was agreed 5 for 1 against.   1. Cemetery – It was noted people were driving on the verge causing ruts in the grass 2. Play Area – An invoice for £120 has been received from Sledmere Estates for the rent for 2018/19 and this has been paid. Sledmere Estate has not responded to email requests to conclude the terms of the lease extension though the parish council has confirmed it has agreed to a lease extension of five years.   Councillors McCormack and Curtin met with ERYC Rural Estate Surveyor and the current tenant of the land next to the allotment on Northfield Road. This could be an alternative area for a proposed new play area It is flat area of 1/3 acre next to allotments. ERYCC are to draft Heads of Terms for 21 years. This should enable Council to apply for grants for play equipment. The parish Council will request that the allotment lease is also to be extended in line with new play area.   1. Bus Shelter – No issues. 2. Village Pond –Councillor Dixon and a colleague, who are ecologists, have undertaken an assessment of the pond. The water quality was found to have a small amount of nitrates but not be too bad with no algae. It was found to be 1m deep at deepest part. It is proposed to make a gravel bed a t one side to support fragmities reeds which can be taken from other parts of the pond where they are over grown and to also add other species for interest. It is also hoped to build a duck house in the middle of the pond, a feeding station for the ducks, and a display board highlighting the flora and fauna, feeding of ducks and the help of Councillors Dixons colleague. A notice is to be produced calling for volunteers to assist and Councillor Dixon is going to draw up an action plan for next meeting. £600 has already been put aside for this work. 3. Village Well – The agreement made with Sledmere Estates is to be retrieved from the archives at County Hall, as this requires reviewing. |
| **52/18** | **Finance**   1. Resolved. The payment schedule was approved.   Proposed: Councillor Potts  Seconded: Councillor Curtin |
| **53/18** | **Maintenance of the Village** –   1. York Road Pavement cuttings – ERYC had noted this and contacted the owners to request that the cuttings are removed. This is now resolved. 2. The fence by the pond reported at the last meeting has been repaired and the railing replaced 3. Planters – These are intended to be place at village entrances. Councillor McCormack has requested preliminary planning permission from ERYC Highways. One quote has been received and two more requested as this work will exceed £300 4. Dog Fouling – it was agreed to order more postcards, posters and leaflets. Also to request additional bins. The Dog Warden will be visiting the village later this month. 5. Cold Calling Zone -ERYC have confirmed that Wetwang was now completely a no cold calling zone. New signs are to be displayed. 6. It was reported that Green Lane was becoming a quagmire with inappropriate use. Councillor McCormack attended a conference where he raised the matter with a senior police officer and the ERYC officer responsible for Green Lanes. Council will repair this providing police agree to enforce appropriate use. The Councillor McCormack will follow up on any intended action later in the year. |
| **54/18**  **55/18** | Newsletter - It was agreed that the village would benefit from the publication of a periodic newsletter from the Parish Council. It was agreed other groups should be invited to participate. The former editor of the Wetwang Tattler agreed the name could be used. The first edition would cover items such as dog fouling, the pond development, bulb planting, planter ownership, street lighting, play area and council contacts. It was also suggested this could be published on social media sites ,for example, Facebook.  **Agenda for the next meeting –** Councillor Scrowson requested details of all Parish Council lands for the next meeting  Newsletter |
| **56/18** | **Date of the next meeting** –The next ordinary meeting of Wetwang Parish Council will take place on Monday 14th May 2018 at 7.10pm. |

The meeting closed at 9.03pm.

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