

ELVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 28th July 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

MINUTES

1. **Councillors Present.** Cllrs Bailey, Rees, Forster, Nicholson, Taylor, Wilson.
2. **Apologies.** Cllr Webster.
3. **Declaration of Interests** by Councillors of any items on this agenda. Cllr Wilson declared a personal interest in Item 13, registration of village green.
4. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meetings held on 30.6.2009 and 21.7.2009 were approved as a true record.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda.** There were none.
6. **Police matters.** Laura Smith reported five crimes during the month.

7. Correspondence (out):

- i) Cheque letters
- ii) Request for Cllr Taylor to attend Development Control Seminar
- iii) Letter to Senior Citizens congratulating receipt of Queens Award for Volunteers
- iv) Reply to resident over incident on village green
- v) Reply to resident on repair of B1228 near Grimston Bar
- vi) Letter to Morrell Middleton informing them of intention to take over payroll
- vii) Request for VAT reclaim

Correspondence (in):

- (i) Periodicals: York Voluntary Voice; York Open Planning Forum Newsletter; Streets Ahead
- (ii) NYCC – National Byways Trust – Trans Pennine Spur Cycle Route survey
- (iii) Community Foundation Cycle Ride update
- (iv) 2009 NALC Leadership Academy
- (v) CYC Local Development Framework – Core Strategy Preferred Options
- (vi) SLCC Regional Conference for the North
- (vii) NALC Awards for Local Councils
- (viii) Register of Electors – July update [*circulated*]
- (ix) Yorkshire Water response to Open Day request
- (x) Mencap – request for funding
- (xi) Consultation on CYC Statement of Licensing Policy

8. Financial.

The following Receipts were noted:

Flood Defence Scheme Ltd. – balance on closure - £128.91
CYC – Playbuilder funds - £47,000.00

Minute 09025. The following Payments were approved:

S J Danby Ltd. – interim payment for new play area - £18,400.00
Petty Cash - £35.00
Elvington Village Hall – June meeting - £13.00
D J Headlam – flowers for play area opening - £15.00
S & S Services – July grass cuts - £200.00

Other financial items:

(a) The operating statement was presented; (b) **Minute 09026.** It was agreed to update the Chairman's Chain of Office at a cost of about £45.

9. Planning Matters.

The following Approval was noted:

09/00944 – Sports Club, Elvington Lane – new play area

Other matters:

E-consultation. Minute 09027. Council agreed that the website be used to provide a link to local planning matters on the CYC portal. The Clerk will alert Cllrs on receipt of applications in the future. **DH**

Airfield – noise abatement – Council has been notified that Elvington Park's appeal in the High Court has been upheld. It means that, in future, if residents feel there is unreasonable noise at the airfield they will have to complain again to CYC, who would have a duty to investigate. However, Council hoped that CYC and EPL would have meaningful discussions in order to reach a satisfactory solution.

An unsolicited letter received from Wheldrake Parish Council was discussed. No action is planned.

10. Reports from recent meetings. Cllr Bailey reported on the Ward Committee meeting that was held at the same time as the play area opening.

11. Elvington Lock. The Environment Agency has disclosed that proposals for the closure of the lock are being considered. Costs of repairs are high given the low usage and state of the bottom gate, which is not owned by the EA. Council has been told they will be kept informed of developments.

12. Ward Grant 2010/11. Council agreed to progress an application for a 'Walking to School Path Improvement' grant. The aim would be to resurface the pavements on Main Street through the village, in stages if necessary. Cllr Bailey and the Clerk will establish if any work can be done this year – and will then be in a position to make a specific proposal for 2010/11 at the next meeting. **IB/DH**

13. Village Green. It was agreed that a negotiated solution should be sought to the objection of the Council's application to register the village green. **DH**

14. Play Area. Cllr Bailey reported on the very successful opening of the play area. All reported a very positive reaction to the new facilities. Cllr Taylor reported feedback that the location of the main gate could be improved; litter bins should be provided (and regularly emptied) and that a better surface should be put down on the approach to the area. All will be reviewed. Additionally, the equipment has to be added to the list of the Council's assets and the insurers notified. It was agreed to formally review issues concerning the area annually. An Inspection Certificate will be requested from Playscheme. **IB/DH/MG**

15. Bus Services. To discuss fare levels. This item was deferred to next month.

16. Highways, paths and verges. The following items will be progressed by the Clerk: further damage to Derwent Bridge; fall of footpath near school; overhanging hedge on pavement near Farleigh; entrance area to Water Treatment Works. **DH**

17. Risk Assessment. It was agreed that Cllrs Rees and Webster will undertake review and report to the next meeting. **PR/JW**

18. Items for Newsletter. There were none.

19. Items to be placed on next Agenda. Remembrance Day; Bus Services; Ward Grant 2010/11; Risk Assessment.

The meeting ended at 9.20pm.

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