**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ERYHOLME PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD AT ST MARY'S CHURCH SUNDAY JULY 5TH AT 11 A.M.**

**Present.** Cllrs. M. Hirst, S. Pollard, R. Gibbon, B. Wrightson, M. Stephenson (Clerk)

**Apologies for Absence.** Cllr. Walker.

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Eryholme Parish Council** held at Westlands on Monday May 20th 2019, were read and signed by Cllr. Hirst as a true record.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes. (from this meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting held on the same day May 20th 2019.)**

**History of Eryholme**

The initial print run of 300 has almost sold out and sporadic orders are still coming in. The Sports Fund has benefited and there could be talk of a reprint for 2021.

**Signpost**

Cllr. Hirst suggested he contact a friend who has a sandblaster who might be able to help and complete the restoration at a lesser cost than the quote of over £1000 from a professional restorer received last year by the clerk. Cllr.Hirst also offered to remove the signpost himself with a tractor. It was agreed that the signpost had gone beyond general wear and tear/distressed look and although reminded by Cllr.Gibbon that Sir Mark liked it the way it is everyone agreed that something should be done about this before it collapsed completely or was removed as scrap by the District Council. Cllr. Hirst to report back on this in due course.

**Village Water supply**

The manganese filtration plant planned for last year had been held up due to the need for new housing and a delay from planning application decisions by RDC. Now due later this summer.

**Finance**

The balance in the Darlington Building Society Sports Fund is £1680.12 as at 31/3/20.

The balance in the Barclays Community Account as at 31/3/30 is a credit

balance of £297.66. The yearly accounts were summarised: Expenditure of £662.04 made up of: website annual subscription, grass cutting, YLCA subscription, Rent of the playing field from Neasham Estates, election of officers, Croft Village newsletter, insurance for playing field. Receipts comprised £600 for the precept (2 payments of £300) and a cheque for £10.

Cllr. Gibbon circulated the following documents:

The Certificate of Exemption to be forwarded to PKF Littlejohn; pages 4,5,6 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/2020, Accounts for the year 2019/2020.

Resolutions were approved and agreed as follows:

* That Eryholme Parish Council is exempt from external audit for the year 2019/2020 as its annual turnover does not exceed £25,000. (Proposed by Cllr. Hirst, seconded by Cllr. Pollard.)
* That Annual Internal Audit Report for 2019/2020 included at page 4 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/2020 be noted. . (Proposed by Cllr. Wrightson, seconded by Cllr. Pollard.)
* That Eryholme Parish Council approve Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2019/2020 for Eryholme Parish Council on page 5 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return2019/2020 (signed accordingly.) (Proposed by Cllr. Pollard, seconded by Cllr. Hirst.)
* That Eryholme Parish Council approve Section 2 Accounting Statements 2019/2020 for Eryholme Parish Council on page 6 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/2020 (signed accordingly.) (Proposed by Cllr. Wrightson, seconded by Cllr. Hirst.)
* That, in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 and the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities, Eryholme will publish the following documents on a public website:

Certificate of Exemption

Annual Internal Audit Report 2019/2020

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2019/2020

Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2019/2020, page 6

Analysis of variances

Bank Reconciliation to 31 March 2020

Notice of the period for the exercise of public rights and other information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

 (Proposed by Cllr. Hirst, seconded by Cllr. Gibbon.)

The accounts had been audited by Hugh Stephenson and they were duly signed off by the Chair and the Clerk.

**Election of Officers**. Due to the lockdown period and the fact that the annual meeting could not be held in May, following YLCA guidance, there is no need for any formal re-election of officers and all councillors agreed to stay in place until the next election of officers in May 2021.

**Correspondence.**

None of note relating to village except recent email from Dalton-on-Tees PC - see later AOB.

**Any Other Business**

**Defibrillator**

This had been costed by the Clerk and it would come to £1200-1500 (incl VAT) as it would be necessary to have it outside. Councillors decided the money would be better spent on other things as this would be difficult to position and due to the spread out nature of the village would not necessarily be of use. There is a defibrillator at Dalton outside the Chequers Inn.

**Number of Parish Council meetings a year.**

It was agreed that from now on there would be three dates of meetings - one in February, one in May (annual plus regular PC meeting on the same date) and one in November.

**Proposal for Slurry Lagoon between Dalton and Eryholme Lane, off the A167.**

The clerk drew the councillors' attention to the following:

[Full Planning Permission for 10,000m³ Slurry / Digestate Lagoon to Store Product for use of Fertiliser in Summer Months and Associated Access Track as Additional Information Received 14.04.20](https://planning.richmondshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=PWXZGXNA0ET00&activeTab=summary)

Field To The North Of The A167 Northallerton Road Dalton On Tees North Yorkshire

Ref. No: 19/00608/FULL | Validated: Mon 18 Nov 2019 | Status: Awaiting decision

The application had been brought to the attention of the clerk by some villagers who had asked her to follow up and discuss at the next parish council meeting. This had briefly been mentioned at the last PC meeting in passing by Cllrs. Gibbon and Pollard but had not been deemed an important item for discussion on the agenda and there had been no formal letter from Richmondshire District Council sent to the Parish Council with full details.

Given more information since then, there was surprise from the councillors that the PC had not been officially consulted. Cllr. Gibbon felt the proposed lagoon would not impact the village greatly, a view agreed to by Cllr. Hirst and Cllr. Wrightson to some extent. However the size of the lagoon was seen as too large, and it was decided that the clerk would forward the link to the councillors for consideration, and put the information on the village Facebook page. Also that the clerk would write to Richmondshire District Council in her capacity as Parish Clerk to express surprise that there had been no consultation, that the deadline for comments had been in April when it had been illegal to hold any parish meetings, and that the lagoon seemed much larger than necessary as the farmer did not have enough land of his own to warrant such a large amount of slurry - and therefore was planning to bring in slurry from other sources to store as a commercial waste storage and transfer business.

The discussion continued noting the fact that the prevailing wind was from the west and therefore we could be impacted by the stench although Cllr. Gibbon said that if the lagoon was covered there should not be a problem. It was noted that this lagoon is 2 1/2 miles from where the farmer lives, in Hambleton District. It was also discussed that traffic on an already dangerous road (A167) would increase, although Cllrs. Hirst and Wrightson did not think this would be considerable.

**Summer Event**

This was not seen as viable in the current climate and would be reviewed for next summer 2021.

**There being no further business the meeting concluded at 12 p.m.**

**The next Parish council meeting will be held at Westlands, on Monday November 9th 2020 at 7.30 p.m. Date to be re-confirmed nearer the time.**