**DATE: Wednesday 30 October. 2024**

**TIME: 19.00 hrs**

**LOCATION: West Tanfield Memorial Hall**

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Dumbleton (Chairman) Peter Hull, Judi Horner, Anthony Mainprize and Mark Hilton

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

**PRESENT:** North Yorkshire Councillor David Webster, Susan Fryatt and Christopher Bourne-Arton

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**

No apologies received.

1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING –** The minutes of the meeting held on 28 August, 2024 and 25 September, 2024,

were approved and signing by the Chairman.

1. **ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**
   1. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – no new applications received.
   2. At the previous meeting the Parish Council discussed the matter of a 30mph speed limit extension along the road from Nosterfield village to the Moor Road junction. The Clerk wrote to North Yorkshire Council and received the following reply.

*It is the responsibility of the road user to drive to the condition of the carriageway, with the speed limit being just that and not a target. When considering altering speeds of any particular carriageway, rural or urban alike, reference is taken first from the public document Setting Local Speed Limits.*

*At the least, the criteria for a 30mph limit within a rural setting requires development on both sides of the carriageway, which is not the case here. Given that there is no development on this section of carriageway until entering the village of Nosterfield, such a limit would not be respected by motorists. There is also no accident data, injury or otherwise, nor collision data for this section of carriageway that would support requests for any reduction in speed limit at this location.*

*Pedestrians walking on the carriageway within a rural setting is something that is experienced country wide and it is an unrealistic expectation to have a speed limit altered on this basis. It is the responsibility of the road user, whether vehicle, cyclist or pedestrian to ensure that they are using the carriageway in a safe manner.*

*Your point 3 refers to a 'bad bend' along this section of carriageway. Such features on a carriageway infact act as natural traffic calming measures and will ensure vehicles reduce their speed in order to navigate such a feature. As already explained, any limit on the carriageway is a limit and not a target and it is the responsibility of the road user to ensure that they drive safely to the conditions in front of them.*

*Whilst we appreciate your concerns for road users, your request for the speed limit in this location to be reduced is not supported.*

The Parish Council appreciated the response from North Yorkshire Council but want the Parish Clerk to reply to North Yorkshire Council stating the Parish Council do not accept the reasoning given.

* 1. Repairs to West Tanfield Swing Park – The Parish Clerk reported that the repairs to the swing park at West Tanfield have been carried out.
  2. Grass Cutting West Tanfield Village Green and riverbank from the Marmion Tower Steps, West Tanfield – This matter was requested at the last Parish Council meeting. However, at the meeting on 28 August, the request was amended not to include the grass cutting of West Tanfield Village Green, as well as amending the request for the cutting of the riverbank from the Marmion Tower Steps, West Tanfield along the riverbank to the Village Green, to be not just cut but to include cutting and strimming/as well as cutting the over grown hedge back along the river bank from the Marmion Tower Steps to the Village Green. It was confirmed that this area of the river bank is Common Land. The Parish Council has been advised to seek clarification from their insurance company to see where the Parish Council stands with regards organising/paying for this work, as the land does not belong to the Parish Council. The Parish Clerk to write to the insurance company. The Parish Council would see what advice is provided, the Parish Council is also aware of the cost of carrying out this work and there is only a limited amount of funds available.
  3. Flooding – The Bull, Main Street, West Tanfield – The matter of flooding of The Bull cellar has been discussed at previous Parish Council meetings and was brought back to the meeting again, following heavy rain and the possibility of the cellar flooding again. The flooding matter was prevented by the hard work of individuals. The matter had been assessed by North Yorkshire Council, who had agreed to address the matter. It was agreed at the meeting that the Parish Clerk would write to North Yorkshire Council to see how this project was progressing.

1. **LITTER PICKING IN THE PARISH –** A discussion tookplace with regards to a request the Parish Council had received to co-ordinate a litter picking weekend in the Parish, spring 2025. The Parish Clerk had made some enquiries with regards to insurance cover, and confirmation has been received from the Parish Council Insurance that the Parish Council would be covered within the policy. The Insurance Company forwarded some guidance, which the Parish Clerk will circulate again to the Parish Councillors. North Yorkshire Council can also assist with the loan of equipment. The Parish Council agreed this would be a good idea and Parish Councillor Anthony Mainprize agreed to take a lead/coordinate the event, which will probably take place in Spring 2025.

**8.**

**LAND AT BRIDGE VIEW, BACK LANE, WEST TANFIELD –** outlined planning application received from Carter Jonas re proposals for up to 11 dwellings on the site with all matters reserved except for access. The Parish Councillors had a discussion with regards to the outlined planning application and agreed to submit the following comments to Carter Jonas: The allocation of parking spaces for cars on the site, both for the parking of cars for the home owners and car parking spaces for visitors to the properties.  Most properties today need spaces to park at least two cars at the property.

There was also concern for the properties on Back Lane, who currently park on back lane, will allocation be made for the existing properties to still park along this road.

The Parish Council appreciated having opportunity to comment.

1. **SANDBAGS SUPPORT TO COMMUNITIES DURING FLOODING –** All Parish Councillorsto note the simplifying

approach to supporting communities, with sandbags during flooding, since the new North Yorkshire Council was formed.

1. **FOOTPATH ALONG NOSTERFIELD/MOOR ROAD, WEST TANFIELD TOWARDS THE NATURE**

**RESERVE –** The Parish Councillors were asked to give some consideration to an alternative route, due to the proposed

Footpath, request from the Parish Council proving very costly from North Yorkshire Council. A discussion took place

considering a footpath on the right-hand verge heading out of West Tanfield on the Nosterfield/Moor Road, after some

discussion it was agreed to not pursue the possibility of developing a footpath along this stretch due to the safety of the

footpath users as they would be potentially crossing the road twice and at one stage on a very bad bend with restricted

view of traffic. There is also the cost element to consider, the Parish Council has limited funds.

