**DATE: Wednesday 28 August. 2024**

**TIME: 19.00 hrs**

**LOCATION: West Tanfield Village Hall**

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Dumbleton (Chairman), Peter Hull and Anthony Mainprize

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Alison E Carter (Clerk)

**PRESENT:** North Yorkshire Council Councillor David Webster, Christopher Bourne-Arton, Brenda Raw, Caroline Hopson

and Geoff Longley

1. **WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Councillor Dumbleton welcomed all to the meeting.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

There were no declarations of interest or request for dispensation.

1. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS – See below.**
2. **APOLOGIES TO BE RECEIVED AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE ACCEPTED**

Apologies received from Parish Councillor Judi Horner.

1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING –** The minutes of the meetings held on 26 June and 17 July, 2024, were approved and

signed by the Chairman.

1. **REPORTS FROM PARISH REPRESENTATIVES**
   1. Report from North Yorkshire Police – North Yorkshire Police gave their apologies on the evening. However, a report was issued in advance. The report highlighter one crime was reported in the Parish in May, one theft was reported in June and no crimes reported in July. The Police want to remind the community that North Yorkshire Community Messaging is a free email messaging service from North Yorkshire Police and the Offices of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, providing news and updates on policing matters that are relevant to you and the local community. You can sign up at www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.co.uk
   2. Report from West Tanfield Village Hall Committee – The Chair of the Village Hall gave a verbal up date at the meeting. The Hall is in good shape and has passed all the recent relevant checks. The bookings are on the increase and this means the Village Hall is doing well financially. Bookings for indoor sports/flower club and arts are up. The tennis/pétanque and bowls are all doing well. The feedback for the play area has been positive with some nice comments shared.

1. **ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**
   1. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – New Forms were issued to West Tanfield Bowling Club. However, the Bowling Club are funding the new sprinkler themselves as it is not as expensive as first thought.
   2. 30 mph Speed Limit along the B6267, Nosterfield – Caroline Hopson provided an update with regards to the speed reduction through Nosterfield village. The reduction is newly in place and generally, the reduction is making a difference. Drivers are reducing their speeds, however there are some vehicles who are not taking any notice. Caroline requested the Parish Council ask the police to carry out some patrols to see if the speed limit can be enforced by the Police, in the short term. Reference was made to the trees which are covering up the newly installed speed activated camera. Naturally the trees will lose the leaves shortly. As the land is not owned by the Parish Council, the Parish Council informed the meeting that the Council are not able to prune the trees. A discussion took place with regards as to who owned the Village Green, where the trees are located. The land is Common Land, the Parish Council have an agreement with Tanfield Estate to manage the swing park on the land and carry out the cutting of the village green. After further discussion it was agreed by Christopher Bourne-Arton the Parish Council could prune the trees, as a one off to make the Vehicle Activated Speed Camera visible. It was agreed the Parish Clerk would investigate the matter of the tree pruning, to establish a suitable contractor.
   3. Vehicle Activated Speed Camera – The Vehicle Activated Speed Camera is now installed and is in the Village of Nosterfield. The Parish Clerk will look investigate as to how the data is obtained and the camera moved to alternative locations.
2. **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR AND SIGNING OF THEIR DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

**AND AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY THE COUNCIL’S CODE OF CONDUCT**

Mark Hilton was co-opted on to the Parish Council and signed the appropriate documentation, before joining the meeting

as a Parish Councillor.

1. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL –** Peter Hull has been appointed as Vice Chair,

for the Parish Council, until May 2025.

1. **CHRISTMAS TREE** – Nosterfield – Geoff Longley referred to the Christmas Tree request for CIL funding for a

Christmas Tree to be bought and located in Nosterfield potentially on the village Green, no completed CIL form

for funds has been received by the Parish Council. The residents of Nosterfield are keen for this to happen and are

looking at different ways to raise funds to pay for insurance/lights/batteries and as to where the tree could be located

in the village. Funding could be sourced from CIL funds/Bedale and Villages Community forum or North Yorkshire

Locality Grants, applications would need to be made.

1. **GRASS CUTTING – WEST TANFIELD VILLAGE GREEN –** A request was made to the Parish Council for the grass

to be cut on a field known locally as West Tanfield Village Green, the Parish Council were informed that the field is

registered Common Land. This is a field, just off the river bank and behind the houses on the road leading out of West

Tanfield to Masham. The field is used by dog walkers/visitors to the village and as part of a circular walk along the river

bank as well as once a year via the local churches for an annual service. The field would need cutting approx. twice a year.

