

WEETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 10 May 2016

At 7.45pm in Almscliffe Hall.

1. Minutes of the last meeting were circulated having been approved on 7 July 2015.
2. Correspondence None received.
3. Chairman's Report

This has been a 12 month period where a number of significant issues had to be resolved by the Parish Council, notably:-

Harrogate Development Plan. As a result of a swift response setting out our concerns, we were informed that no land would be taken from the Green Belt for housing.

Funding Cuts. Despite cuts in funding and services provided by Harrogate and North Yorkshire Councils, we have been able to maintain a good standard of environmental care-footpaths, verges and communal areas etc. throughout the Parish.

Highway Repairs. Once again swift action from the Council ensured that the main road through the village, having been re-surfaced, was re-painted with the same traffic calming markings.

Speed Awareness Programme. A contentious issue with all residents in the Parish. Numerous surveys have been undertaken and the results passed on to North Yorkshire Police. It remains an on-going problem.

Parking. Inconsiderate parking by station users resulted in numerous complaints being made to traffic police. They responded with increased patrols and the issuing of parking tickets where appropriate. This course of action will be continued.

The Council will continue to serve the needs of the community and will always welcome any input from Parishioners.

4. **Annual Accounts.** Having been circulated these were now approved, proposed by D.Needham and seconded by N.Anderson.
5. **Matters raised by Parishioners**

Parking problems Weeton Lane and Kingsway.

Cllr Trotter advised that NYCC were investigating the problems that would arise due to the proposed increase in housing to 1500 and the proposed improvement of the Rail infrastructure incorporating new and more trains. Suggestions have been discussed regarding a Park and Ride scheme for rail users. Pannal Station car park now had a parking charge. This was resulting in rails users parking at other locations causing extra parking problems.

Suggestions that were raised:-

1. Use the green area at the bottom of Kingsway
2. Double yellow lines on corners at Weeton Lane and Kingsway.
3. Re-site the bike shelter on the platform.
4. Check on the lease of the Coal Yard.
5. Use the green space at the end of the lane
6. Investigate the costs of residents only parking zones
7. Investigate in the future any land development proposed for future housing.
8. Installation of speed awareness equipment on the main road

In closing the meeting the Chairman advised that some of the proposals would be investigated.

6. Date for next meeting tba. Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed.

Dated.