**Over Wyresdale Parish Council**

**Minutes** of OWPC Meeting held at Over Wyresdale Parish Hall January 22nd 2020

1. **Attendance:** Mr. Mark Atkinson (Chairman), Mr John Drinkall, Mr. Tom Entwistle (Vice-chairman), Mrs. Vicky O’Neill, Mr. Barry Pye and Mr. Mason Townley.

Clerk – Mrs. Christine Coleman. All Councillors were present.

1. **The Minutes** of the last meeting were accepted and signed as a true record; Mr. Tom Entwistle proposed and Mr. Mason Townley seconded the minutes to be accepted as a true record. The handwritten record was duly signed by the chairman in the Minute Book.
2. **Matters Arising from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda.** A member of the council is going to identify and check the six parish benches with a potential new maintenance person from the parish to see what the work would involve to upkeep the seats. Health and safety issues are paramount. A quotation upon acceptance of this role will be required for the full council to peruse and accept as a Body.
3. **There was no declaration of interests.**

**5.** **Finance:** a) Bank Balance. The current account is £2123.64

The business account is £ 914.43

(In- £4532.64, out- £2409= £2123.64 in current account.

b) The Parish Council Precept/ Budget Review for Year 2020/21. The Council

resolved to set the same rate as previous years of £1,500 which means each household in the Parish will have a Parish Tax of £11.85 – a decrease of 12p from last year.

c) The clerk was reimbursed £8.93 for the new website hosting with One.com. This will be an annual decrease of £25.81 for the discontinued previous website hosting.

The Council are unanimously pleased with the new, simple to upload, informative website, designed by Robert Coleman. The cost incurred is only for the web hosting, as above.

d) The Council was made aware of the kind donation received towards a defibrillator for £500 by Legend Fires North West Stages Car Rally 2020. The rally was enjoyed in the summer of 2019 by all councillors and was a treat to watch. Legend Fires would like a publicity photo shoot of one of their cars by the adopted BT phone booth when the defibrillator is installed.

**6. To consider Planning Applications.** These were discussed and all had already been approved.

**7. Highways.** The drain by the road between Lentworth and the Church has still not been cleared.

a) Plantation lane. LHS Streetworks closed the road on January 9th to enable carriageway patching to take place. The drains on Plantation lane - water was washing away the side of the road causing deep ruts, precarious for high sided vehicles, on one occasion a lorry had to be towed out. The drains have now been jetted and sorted by parishioners.

b) Brow Top. Many parishioners use this road, it floods over the carriageway on the bend and is an extra hazard when freezing as the incline is steep and twisting making it treacherous.

**8. Correspondence.** BT Telephone Kiosk Adoption. A full consultation of the District Council commenced on 21st November 2019 to consent adoption. A further 6 – 8 weeks (April 16thaprox) to arrange signing of contracts and removal of the telephone equipment will occur before the defibrillator can be installed.

The Parish Council would be responsible for ongoing costs/maintenance. Suppliers website for costs of glass panes etc is wwwx2connect.com. BT will pay for the electricity supply, this is only to the point of the main fuse, all internal wiring beyond this point to the light is maintained by the parish council, includingreplacing the light bulb. The P.C. does not pay to remove the telephone equipment, only the fitting of the box and defibrillator. ([payphones@bt.com](mailto:payphones@bt.com)).

**9. Any other matters.** a) A single bank mandate has been completed and signed by necessary parties.

b) Regarding the security of the defibrillator – the council came up with some creative solutions. The clerk is to investigate.

c) It was noted there is an informative government website for rural communities for funding etc called, Rural Services Network.

**10. Date of next meeting – March 11th 2020**

**The meeting closed at 8.40pm.**