1. **GRASS CUTTING REQUEST –** The Parish Council agreed to the Contractors request that they could remove the brambles, encroaching on to the grass verge along the Nosterfield/Moor Road heading out of West Tanfield.
2. **WEST TANFIELD MINI ROUNDABOUT/TRAFFIC ISLANDS –** a request has been received into the Parish Council with regards to the removal of the mud/weeds on the roundabout/islands in West Tanfield. The Parish Clerk has written to North Yorkshire Council and The Parish Caretaker to see if this is an area of work they can carry out and what the cost would be. No reply’s received yet.
3. **REQUEST FOR A MIRROR TO BE LOCATED ON THORNBOROUGH ROAD OPPOSITE THE ENTRANCE TO FLASK LANE NOSTERFIELD –** a request has been received into the Parish Council for a mirror to be placed in this area to assist with the crossing of the B6267, by people walking the footpaths around the area, this would involve placing a mirror on the B6267. The Parish Council felt this matter should be referred to North Yorkshire Council Highways. The Parish Clerk to provide the local resident with the email address of North Yorkshire Council.
4. **BEDALE AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY FORUM –** Parish Cllr Anthony Mainprize and the Parish Clerk attended the meeting, an update with regards to the finances the group was shared. Tanfield Parish Council was awarded £1477.50 towards the urgent swing park repairs, at West Tanfield, was granted from the Forum, The Secretary of the group is standing down, a new secretary is being recruited.
5. **DONATION TO CITIZENS ADVICE –** The Parish Council agreed to make a financial donation of £200 to Citizens Advice.
6. **FINANCIALS**
   1. The Parish Council approved the bank balance at 30 September, 2024.

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| **Bank Balances as at 31/09/2024:** | | |
| NatWest Current a/c - \*\*\*\*4884 |  | £6,314.94 |
| NatWest Business Reserve a/c - \*\*\*\*2668 | | £13,128.49 |
| **TOTAL** | | **£19,443.43** |
| **Payments to be approved and recorded:** | | |
| *Payee* | *Details* |  |
| AECarter | Clerks Expenses Aug | £69.60 |
| AECarter | Clerks Wages August | £256.40 |
| HMRC | PAYE August | £64.00 |
| Pilot Group Company | Vehicle Activated Speed Camera | £6,604.22 |
| Stainton Construction Ltd | Grass Cutting Five Sept | £384.00 |
| DTMS Parish Caretaker | Duties in June/July/Aug | £460.80 |
| AECarter | Clerks Expenses September | £70.30 |
| HMRC | PAYE September | £81.80 |
| AECarter | Clerks Wages September | £326.71 |
| Stainton Construction Ltd | Grass Cutting Six Oct | £384.00 |
| WT Village Hall | CIL Funds Path Tennis | £1,000.00 |
| **TOTAL** |  | **£9,701.83** |
| **Receipts to be recorded:** |  |  |
| *Received From* | *Details* |  |
| HMRC | VAT Refund | £141.00 |
| HMRC | VAT Refund | £226.66 |
| North Yorkshire Council | Precept | £4,300.00 |
| HMRC | VAT Refund | £358.16 |
| **TOTAL** |  | **£5,025.82** |
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* 1. Payments made, and monies received prior to or at this meeting.

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

1. **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**
   1. The following planning application and agree responses to the consultations being carried out by the planning

authority were agreed:

Planning Application ZB24/01308/FUL – Application for planning approval construction of a steel framed farm storage Building- amended plans or further information, Low Side Farm, West Tanfield- It was agreed the Parish Council had no comments to make.

17.2 Any other applications received for consultation since (see [www.hambleton.gov.uk/planning](http://www.hambleton.gov.uk/planning) for details of recently

submitted applications). – No other applications received.

17..3 Updates and decisions on applications, appeals and enforcement investigations received since the last meeting.

Planning Application – ZB24/01434/FUL Proposed ground floor extensions at Hill House, Binsoe, West Tanfield

– Refused.

Planning Application – ZB24/00885/LBC/ ZB24/00884/FUL, Planning Application and listed Building consent to

create 3no holiday cottages, 2 no additional ensuite bedrooms and a private function room within the existing former

stables and piggery. Change of use of a small proportion of the adjacent field to create small outdoor spaces and

pedestrian access to the holiday cottages. Bruce Arms, Main Street West Tanfield. – Refused

Planning Application – ZB24/0150/ADV, application for 1500mmx 600mm non illuminated totem sign for English

Heritage Property, Camp Wood Henge, Nosterfield – Granted.

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

correspondence received in October 2024, including the agenda for the Richmond (York) Area Committee on 23 October,

2024, Yorkshire Local Council Association emails regarding Weekly News and Governance as well as the training flyers

and the Local Government Boundary Commission consultation on New Council divisions and division boundaries.

1. **DATES FOR 2025 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS –** The dates for the Parish Council meetings to be held in 2025

were agreed.

1. **NEXT MEETING –** To be held on Wednesday 27 November, 2024 Ordinary Parish Council Meeting, to be held at

West Tanfield Village Hall, commencing at 7 pm.

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

Setting the Parish Council Precept 2025/26.

Meeting closed at 19:45 hrs.

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

**SIGNED: (Chairman)**

**DATE: …………………………………………………………………….**