



<p>surgery has been removed.</p> <p>There is a section of the path on the East side of the A19, roughly opposite the Garden Centre, which is becoming overgrown by the trees. Councillor Boulton agreed to report it to City Highways.</p>	Boulton
<p>5. Matters raised by the public and Councillors:</p> <p>“Whitby Wood” – Mr Barry Ottley, Vice Chairman of “Treemendous” York, gave the meeting a brief introduction to the Treemendous initiative and to the “Whitby Wood” project which is planning to plant a wood in an area behind Fairfield Manor.</p> <p>He asked whether the Council would help with the funding for the project. While the meeting was very supportive of the project it was agreed that clarification of the proposed funding arrangements was needed. Clerk is to seek advice from the YLCA.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>17.009</b> Matters arising from the minutes</p>	
<p>1. Cemetery:</p> <p>Boundary Wall - We have received 4 quotes for rebuilding the front boundary walls. Two were shortlisted but It was agreed that we needed further information about one of them before making a decision.</p> <p>Rose Garden – The Rose Garden is in urgent need of weeding; the Clerk reported that he has been in touch with the village maintenance contractor about it and has asked for it to be done with the next grass cut.</p>	Clerk
<p>2. Del Monte development (standing item)</p> <p>There was nothing new to report.</p>	
<p>3. Neighbourhood Plan (NP) (standing item)</p> <p>There will be no further activity until the City progresses the Local Plan.</p>	
<p>4. Local Plan (standing item)</p> <p>The latest information from the City is that the next draft will be out for consultation in July or August.</p>	
<p>5. Playground</p> <p>The quote for the repairs was reviewed and it was <b>resolved</b> to accept. It was agreed that the playground is an essential village asset and that Council needs to continue to budget to maintain it.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>17.010</b> Receive and decide on necessary action resulting from verbal reports from the Clerk or Councillors on matters in hand</p>	
<p>The Clerk reported on two matters:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We had asked the Internal Auditor for advice about how to deal with monies for projects in the end of year accounts. Her advice was that there is no particular procedure for reserving monies when producing the accounts, a descriptive explanation of future work &amp; budgetary plans is sufficient for audit purposes.</li> <li>• The new “dogs on lead” sign for the playground has been fitted on the gate.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>17.011</b> Planning</p>	
<p>1. New Applications</p> <p>a. 17/01063/TPO - 15 The Vale - Pollard Beech and Sycamore trees; prune 2. Sycamores protected by Tree Preservation Order No.: 1973/107 – it was <b>resolved</b> to support the application.</p> <p>b. 17/01102/FUL - Skelton Manor Church Lane- Change of use to a Guest House – by a majority vote it was <b>resolved</b> to support the application; the Chairman did not vote.</p> <p>2. Updates to applications:</p> <p>a. 17/00262/FUL – Glen Cottage, Stripe Lane – The applicant has</p>	Clerk

appealed against the City's decision to refuse.

#### 17.012 Financial Matters

1. It was **resolved** to receive and approve the reports on the Council's financial position as at 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017.
2. Council noted the following receipts:
 

a. Northern Powergrid, Wayleave	£6.95
b. VAT refund	£5,591.74
and payments / charges:	
None	
3. It was **resolved** to approve for payment the following: -
 

a. Litter Picker's salary for April	£72.00
b. Clerk's salary and expenses for April inc. VAT £0.00	£682.93
c. Tax for April	£94.80
d. Park Lane Playgrounds, Playground inspection inc. VAT £7.00 (28/4/17, 1948)	£42.00
e. HCI, Renewal of DNS services inc. VAT £15.07 (30/4/17, 15309)	£90.40
f. TR Landscaping, Village maintenance contract inc. VAT £126.27 (28/4/17, 7430)	£757.60
4. Additional items circulated at the meeting  
It was **resolved** to approve the following for payment:
 

a. Peter Turpin, Printing the newsletter inc VAT £0.00 (28/4/17, 38422)	£218.00
b. P Harrison, Internal audit inc. VAT £0.00 (24/5/17)	£86.80

#### 17.013 New Items and correspondence for consideration or decision

1. Defibrillator  
After considerable discussion it was decided by a majority vote not to install a unit in the village. Given the proximity of ambulance services to the village, the majority view was that a defibrillator would not provide any additional benefit.
2. Village Signs  
The Chairman presented a report on the signs at each of the entrances to the village, viz. Stripe Lane, Church Lane, A19, Moorlands Road. It was agreed that, bar the Moorlands Road sign, they all need some work. As it was in the worst condition, it was agreed to get quotes for replacing the composite of four signs on Church Lane ("Easingwold 9¼m" "Skelton" "York 3½m" "XIII<sup>th</sup> Century Church") with a single new sign incorporating the four elements.  
What action to take about the other signs will be discussed at a later meeting, once we know the cost of replacing the one on Church Lane. The Chairman reported that the SVT had kindly offered to cut back the vegetation obscuring the signs.
3. Internal Auditor's Report  
The Internal Auditor had carried out her review on 22<sup>nd</sup> May and the Chairman read out her report in which she said that she found no matters to draw to members' attention and that the accounts were well kept and a clear audit trail was evident.  
It was **resolved** to accept the report.
4. New seat along the Pasture path  
It was decided in principle that a seat was required. The Clerk was asked to get prices for buying and installing one.

#### 17.014 Minor Matters delegated to the Clerk and items for the next agenda.

1. Results of the survey in the newsletter
2. Sign on the A19

Clerk

**17.015** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council will be on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017 starting at 19:30.