

WOMBLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD at 7pm ON TUESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2025 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Cllr M Cleland (chair), Cllr B Grice, Cllr A Dodson, Cllr J Gurling, J Boulton (Clerk) and one member of the public.

1. Public forum. The chair of the Village Hall Committee, Annah Dodson, said the Committee had applied for a grant of £23,568 to help fund the village hall refurbishment. The majority of this will come from North Yorkshire Council. The Committee has enough funds for the whole refurbishment but is asking for a contribution of £1500 (about half of the contribution needed from the Village Hall Committee) from the Parish Council. Annah said that a contribution would help fund further improvements such as to the village hall lighting. DEFERRED: the Parish Council decided to consider this matter further at the next meeting in March.

2. Apologies. Apologies were received from Cllr E Howell.

3. To complete the appointment of the Clerk. The Clerk said she was happy to accept the offer and sign the contract, which needed a small adjustment.

4. Members to declare an interest in any of the items below. There were no declarations of interest.

5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2024. The minutes were approved and signed.

6. To note any matters of the meeting held on 4 December 2024 not covered elsewhere on the agenda. There were none.

7. Planning There were no planning matters.

8. To consider a request for the installation of a memorial plaque for Bomber Command. 8.1 to decide if the request is to be carried out; 8.2 to decide the position of the plaque and the implications of the site. Cllr B Grice said he thought there was a list of Bomber Command men somewhere in the village. RESOLVED:

Cllr Cleland to get in touch with the church to find out more about the list of men from Bomber Command before deciding the details of the proposed plaque at the next meeting. It was felt that it should be accommodated somewhere. Cllr Cleland to contact Benoit Howson with an update.

9. To agree the purchase of a lockable filing cabinet to store the Parish Council archive. 9.1 to agree the design and cost; 9.2 to agree the purchase. RESOLVED: Cllr Cleland to purchase a filing cabinet at a cost of £99.99 which will be kept in the village hall to store Parish Council archives.

10. To consider the response from Highways with regards to the report filed about the drains on Aerodrome Road.

RESOLVED: Cllr Cleland to contact Cllr Greg White about the Parish Council's continuing concerns over the drains.

11. To consider a litter pick in the parish. 11.1 to set the date; 11.2 to plan the litter pick process. RESOLVED: Cllr Cleland to speak to one of the organisers and organise litter pick kits. A provisional date of Sunday 9 March was suggested, with another litter pick on a date to be confirmed in September. The event will be publicised in the newsletter and on the What's On Wombledon Facebook page.

12. To look at and agree the change of venue for the April meeting. RESOLVED: to hold the April meeting in the Sports Pavilion due to the Village Hall refurbishment.

13. Chair's report (verbal) Cllr Cleland reported all the faulty lights in the village, of which there were several, three weeks ago to North Yorkshire Council. RESOLVED: Clerk to send a reminder to North Yorkshire Council that the lights were still not working. On a positive note, there had been some gulley cleaning in Page Lane and Washbeck Lane.

Cllr Cleland said the parish noticeboard was in a poor state, with ivy growing around it. She said it was shared with the church. Repair/cleaning to be discussed at a future meeting.

Cllr Cleland also said that there was some ivy growing on a lamppost at the junction of Back Lane and Nawton Road which needed removing before the light can be fixed. RESOLVED: Clerk to ask their groundsman Phil Gospel if he can remove the ivy from the lamppost so the light can be mended.

14. Clerk's report (verbal). The new Clerk did not have a report as such but said the banking should be modernised, there should be a new website and laptop. Cllr Cleland has been in touch with YLCA about getting a laptop. RESOLVED: Clerk to get in touch with Andrew Graham (Kirkbymoorside accountant) regarding payroll. The Clerk said she would prefer to be paid monthly, but it may be more expedient to be paid three-monthly because there were only eight meetings per year.