

ELVINGTON

ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

Tuesday 22nd April 2008 at 7.30pm
Elvington Village Hall

MINUTES

1. **The Chairman welcomed** 19 residents to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** were received from C. Fewster.
3. **Minutes** of last years meeting were accepted as a true record. (Proposed by J. Woodford; seconded by T. Wilson).

4. Ian Bailey presented the **Chairman's Report 2007-08.**

Flood Protection. Most importantly the scheme is operative, giving 1 in 100 year protection. The final cost will probably be in excess of £400,000 but the Environment Agency will be funding most of the overspend. The Parish Council has to find about £5,000 more than expected for the pumping station but this will be paid from existing balances.

Policing. Happy to report only minor incidents in the village and no anti-social behaviour for the second year. A few crimes occurred on the Industrial Estates. It means little visible policing although police officers do respond if needed. It is planned that a mobile Police Office will visit the village.

Environment. There has been progress on a number of fronts: Millennium name signs repaired, bus shelter repaired, grants for bulbs and trees, dog bins sited, paths and roads repaired when necessary and White House Grove and Beech Close were surface dressed. The Parish Council is considering asking for a grant to get some Main Street pavements resurfaced, which would cost £6,000 from pub to school. The process of registering the known boundaries of the village green continues – a tidying up exercise.

Societies. The sports club is having a good year. The Village Hall is hoping to extend store rooms. The Scouts and Guides are strong – as is the Air Museum. Remembrance Day arrangements are already being addressed. The Maze will open on York Road this year. There has been interest in establishing allotments.

Airfield. The delayed appeal concerning noise abatement will be held in the Crown Court in May. City of York Council are pursuing this relentlessly. The Parish Council is pressing for local consultations. The planning application for hangars is to go to the Planning Inspectorate. CYC will still consider the application to establish its position. The recommendation is to refuse because it is green belt and there are no very special circumstances. Additionally not all information requested has been supplied.

Mast (part of an on-site wind power generation scheme). This was approved by CYC planners despite local opposition. It was thought to be unobtrusive and was for a short period of time. The Parish Council has set up a small group to consider the subsequent issues.

Transport. The volume, noise, and speed of traffic continues to give concern. Cllr. Vassie has agreed to progress a traffic study. Proposals for a review of the bus services are also to be taken forward by CYC. The Parish Council would like to see a feeder service to Grimston Bar Park & Ride established.

Thanks were given to Councillors, the Clerk, societies and the community for making Elvington the pleasant place to live in that it is.

5. The **Financial Statement** was presented by the Clerk. The accounts for the year showed the principle items of income and expenditure and the funds held.

6. **Presentations:**

CYC Head of Engineering Consultancy. Ray Chaplin detailed the work undertaken as part of the flood defence scheme involving Environment Agency, Drainage Board and CYC. The becks, culverts and gullies have all been cleared to ensure a free flow of water – but the bridges on the green may restrict the flow at times of heavy rain. New screens/handrails are being considered for the headwall on the green and the gauge board will be changed to coincide with the level of the River Derwent. At the pumping station some work is outstanding – and landscaping will be the final task, which could take a further four weeks starting in May. Questions were asked on the level of protection now provided and the maintenance of the screens. It was stressed that new signage and procedures were necessary for road closures given the new situation.

CYC Ward Councillor. Christian Vassie commended the proactive approach of Elvington to issues such as flood defence. He defended the decision to allow the mast to be sited but wanted more engagement with Yorkshire Water. There should be a benefit to the community. An offer to trial a rubberised road surface seems to have failed due to a failed PFI bid. He will be looking for different ways to progress this. As regards the bus service, councils cannot run buses, and the relationship with First can be difficult. He hopes CYC will be more visionary in future, with issues such as smart street lighting. It was stated we live in the safest ward in the city. He will chase accident data for the B1228.

7. **General Forum.**

The main item discussed was the provision of allotments. J Wedgwood stated there was interest from a number of residents. The Parish Council will be considering what help it can give at its next meeting.

A Humphries questioned additional traffic arrangements arising from the relocation of the Maze to York Road.

Ian Bailey thanked all those present for attending and the meeting ended at 8.50pm when light refreshments were served.