

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 19th SEPTEMBER 2024

Attendees: David Griffin (DG)  
Carol Dixon (CD)  
Charlotte Russell (CR)  
Eileen Birrell (EB)  
Gerald Bainbridge (GB)  
Pauline Foster (PF)  
Keith Bristow (KB)

Apologies: Charles Brader (CB)  
Gordon McIllroy (GM)

### 1. New Members welcome:

DG (Chair) thanked Charlotte and Carol for offering to participate in the work of the Parish Council. This follows a process of advertising the vacancies and selection based upon candidates statements.

### 2. Minutes from the Meeting 24th May 2024.

The minutes from the meeting were accepted as a true record.

### 3. Matters raising

- a. Village signs: A quote from "JACS" for three Gateway signs has been received. Total cost ex works and VAT excluded is £2680. A second quote from Glasdon is expected soon at which point the two quotes will be circulated to PC members for a decision on purchase.
- b. Passing Places: After an initial rejection by NYCC to reinstate the signs on Fridaythorpe road they have decided to go ahead. Signs are available and we await their installation. GB to Progress.
- c. Thixendale Parish Website: After some research by GB into providers of parish Council websites with the domain .gov.uk the committee has agreed to discuss with David Lake the possibility of utilising out current village website to include PC communications and standards, this will be in addition to utilising Facebook and notice board displays. CD commented that downloading papers from the website is not possible and invokes a security warning: Action GB. The Governments Transparency Code places certain requirements on smaller authorities. see link: <https://parishcouncilwebsites.org.uk/transparency-code-for-smaller-authorities/>.
- d. Martinholme Flooding: There still remains a problem, during severe weather, with water ingress into a shed on Manor farm. GB to investigate with CB and refer concerns to NYCC.(This item carried over from last meeting)

### 3. AONB

The Village is due to host a "Drop in fact finding event" with Natural England in the village hall on November 6th 2024. It is part of the formal consultation phase that starts on 8th October . We have discussed our formal objection as a Parish Council following the extensive Parish Poll conducted in 2022. We agreed we would seek further views to establish if there has been any significant change in the intervening two years. If rejection is confirmed we propose to write expressing our objections to Thixendale Parish being included in the proposed AONB to Natural England. Action DG

### 4. Financial update

- a As of 22nd August 2024 there was £7580.20 in the parish account after payments of £206 to Zurich Insurance and £279 for a 50% share in the village noticeboard. The committee agreed to EB's proposal to move the current account to online banking.

### 5. AOB

- a York Local Council Association: EB has researched the benefits of membership of the association which include access to legal support, advice and training for Parish Councils. The cost per annum is approximately £140. The committee agreed to secure membership.

See link: <https://www.yorkshirelca.gov.uk/>

### 7. Road Works - Burdale road:

Whilst there was overall appreciation and agreement in the improved condition of the road there were concerns at the alternative routes offered while the road was closed. CD agreed to collect views from those who are on facebook .

### 8. Dates for PC meetings in 2024/25 are as follows (All in the village hall at 1800hrs):

Next Meetings : 9th January, 15th May + AGM