

Wath and Norton Conyers Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00pm on
Monday 18 January 2016 at Samwaies Hall**

1. **Present:** Cllr J Graham (Chairman) Cllr J Clarke (Vice Chairman), Cllr A Blake
Cllr G Peace S Hare (Clerk). Mr R Ellerbeck
2. **Apologies:** Cllr S Taylor
3. **Declaration of interest in items in the agenda.** None
4. **Minutes of the meeting** held on 24 November 2015 were approved and signed.
(Cllr Clarke proposed and Cllr Blake seconded).
5. **Village Enhancement:** Mr Ellerbeck raised his concern regarding a number of
delivery vehicles to the Heck site using Bedale Lane rather than the Thornborough
Road route. The Clerk to contact Heck to ask them to remind their delivery vehicles
to avoid Wath village by turning left on leaving their premises.

(Action: Clerk)

Mr Ellerbeck also raised the question of school buses driving along Bedale Lane
which is a narrow road and usually has parked cars on both sides of the road. The
Clerk to contact the three companies concerned - Procters, John Smiths and
Abbots to ask their drivers to drive carefully through the village especially when
passing other vehicles.

(Action: Clerk)

Mr Ellerbeck left the meeting.

6. **(a) Planning applications:** None

(b) Any other planning applications received after the posting of the agenda:
None
7. **Planning decisions:** None
8. **Planning appeals/withdrawn/enforcement:**
 - **1 Norton Close:** A planning enforcement notice had been received
reporting a possible breach of planning summarised as unauthorised change
of use of land to domestic curtilage. The site was visited by the Enforcement
Officer on 16 December 2015 and he reported:

No evidence of the domestic curtilage being extended into agricultural/paddock land was observed at the time of the site inspection. In view of this no further action will be taken in the matter at the present time.

9. **Other planning matters:** None

10. Village Enhancement

- **Bulbs:** The bulbs have been planted on the Tanfield Lane approach to the village.
- **Christmas Lights:** The lights were switched off at the end of the Christmas season and it was agreed not to remove them from the trees.
- **Lime Trees:** The Clerk to ask ArborTech for advice regarding pollarding the lime trees. Advice also on a substance to avoid damage by rainfall to the trees. The diameter is no more than 40mm. **(Action: Clerk)**
- **Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations:** It was agreed to take part in the Beacon Lighting Ceremony on 21 April. The Clerk to notify the Pageant Master. Details on catering for the event/street party/location to be discussed at the next meeting. **(Action: Clerk)**

11. **Dog Fouling:** Advice from the Dog Warden to be sought regarding the dogs from the Rectory roaming freely around the village. **(Action: Clerk)**

12. Highways

- **Footpath to Melmerby:** The footpath has been inspected and an order raised by Highways. The timescale could not be confirmed.
- **Gullies:** The gullies were inspected in December by Highways and no evidence of blockages was apparent. Highways to be asked to inspect the two gullies on Main Street on either side of the road by The George. **(Action Clerk)**
- **Becks:** The becks were discussed but there is no evidence of flooding at this time.
- **Salt:** Agenda item for the next meeting.

13. **Accounts:** The following cheques were raised:

- £24.00 Samwaies Hall for the hire in November and January

