**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT**

**ST MARY'S CHURCH ON SUNDAY JULY 5TH 2020 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 Meeting** held at Westlands on Monday 10th February 2020 were read and signed by Cllr. Hirst as a true record.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

**Defibrillator**

Clerk had checked out costs, it was decided by the councillors it would be too expensive and too difficult to locate, and unlikely to be of great use to the majority of the village.

**Eryholme History Book**

Almost sold out, sporadic sales ongoing, reprint possible next year.

**Website**

The clerk to look at uploading more documents to the website.

**Finance:**

The balance in the Barclays Community Account as at end of March 2020 was a credit balance of £297.66, with payments made for grass cutting, rental and insurance of playing field, election and Croft Newsletter.

The balance in the Sports Fund Account as at today's date is a credit balance of £1715.12.

**Correspondence:**

None except email from Dalton on Tees PC concerning proposed slurry lagoon in the vicinity.

**Any other business:**

**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 pm.**

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday November 9th 2020,**

**at 7.30 pm, to be held at Westlands and reconfirmed nearer the time.**