

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE WHITE SWAN WIGHILL ON 6 JANUARY 2025

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Mr A Hamilton, Mr J Garside, Mrs D Spry, Mrs L Richardson, Mrs A Ward  
Mr L T I Grant (Clerk/RFO)

**County Councillor:** Mr A Paraskos

4 Members of the Public attended

**Prior to commencing the meeting under standing orders, Cllrs discussed the current initiative by HM Government, encouraging Councillors to use a Parish Website and individual email addresses, which are GDPR Compliant, in place of personal email addresses. Cllrs agreed that this was a change which they approved, with one Cllr wishing to carrying out further research before agreeing. The change will be implemented using the existing website hosting organisation, when all Cllrs are satisfied with the arrangement.**

1.	<b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b> None received
2.	<b><u>Public Questions and Statements</u></b> None received Members of the public present at the meeting, wished to comment on the latest Planning Application for Ainsty Farm. Objections to the proposed scheme had been registered on line and the scheme had been amended. The amendments had been noted and objections removed.
4.	<b><u>Highways Matters</u></b> Frequency of Highway Sweeping In Wighill The Clerk was asked to write to Area 6 for a copy of Area 6's schedule of road sweeping and gully cleaning in Wighill
5.	<b><u>Police Matters</u></b>
5.1	Parking in Wighill Complaints continue to be received about the speed of traffic travelling down Church Lane and cars parked on Main Street close to the bend at the junction with Church Lane. A cyclist had recently had an accident when entering the bend and had been hospitalised. It is not clear if the accident was caused by parked vehicles near the junction. The Clerk was asked to draw the attention of PC Olesqui to this issue.
5.2	Tadcaster Runner Annual Event through Wighill The annual event has caused problems for residents in Wighill and employees of the White Swan, where access has been refused on race days. Cllrs were minded to encourage this local event, provided that Marshall's were reminded that they had no authority to deny access to local residents, their visitors and employees working at the Village pub. The Clerk was asked to confirm these conditions to Tadcaster Runners

<b>6.</b>	<b><u>Financial Matters</u></b>
6.1	Funds Received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● None received</li> </ul>
6.2	Bank Balance The NatWest bank account balance at 31 January 2025 was £5,511.62 A copy of the bank statement had been circulated previously to all Cllrs. There were no comments or queries about the Bank Account.
6.3	Invoice received and to be paid by email approval of Cllrs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● None received</li> </ul>
<b>7.</b>	<b><u>Planning and Related Matters</u></b>
7.1	Planning Applications received and to be determined. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ainsty Farm erection of new dwelling in place of approved Conversion of agricultural building.</li> </ul> After discussion, Cllrs agreed to instruct the Clerk to advise Harrogate Planners: ( A ) The Parish Council has <b>NO OBJECTIONS.</b>
7.2	Planning Decisions Notified <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● None received</li> </ul>
7.3	Planning Enforcement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Car Sales – Brook Hall Farm</li> </ul> The owner of Brook Hall Farm was present at the meeting to answer question raised. He confirmed that he had met the Enforcement Officer over a year previous and explained his operations. The Enforcement Officer had suggested the recording of activities at his property, which had been carried out. The Enforcement Officer had then confirmed his satisfaction to the Parish Council that no change of use application for the current activities was required. The Parish Councillors were satisfied with the results of the Enforcement Officer's decision and agreed that no further action would be taken by the Parish Council.
<b>8.</b>	<b><u>PC Administration</u></b>
9.1	Highway Grass Verge maintenance in Wighill. Nothing agreed
9.2	Newsletter Wighill The latest draft of the first newsletter was agreed, with thanks offered to the Councillors involved in the preparation. Those organisation who wished to advertise in the newsletter to defray the costs of the newsletter, were to pay for their advert through the PC's bank account, when an invoice would be issued.
<b>10</b>	Councillors Business Items for the next Meeting Cllrs felt that the next meeting should be held in April 2025, with any agreement on issues associated with the PC newsletter being agreed by email.
	<b><u>Next Meeting</u></b> 16 April 2025

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