

ELVINGTON
ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

Tuesday 27th April 2010 at 7.30pm
Elvington Village Hall

MINUTES

1. **The Chairman welcomed** 43 residents to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** were received from M. Lamb and P. Rees.
3. **Minutes** of last years meeting were accepted as a true record. Proposed by S. Etherington; seconded by C. Thornton.

4. Ian Bailey presented the **Chairman's Report 2009-10**.

Policing. Again a relatively crime-free year with no anti-social behaviour problems, although there have been some incidents on the Airfield Trading Estate. Enhanced security there has been suggested by the Police.

Flooding. The Pumping Station was in use on 55 days last year – and the road would have been closed for 22 of them. New grilles on the beck on the Green are now the only outstanding item.

Power. A private company is proposing to install a turbine and extract power from the Derwent, equivalent to the needs of 120 homes. A benefit for the village is being sought as part of this 'green' initiative.

Play Area. The major achievement of the year. Speedy progress with funding and planning was critical. Particular thanks to Mark Gillett and the School for their contributions allowing an opening to coincide with a Ward Meeting in July. The 300 people who came was a record attendance!

Pavements. Resurfacing is expected this year from Dauby Lane to the shop and (hopefully) from the shop to Riverside Gardens.

Planning. 1. Airfield. Court hearings continue but it is getting difficult to justify the ongoing costs. A revised Events Management Plan has been received from Elvington Park but Wheldrake P C has so far rejected any approach.

2.Land adjacent to The Conifers. A proposal is being made for 30 'affordable' houses to be built. But it is not a 'small scale' development and is in Green Belt. A formal Application is awaited.

First Responder Team. This team is being established to provide emergency cover in Elvington and Sutton. Neil Marsay will be giving a presentation later.

Senior Citizens. Judith Hodgson gave details of the Queens Award for Volunteering which was presented last summer. The Certificate and Trophy were on display in the Hall.

Buses. The service is still complex but small improvements continue. It is expected that there will be two new morning and afternoon services, direct to/from York, operating by the Summer. Also tickets are now interchangeable between the two companies operating the services, allowing greater flexibility.

Roads. As always – speeding and HGVs! Speed Concern Reports have been submitted, replies received – but little action to date. The damaged Bridge is an opportunity to have controls imposed after the repairs are completed. It would be a disaster for the village if businesses were forced to close because of subsequent damage. Contact continues with CYC and East Riding Councils. The six week closure for repairs is expected in June.

Precept. There has been no increase this year.

Thanks were given to Councillors, the Clerk, CYC Officers and residents for making Elvington the enjoyable community that it is.

5. The **Financial Statement** was presented by the Clerk. The accounts for the year showed the principal items of income and expenditure and the funds held in the two bank accounts. The cost of using a Solicitor forced by objectors to the registration of the Village Green was highlighted. Jenny Woodford asked that the Parish Council approach the objectors for a contribution to these costs.

6. Presentations:

Sports Club. Richard Hampshire described the Club's activities and successes in various sports such as netball, cricket, and tennis, but particularly in football where the Club has numerous sides and has coaching qualifications. Development Club status is being sought which would give further scope for improvements. Richard thanked the village for its support.

First Responder Team. Neil Marsay said the principal reason for the setting up of a local team for the villages was the need for speed – and displayed the equipment that is used. He said a local Team could potentially make a life-saving difference and provide invaluable assistance to the professional responders. Neil thanked the Parish Council for helping with establishing the Team and with the costs of training.

Member of Parliament. John Grogan (now former MP) said that Parish Councils - and Parish Meetings - were the foundation of local democracy and reviewed his involvement with Elvington, highlighting the Flood Defence Scheme, the Airfield and buses/traffic. Some of these were resolved whilst others were ongoing. He wished Elvington well – and his good wishes were reciprocated.

7. General Forum.

Nigel Wood asked that residents be notified if/when there was a need for more action by individuals to obtain controls on the traffic using the Bridge.

Ian Bailey thanked all those present for attending and the meeting ended at 8.45pm when light refreshments were served.