

**ELVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**Clerk to the Council: David Headlam**  
**Bramland House, Dovecote Garth, Elvington, York YO41 4BH**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

**MINUTES**

1. **Election of Chairman.** Cllr Bailey was unanimously elected Chairman. Cllr Rees was unanimously elected Vice Chairman.
  2. **Councillors Present.** Cllrs Bailey; Rees; Forster; Nicholson; Taylor; Webster; Wilson.
  3. **Apologies.** There were none.
  4. **Declaration of Interests** by Councillors of any items on this agenda. Cllr Rees declared a personal interest in Item 10 09/00707. Cllr Bailey declared a personal interest in Item 10 CYC251.
  5. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 21.4.2009 were approved as a true record.
  6. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda.** There were none.
  7. **Police matters.** Laura Smith reported two crimes on the industrial estates. Traffic Management has requested that no more Speed Concern Reports be submitted. They have got the message – and the B1228 will be targeted for speed checks!
  8. **Correspondence (out):**
    - i) Cheque letters
    - ii) Reply to resident about activities of Parish Council
    - iii) Joint letter with Sutton on Derwent PC to ERYC requesting risk assessment on River Derwent Bridge
    - iv) Thank you to Tom Piercey for his presentation at Annual Parish Meeting
    - v) Response to consultation on Sustainable Communities Act. *Council has suggested that a portion of business rates could be diverted to the parish to enable subsidies to be paid locally for 'green' issues such as cheaper bus services and insulation.*
    - vi) Response to CYC about Strategic Housing Land Availability.
- Correspondence (in):**
- (i) Periodicals: Clerks & Councils Direct; York Voluntary Voice; Playing Field; Country Air.
  - (ii) Flyers: Whitehill Direct; LexixNexis publishing; Komplan.
  - (iii) Request for technical comments from CYC on submissions for Local Development Framework. *Some factual errors have been corrected.*
  - (iv) NYCC Library Strategy
  - (v) Poster for Nappochino event at York Theatre Royal [*sited on noticeboard*]
  - (vi) Update of CYC financial management system
  - (vii) Notification of Civic Trust being placed in Administration
  - (viii) Statement for European Parliamentary Election [*sited on noticeboard*]
  - (ix) Land Registry: Voluntary First Registration of Title
  - (x) Electronic consultations of planning matters: invitation to forum. *Cllr Forster and the Clerk will be attending.* **DF/DH**
  - (xi) Reply from CYC on investigation into new bridge over River Derwent
  - (xii) York Link newsletter and leaflets
  - (xiii) YLCA Annual Meeting
  - (xiv) CE Electric Priority Services Register
  - (xv) Request from PCC for contribution to upkeep of churchyard. *After discussion it was felt that action had already been taken on the problems identified. The Clerk will write and point out some of the alternative sources of funding that are available.* **DH**

## 9. Financial.

The following Receipt was noted:

CYC – precept first instalment - £6,517.50

**Minute 09013.** The following Payments were approved:

Drivers Solicitors – interim charges re village green - £4,305.33

Norwich Union – insurance premium - £434.18

S & S Services – grass cuts - £200.00

Village Hall – April meetings - £26.00

City of York Council – planning application fee - £167.50

Other financial items:

(a) The operating statement was presented; (b) The PWLB loan repayment - £1892.05 - was noted; (c) **Minute 09014.** Cllr Rees and the Clerk have reviewed current insurance arrangements and Council agreed to change to Norwich Union who are providing greater cover (including the proposed new Play Area) for a lower premium – subject to a 3 year commitment, saving about £150 pa. The Clerk was thanked for his efforts in following this up; (d) The Ward Committee Grant Agreement Form for the new playground and equipment - £3500.00 - was signed; (e) **Minute 09015.** The 2008/2009 Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement (for external audit) were approved; (f) The statement from the Internal Auditor was presented and will be circulated; (g) Cllr Rees gave an update on the Flood Defence Scheme Account. Closure of the account is being progressed.

## 10. Planning Matters.

New Applications:

**09/00638 – Dodsworth Farm, Wheldrake** – Erection of dwelling (resubmission).

**Minute 09016.** Council did not object but wished to point out that the profitability test as part of PPS7 appears not to have been complied with. Also a Section 106 payment should be requested.

**Minute 09017.** Council had no objections to:

**09/00639 – Dodsworth Farm, Wheldrake** – Temporary siting of caravan

**09/00707 – Beech Cottage, Main Street** – Felling of trees in conservation area

**09/00730 – The Willows, Church Lane** – Fell and crown lift trees in conservation area

Other matters:

**Elvington Park** – To decide action on green belt land. An informal enquiry will be made to ensure that the green belt status has not been compromised. **DH**

**CYC251 – The Villa, Main Street** – A new Tree Preservation Order was noted.

**Airfield** – Noise abatement – The High Court hearing of the statement of cases will take place at Leeds Combined Court on 23 June.

**Airfield** – Enforcement order – The Public Inquiry will take place (at a local venue to be advised) on six days between 6<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> October. **Minute 09018.** Council agreed that it be identified as the source of some of the data that will be submitted and that Cllr Bailey be authorised to act as a witness if required.

**11. Reports from recent meetings.** Ward Committee Meeting: Cllr Rees reported on the presentations at the last meeting. Village Hall: Cllr Wilson reported on the progress of the latest work. School Governors: Cllr Taylor reported on school numbers and a new governor role. Scouts: Cllr Webster reported on the need for an organiser for the cubs.

**12. Church Fete. Minute 09019.** Council confirmed the use of the village green for the Church Fete on 7<sup>th</sup> June. Arrangements were made for the raising of the maypole and the painting of the boundary stones. **IB/PR/TW**

**13. Annual Village Meeting.** The major issues raised by residents related to traffic. Since then, Speed Concern Reports have been distributed; police notified on parking problems; an approach to CYC has been made to bring together parties to highlight the traffic volumes and progress the reduction of the 40mph speed limit to 30mph. **IB**

**14. Village Green.** One further 'without prejudice' meeting will be sought. **IB/PR/DH**

**15. Play Area. Minute 09020.** CYC has shortlisted the village to receive £47,000 from the 'Playbuilder' scheme. With other funds and grants, the total available for the new play area should be about £65,000. Confirmation is expected at the beginning of June. Site visits have been made by the CYC Parks Manager and a Planning Officer. The play area will be on land at, and owned by, LDSCC. It was agreed that the Parish Council will be

arranging for maintenance and insurance of the equipment and public liability. LDSCC have confirmed their agreement of the arrangement. Cllr. Taylor and Mark Gillett are undertaking consultations at the schools with governors, parents and pupils. The Parish Council agreed that a planning application be submitted for the layout, as amended at the suggestion of the Parks Manager, and that the Chairman be empowered to take all necessary steps to try to have the scheme completed by mid-Summer.

**16. Highways, paths and verges.** Disappointment was expressed at the limited work carried out on the B1228 to date. The damage to road signs near Grimston Bar will be notified to CYC. **DH**

**17. Items for Newsletter.** A summary bus timetable will be in the June Newsletter. A progress report on the new play area will appear in due course. **DH**

**18. Items to be placed on next Agenda.** There were none.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

**The date of the Next Meeting will be TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

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