The request also included the cutting of a small path approx. two feet wide along the river bank from the bottom of the

Marmion Tower steps, West Tanfield, to the entrance to the field, this would also need cutting approx. twice a year. The field

and river bank have been cut over the years by a local volunteer, however it was felt now that there is a need for a more

formal arrangement. The river bank is also thought to be registered Common Land. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would

make enquires with the grass cutting contractor to see how much this would cost for the cutting of the field twice a year and

for the cutting of the river bank twice a year. Advice would also be sourced from Yorkshire Local Council Association with

regards to the cutting of the field and river bank via the Parish Council as the field/land and river bank are not owned by the

Parish Council.

1. **WEST TANFIELD – REPAIRS TO THE SWING PARK –** It was agreed that the required urgent repairs to thenine

stepping stone tops (they need replacing, this would cost £310 plus VAT and that the junior swing timber frame requires

replacing at a cost of £2645 plus VAT. It was also agreed that funding be sourced, if possible, from North Yorkshire

Council’s Locality Budget and from the Bedale and Villages Community Fund.

1. **FINANCIALS**
   1. The Parish Council approved the bank balance at 31 July, 2024.

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| **Bank Balances as at 31/07/2024:** | | |
| NatWest Current a/c - \*\*\*\*4884 |  | £3,498.49 |
| NatWest Business Reserve a/c - \*\*\*\*2668 | | £20,586.32 |
| **TOTAL** | | **£24,084.81** |
| **Payments to be approved and recorded:** | | |
| *Payee* | *Details* |  |
| AECarter | Clerks Wages May | £890.58 |
| AECarter | Clerks Expenses May | £84.69 |
| HMRC | PAYE May | £280.05 |
| Stainton Construction Ltd | Grass Cutting Three July | £384.00 |
| Zurich Insurance | Parish Insurance | £391.79 |
| HMRC | PAYE JUNE | £64.00 |
| AECarter | Microsoft Office | £59.99 |
| AECarter | Clerks Wages June | £256.40 |
| AECarter | Clerks Expenses June | £60.80 |
| Stainton Construction Ltd | Grass Cutting Four Aug | £384.00 |
| AECarter | Clerks Wages July | £224.15 |
| AECarter | Clerks Expenses July | £65.00 |
| HMRC | PAYE July | £56.20 |
| **TOTAL** |  | **£3,201.65** |
| **Receipts to be recorded:** |  |  |
| *Received From* | *Details* |  |
| Zurich Insurance | Refund due to 3 year deal | £14.26 |
| **TOTAL** |  | **£14.26** |

* 1. No payments made or monies received prior to or at this meeting.

1. **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**
   1. The following planning applications, were discussed and responses to the consultations being carried out by the planning

Authority were agreed:

Planning Application – No ZB24/01308/FUL - Application for planning approval for removal of existing farm building and construction of a steel framed farm storage building – Low Side Farm, West Tanfield. – It was agreed the Parish Council would not submit any comments.

* 1. Updates and decisions on applications, appeals and enforcement investigations received since the last meeting.

The following application ZB24/01219/FUL – Double storey side extension, single storey rear extension and oak porch to the front of the dwelling – 2 Thornhill Cottages, Thornborough, North Yorkshire was granted.

1. **BEDALE AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY FORUM** – The last meeting was held on 27 June, 2024, at the meeting details

of the forums funds were discussed, as well as a discussion with regards to potential projects in the area that funding had

been requested for, including the funding of the free Wi-Fi in Bedale Town.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE –** The Clerk reported on items received, as previously circulated to the Chair and Councillors,

correspondence received in late July and early August, 2024. Items to note: Yorkshire Local Councils Association circulars

with regards to the weekly news bulletin and up and coming training sessions available. The North Yorkshire Council’s

recent Keep North Yorkshire Clean Campaign/posters with regards to take your litter home and the North Yorkshire Police,

Fire and Crime Commissioners’ survey seeking people’s views on Serious Crime.

1. **NEXT MEETINGS -** The date of the next Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday 25 September, 2024 Planning

Meeting, to be held at West Tanfield, Village Hall.

1. **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING**

Possible litter picking in the Parish.

Footpath along Nosterfield/Moor Road. West Tanfield towards the Nature Reserve.

Meeting closed at 19:55 hrs.

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Alison E Carter, Clerk to the Parish Council.

**SIGNED: (Chairman)**

**DATE: …………………………………………………………………….**