

**WEST WITTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING 13TH JULY 2017**

Present:

Cllr David Brown (Chairman), Cllr Christine Donovan-Brown, Cllr Diana Allen,
Cllr Graham Bottley
Tc Harker (Parish Clerk)
3 Members of the Public

Apologies:

Cllr Caroline Thornton-Berry (Richmondshire District Council)

Approval of Minutes of 11th May 2017

The minutes were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising:

- West Burton School. Cllr Bottley reported that West Burton School is potentially under threat of closure, which is controversial as it was federated with Askrigg and Bainbridge schools a year ago in order to secure its future. It was agreed to write a letter of support to West Burton School highlighting its importance in our community. Cllr Bottley will write this.
- Dogleg Lane. The culvert that runs beneath the footpath on Dogleg Lane appears to be damaged, and blocked last year, forcing water into the adjoining properties at Pondsides Barn and Pond Cottage, Nigel Metcalfe from YDNP met with Cllr Brown and inspected this. A meeting has been arranged for tomorrow (14th July) with Paul Tweed from NYCC Flood authority with Cllr Brown and Mr and Mrs Shepherd of Pondsides Barn, his advice will be sought regarding the grille and possible flood gate at the pond also. Mrs Shepherd has agreed to take notes at this meeting.

Any Other Matters arising:

- The Local Government Boundary Commission has formally commenced an electoral review of Richmondshire District Council, our views have been sought on future ward boundaries for the council. This can be done at <https://consultation/lgbce.org.uk>. A poster will be placed on the notice board regarding this.

Planning Issues:

- The application for camping pods at Chatsworth Cottage has been withdrawn.
- The application for a conservatory at 6 Chantry Garth has been passed.
- The application for creation of a dwelling at Home Farm has been passed subject to section 106 approval.
- The application for ancillary accommodation at Greystones has been passed subject to section 106 approval.
- The retrospective application for permission to erect dog kennels at Hargill, Swinithwaite has been refused.

Financial Issues:

£60 was received from U3A for croquet and payment was made to AG Garden services for £115.

Swinithwaite news/issues:

Nothing to report in this meeting.

Any Other Business:

- Parish Portal. The new RDC parish portal for online reporting of highways issues has proved impossible to access, Tc Harker will try to request a new username and password.
- Bench at Nanny Well, Denzil Miles has kindly purchased a bench.

Date and Time of next Meeting:

This is scheduled for 21st September at 7:30 in the Village Hall.